



Ancient Roman Mosaics: A Special Exhibition Preview Lecture

Due to the vastness of their empire and their enjoyment of beautiful things, the ancient Romans left behind mosaics for modern travelers to experience in many countries including Italy, Turkey, Tunisia and Jordan. Travelers to Chicago have not been so fortunate...until now. In 2012, The Field Museum hosts a special exhibition about the Lod Mosaic -- a colossal floor mosaic from an ancient Roman site in modern day Israel. The loan of such a large Roman mosaic in outstanding condition (given that it is more than 1,700 years old) is unprecedented in Chicago's history.

In this slide lecture, Dr. Michelle Paluch-Mishur discusses Roman floor mosaic materials and processes. She will talk about the major subjects Roman mosaicists depicted, including the animal themes seen in the Lod Mosaic, and how these subjects relate to their specific residential or public setting.

Dr. Michelle Paluch-Mishur is co-owner of Art Excursions, a company that provides lectures, private guiding, and boutique art tours nationwide. She lectures extensively about ancient art history and has researched ancient Roman art throughout Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa.

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