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Beginnings[ edit ] The term Construction Art was first used as a derisive term by Kazimir Malevich to describe the work of Alexander Rodchenko in Aleksei Gan used the word as the title of his book Constructivism, printed in The term itself would be invented by the sculptors Antoine Pevsner and Naum Gabo , who developed an industrial, angular style of work, while its geometric abstraction owed something to the Suprematism of Kazimir Malevich. Initially the Constructivists worked on three-dimensional constructions as a means of participating in industry: Later the definition would be extended to designs for two-dimensional works such as books or posters, with montage and factography becoming important concepts. Art in the service of the Revolution[ edit ] Agitprop poster by Mayakovsky As much as involving itself in designs for industry, the Constructivists worked on public festivals and street designs for the post-October revolution Bolshevik government. A striking instance was the proposed festival for the Comintern congress in by Alexander Vesnin and Liubov Popova, which resembled the constructions of the OBMOKhU exhibition as well as their work for the theatre. There was a great deal of overlap during this period between Constructivism and Proletkult , the ideas of which concerning the need to create an entirely new culture struck a chord with the Constructivists. Some of the most famous of these were by the poet-painter Vladimir Mayakovsky and Vladimir Lebedev. The constructivists tried to create works that would make the viewer an active viewer of the artwork. Meanwhile, the stage sets by the likes of Vesnin, Popova and Stepanova tested Constructivist spatial ideas in a public form. A more populist version of this was developed by Alexander Tairov , with stage sets by Aleksandra Ekster and the Stenberg brothers. These ideas would influence German directors like Bertolt Brecht and Erwin Piscator , as well as the early Soviet cinema. This was opposed to the utilitarian and adaptable version of Constructivism held by Tatlin and Rodchenko. The tower was never built, however, due to a lack of money following the revolution. Constructivism and consumerism[ edit ] In , the New Economic Policy was established in the Soviet Union, which opened up more market opportunities in the Soviet economy. Rodchenko, Stepanova, and others made advertising for the co-operatives that were now in competition with other commercial businesses. The poet-artist Vladimir Mayakovsky and Rodchenko worked together and called themselves "advertising constructors". Together they designed eye-catching images featuring bright colours, geometric shapes, and bold lettering. Additionally, several artists tried to work with clothes design with varying success: The painter and designer Lyubov Popova designed a kind of Constructivist flapper dress before her early death in , the plans for which were published in the journal LEF. In these works, Constructivists showed a willingness to involve themselves in fashion and the mass market, which they tried to balance with their Communist beliefs. For LEF the new medium of cinema was more important than the easel painting and traditional narratives that elements of the Communist Party were trying to revive then. The filmmakers and LEF contributors Dziga Vertov and Sergei Eisenstein as well as the documentarist Esfir Shub also regarded their fast-cut, montage style of filmmaking as Constructivist. The early Eccentrist movies of Grigori Kozintsev and Leonid Trauberg The New Babylon , Alone had similarly avant-garde intentions, as well as a fixation on jazz-age America which was characteristic of the philosophy, with its praise of slapstick-comedy actors like Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton , as well as of Fordist mass production. Photography and photomontage[ edit ] The Constructivists were early developers of the techniques of photomontage. This also shared many characteristics with the early documentary movement. Many Constructivists worked on the design of posters for everything from cinema to political propaganda: In Cologne in the late s Figurative Constructivism emerged from the Cologne Progressives , a group which had links with Russian Constructivists, particularly Lissitzky, since the early twenties. This link was most clearly shown in A bis Z a journal published by Franz Seiwert the principal theorist of the group. The Communist Party would gradually favour realist art during the course of the s as early as Pravda had complained that government funds were being used to buy works by untried artists. Constructivist architecture Constructivist

architecture emerged from the wider constructivist art movement. After the Russian Revolution of it turned its attentions to the new social demands and industrial tasks required of the new regime. The movement then developed along socially utilitarian lines. The productivist majority gained the support of the Proletkult and the magazine LEF, and later became the dominant influence of the architectural group O. Gabo established a version of Constructivism in England during the s and s that was adopted by architects, designers and artists after World War I see Victor Pasmore , and John McHale. Constructivism had an effect on the modern masters of Latin America such as: There have also been disciples in Australia, the painter George Johnson being the best known. In the s graphic designer Neville Brody used styles based on Constructivist posters that initiated a revival of popular interest. Also during the s designer Ian Anderson founded The Designers Republic , a successful and influential design company which used constructivist principles. So-called Deconstructivist architecture was developed by architects Zaha Hadid , Rem Koolhaas and others during the late 20th and early 21st centuries. Zaha Hadid by her sketches and drawings of abstract triangles and rectangles evokes the aesthetic of constructivism. The scaffold and crane -like structures represented by many constructivist architects are used for the finished forms of his designs and buildings. Artists closely associated with Constructivism[ edit ].

