

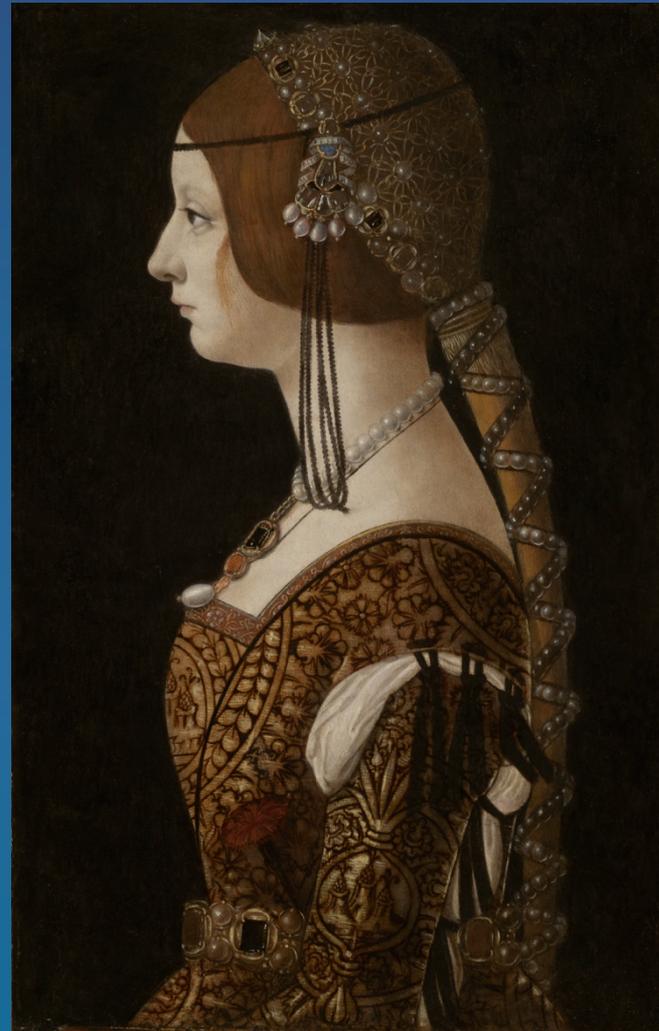
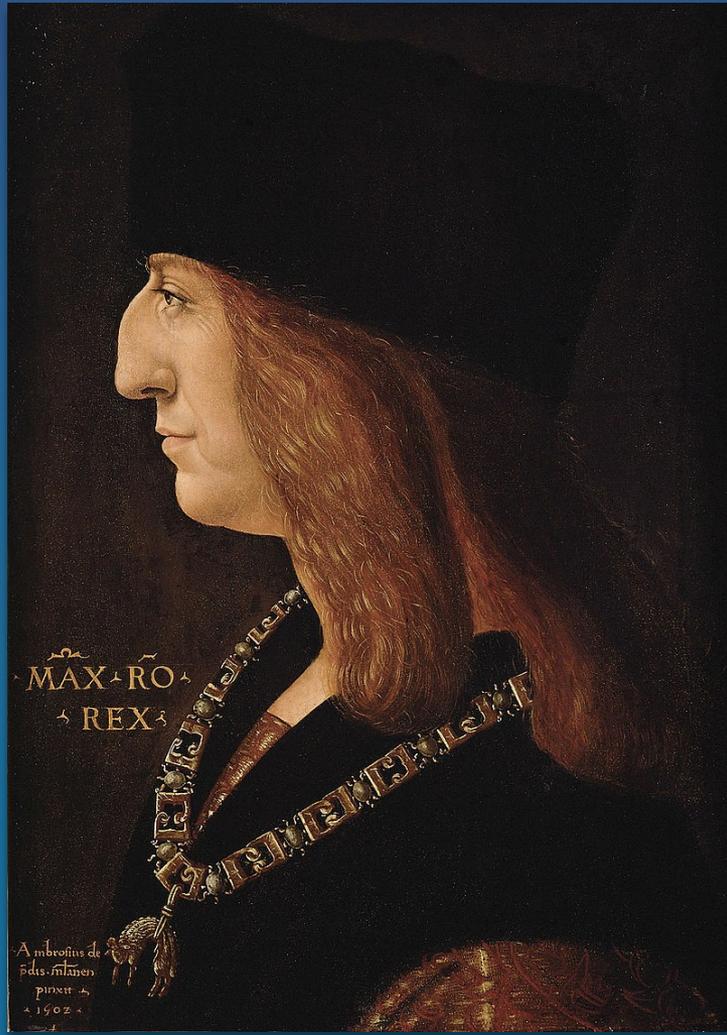


Spotlight

Finest book of

2018

The Wedding Hours
of Bianca Maria Sforza
now in a Private Collection



Maximilian of Habsburg and Bianca Maria Sforza by Ambrogio di Predis
Portraits in Vienna, Kunstmuseum and Washington, National Gallery of Art



