

The Christmas Story In Modern Art



Modern muralist, Withold Gordon, creates decorative drama in this view of Three Kings offering homage.

The Christmas theme, which inspired so many Old World masterpieces of art in the days of Giotto, Raphael and El Greco, takes on a new meaning for our times in its interpretation by some of the New World's finest living artists. Among these painters, illustrators and designers are such well-knowns as Lauren Ford, hailed by many critics as the greatest of today's artists specializing in religious themes, Withold Gordon, a noted muralist, Eyvind Earle, the California contemporary, Susanna Suba, an outstanding book illustrator, Ruth Ray, winner of many major art prizes, and Sheilah Beckett.

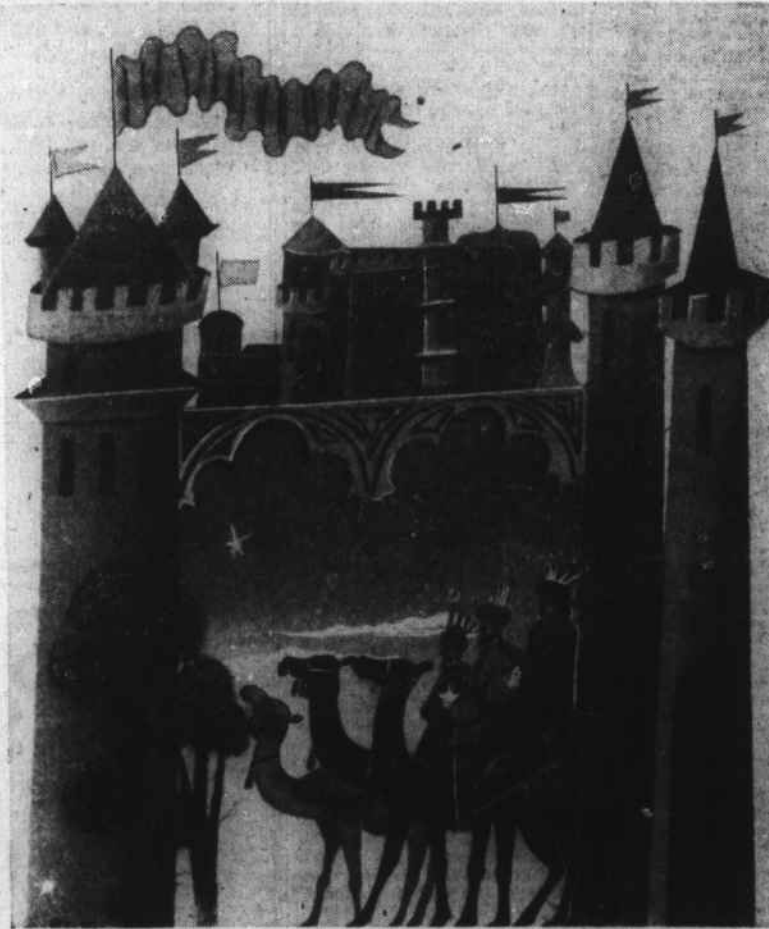
Pictured here is a cross-section of contemporary Christmas art as presented by the American Artists Group.



This monochrome watercolor by Flora Smith is fine example of contemporary work of religious art.



Madonna and Child with Joseph, by Lauren Ford, famed interpreter of religious subjects.



Medieval towers and battlements and camel-borne Wise Men take on modern character, as depicted by the noted illustrator, Leon Weisgard.



In this painting, Lauren Ford pictures her friends coming to see the Christ Child.



Ruth Ray painted this beautiful Nativity scene in contemporary New England.



The reverent spirit of "Journey to Bethlehem" is captured by Susanna Suba.



Sculptured beauty in Eyvind Earle's modern print of "Mother and Child."



Sheilah Beckett's picture shows an artist's genius for giving new beauty to a timeless religious theme.

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