### 2: Special Week Class: The Art of Color in Theory & Practice – The Art Students League

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These faults are all too evident, and the problem of perceiving anything of theoretical value in *What Is Art?* For example, the essay contains at least three antinomial categories of major importance. Art is opposed to non-art, art in general to art "in the full meaning of the word," and good art to bad art. In the usual understanding of the words, however, "bad art" means something closer to "non-art" or "weak art. A further example of this sort of confusion is provided by the concepts "feeling" and "religious perception. The meaning of religious perception is clarified with still greater difficulty. Despite the potential for confusion, it is clear that the theory of art offered in *What Is Art?* One of the cornerstones is an aesthetic theory by which Tolstoy hoped to be able to demonstrate whether a given work was or was not a work of art and, if it was, whether it was more or less important. The other cornerstone is a moral theory in terms of which Tolstoy sought to evaluate the quality of admitted works of art. Moral evaluation is incompatible with a theory of art in that it provides a method of judgment which is not wholly appropriate to the thing judged. Even were the presence of a moral component tolerable, it is clear that the specific scheme of moral evaluation offered in *What Is Art?* Is it unreasonably narrow, exclusive, arbitrary, illogical, or disunified in itself or has it been discredited only by its association with the moral component? The method to be followed contains two parts. The first is an exposition of the assumptions underlying the aesthetic theory of *What Is Art?* It is rather a matter of appraising the assumptions that are made in order to determine whether they are too many, too narrow, or too arbitrary to be cogent. In *What Is Art?* The first is that art is a form of communication. The term "communication" subsumes two further concepts. One is expression, the process whereby what is subjective in the artist becomes resolved into a form which makes it accessible to others. The other is infection, the process whereby that which the artist expresses is assimilated by others. The perceiver of a work of art is infected when he understands what is expressed in the work. The second assumption is that what is expressed by the artist and understood by his public in a work of art is properly described by the term "feeling. Tolstoy speaks first of art in the broad sense, by which he means all art. This general category may be defined as containing all communications of feeling. A procession may be art in that it expresses the feelings of solemnity and grandeur and impresses these feelings on those who behold it. A jest may be art in that it expresses a feeling of levity which is imparted to those who hear it. Tolstoy, however, was mainly concerned with a small portion of art as a whole which he called, variously, art in the narrow sense or art in the full meaning of the word. This much more exclusive category may be defined as containing only those works which communicate a certain type of feelings, namely, those which proceed from the religious perception of the artist. The assumption that art is a form of communication is not unique to Tolstoy. Rather, it is one of the more common first steps toward a definition of art. Certainly the assumption is neither narrow nor arbitrary, for it excludes from consideration as art only those works which have never come to the notice of the public. Certainly unreasonable narrowness is a possibility latent within it. It is feeling which the artist seeks to express, and it is feeling which the audience comes to understand in a work of art. Feeling is, however, a very broad concept which covers a wide range of subjective experience from simple emotions to complex beliefs. It is essential to know exactly how much of this range Tolstoy meant to include for the purposes of his aesthetic theory. In his article on the foreign sources of *What is Art?* To his own thinking, art was not expression merely but also communication. He envisioned the possibility of expression without a resultant infection of the audience. It is explicit and its nature becomes clear only upon a close reading of the Russian text. It is this difference which is of primary significance in the present context. The Russian word *emotsiia* is of foreign origin and, in that it refers only to what is denoted by the English word "emotion," is more precise than the word *chuvstvo*. This implies that the reader may take it in its generally accepted sense, as referring only to such basic emotional states as anger, fear, sorrow, and happiness. It may properly be inferred that, for Tolstoy, while art may include emotions, it must in some way go beyond them, too. Just what Tolstoy meant by thought is rather difficult to grasp, as will