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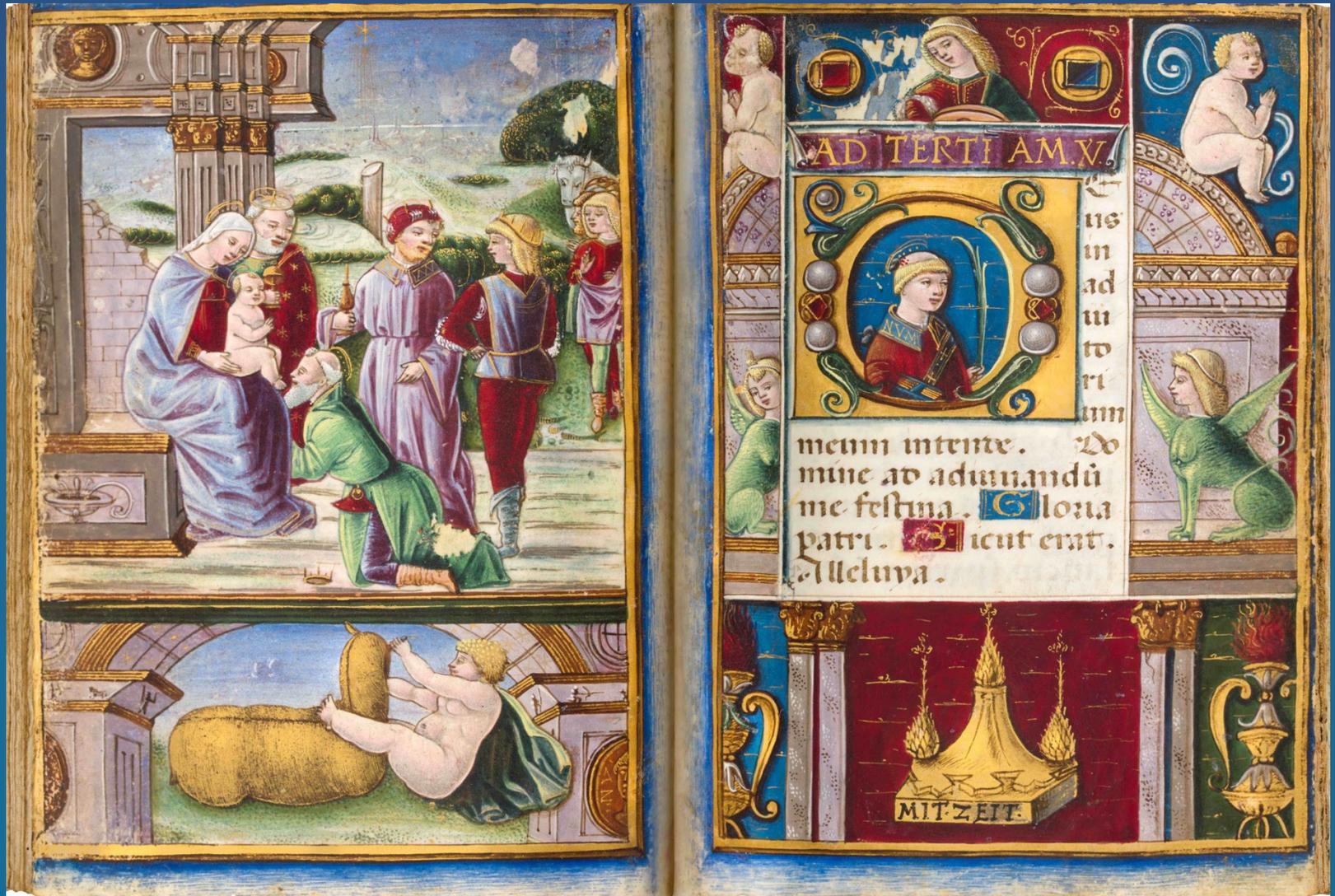
Book of Hours. Manuscript
illuminated by the Master of
Anna Sforza
Italy, Milan, 1493

Gift of Ludovico Sforza to his
niece, Bianca Maria Sforza,
upon her marriage to
Maximilian I in 1493.

98 x 70 mm, 235 leaves, illuminated
with 15 full-page miniatures, c. 200
pages surrounded by full borders.

Nativity scene at the Hours of the Virgin

To the right below: the coat of arms of Maximilian, King of the Romans
impaling those of Sforza and Savoy flanked by gems. Both pages are adorned
with elaborate architectural designs.



Adoration of the Magi

Bas-de-page: device of 'Sempervivum tectorum' plant with motto MIT ZEIT used by Francesco Sforza (d. 1466), and other Sforza family members.



Flight into Egypt

Right, below: An angel holds two roundels. The blue medallion bears the arms of Maximilian I with his motto reading: 'HALT MAS IN ALLEN DINGEN'. The red roundel shows the device of 'Sempervivum tectorum' plant with the motto 'MIT ZEIT', as used by several Sforza (among whom Francesco and Galeazzo)



Salomon's Judgement set before a triumphal arch

A large silver roundel with the Sforza arms and topped with the Visconti helm



Greyhound or *veltro* in repose refers to Francesco Sforza, founder of the Sforza dynasty

The silver roundel with the Sforza arms and topped with the Visconti helm and the Sforza device of a helmed beast lying in flames



Presentation of Christ in the Temple Hours of the Virgin: None

Bas-de-page, right: including the arms of Ludovico 'Il Moro Sforza' surrounded by golden light and flanked by two columns presenting blue medallions, containing golden griffons.



Christ among the doctors

In the centre, below right, the arms of Savoy (referring to the mother of the bride) topped with a helm carrying a lion's head and flanked by 'sun and moon give light to all'



Virgin and Child Enthroned before a triumphal arc.
in the Wedding Hours of Bianca Maria Sforza, highlight of 2018

below: young man playing an organ with assistant working bellows, at: Mass of the Virgin,
'Salve sancta parens' in the initial S a female saint and letters S and EL. Below: Arms of Savoy and Sforza.



Jörn Günther and his team would like to
thank all of you for your interest throughout
the year
and
wish you all the best for the holidays and for
the year 2019!