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THE YEAR AHEAD **EXHIBITIONS**JANUARY

Galleries join forces for Medieval feast

NEW YORK. In late January, Luhring Augustine Gallery consummates its long-standing relationship with the London-based Medieval art dealer Sam Fogg, with the exhibition Of Earth and Heaven: Art from the Middle Ages. The New York gallery has a tradition of organising historical shows, although none has reached back as far as this: the oldest works date back to the 12th century. Matthew Reeves, a specialist at Sam Fogg, says: "We have been holding back many of the objects for this opportunity, and it will be a very rare chance to see such masterpieces in today's commercial art world."

Highlights include a 12th-century French champlevé enamel chasse showing the

Crucifixion, one of the largest late-Medieval architectural drawings in existence and a life-sized polychromed figure of Christ.

Aficionados of Gothic architecture can see three sections of a monumental window from Canterbury Cathedral, designed by the master mason Thomas Mapilton. Meanwhile, a late 15th-century triptych of the Virgin and Child by the Master of 1499 represents one of the most important works of early Netherlandish painting still on the market.

Jamie Keesling

 Of Earth and Heaven: Art from the Middle Ages in conjunction with Sam Fogg, New York, 27 January-10 March



Master of 1499's triptych of the Virgin and Child (around 1490-1500)