be apparent from the following: The peculiarity of this latter means of intercourse, distinguishing it from intercourse by speech, consists in this, that whereas by speech a person transmits his thoughts to another, by art he transmits his feelings. The remainder of *What Is Art?* To get at the actual meaning of this passage, it is necessary to focus attention on the subject matter of the communications described rather than on the medium of communication. Tolstoy himself provided little help in understanding the difference between the subject matter of communication through speech and that of communication through art. A reasonable assumption is that by "a thought" Tolstoy meant anything which may be objectively the same for all persons: Thus, if A tells B that the sun rises in the east or that two plus two equals four, then that communication would be an example of what Tolstoy meant by speech and not an example of what he meant by art. If this assumption is correct, then what Tolstoy meant by his phrase "the purview of thought" were the products of the objective reason, understanding by this term the faculty by which all persons are necessarily led to the same conclusions. Having understood what Tolstoy meant by thought we also understand what he meant by *chuvstvo*, for in comparing the two he implied that the dichotomy was both mutually exclusive and all-encompassing. Therefore, *chuvstvo* subsumes all human experience which does not fall into the category of thought and includes emotions, feelings, impressions, sensations, intuitions, and also and perhaps most importantly for the present study any conclusions derived from any source other than the objective reason. It will be apparent that the word "feeling" is a suitable choice for the designation of this broad range of experience. It covers equally well all parts of the range from emotions to conclusions. For example, one may say both "I am feeling happy" and "I have the feeling that God exists" with equal correctness. He mentioned some of the physical actions which indicate the presence of emotion: He included general physiological conditions: He mentioned, finally, several general attitudes of mind: It is justifiable to amplify this list of examples still further by saying that even the subject matter usually associated with the purview of thought may pass over into the purview of feeling when it is regarded other than from the point of view of the objective reason. In short, "feeling," as it is used in *What is Art?* We are accustomed to understand art to be only what we hear and see in theaters, concerts, and exhibitions; together with buildings, statues, poems, and novels. But all this is but the smallest part of the art by which we communicate with one another in life. It is all artistic activity. So that by art, in the limited sense of the word, we do not mean all human activity transmitting feelings but only that part which we for some reason select from it and to which we attach special importance. This special importance has always been given by men to that part of this activity which transmits feelings flowing from their religious perception, and this small part they have specifically called art, attaching to it the full meaning of the word. Tolstoy seems perilously close to relying on religious criteria in the same damaging way he relied, later in *What Is Art?* To understand the third assumption correctly, however, it is necessary to remain aware of two considerations. The first is that Tolstoy made the realm of art in the broad sense very broad indeed. It is hardly too much to say that many would find the scope assigned by Tolstoy to art in general to be, while logically consequent upon his previous assumptions, uncomfortably broad, particularly if the high value traditionally placed on works of art is to be maintained. Second, the extent and arbitrariness of the narrowing suggested by Tolstoy depend on the meaning which he attached to the phrase "religious perception. Thus, it is hardly surprising that many readers conclude that the phrase has to do with the specific religious ideas of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of men with which Tolstoy so liberally sprinkled the later chapters of his essay. In every period of history and in every human society there exists an understanding of the meaning of life, which represents the highest level to which men of that society have attained--an understanding indicating the highest good at which that society aims. This understanding is the religious perception of the given time and society. And this religious perception is always clearly expressed by a few advanced men and more or less vividly perceived by members of the society generally. He was speaking here of the religious perceptions of whole societies and periods of history, and if we were to be satisfied with this explanation it would indeed appear that Tolstoy had narrowed the concept of "art in the full meaning of the word" to the point of sectarianism, for it was clearly his belief that the highest religious perception of his time and society was the Christian, as he understood it. We are not concerned to know what religious perception means in terms of societies and historical periods, but rather what it means in terms of individual artists. A reasonable man cannot be satisfied with the

considerations that guide the actions of an animal. And therefore reasonable men should do, and always have done, in reference to the infinitely small affairs of life affecting their actions, what in mathematics is called integrate: Certainly he contended that good the moral term art would include not only the important questions but also the answers specified by him in his understanding of the Christian teaching, and, in the way he explained religious perception in the passage from *What Is Art?* It seems clear that the conclusion presented above is more nearly consequent upon the premises than that which may have been drawn by Tolstoy himself. Since the aesthetic premises of *What Is Art?* Unfortunately, the aesthetic underpinning of *What Is Art?* Does the fault lie in some as yet unseen flaw in the assumptions, or does it result from the refinements which Tolstoy made on them or the conclusions which he drew from them? Consideration of these matters, however, lies beyond the scope of the present paper. I will rest content with having suggested them. It is well to differentiate at this point between what the work expresses and what the author meant to express. Tolstoy seems to indicate in *What Is Art?* A second point deserves consideration: I maintain that in choosing the word "infection" *zarazhenie* Tolstoy was guided by a desire to provide an easily remembered verbal parallel to the term denoting the other half of the process of communication, expression, which is in Russian *vyrazhenie*. To amplify, if Tolstoy had written in English he might have employed the terms "expression" and "impression," thus establishing a verbal connection similar to that of the Russian. See, for example, the introduction to *Criticism: Tolstoi, Polnoe sobranie sochinenii*, 90 vols. Translations from the Russian are those of Aylmer Maude and are readily available in several editions. I have compared each passage with the original and made a few minor corrections. The word *chuvstvo* appears with great frequency and in a variety of meanings in the text of *What Is Art?* At various points, Maude translated *chuvstvo* as "emotion," "the senses" i.

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Galleries, dealers making a market in modern art works mainly in NY and Paris. Wealthy collectors establish market value of new artists. Museums establishing collections of "modern" works. Post-war boom in art work and shift in power to New York. Artists relying more on institutional funding, grants, funded shows and festivals, museum purchases. Hierarchy re-established in art market auction business and upper tier galleries. Big festivals and biennials drive market value. Commercial and museum-institutional sectors becoming closely aligned. Art as heroic struggle with tradition, overcoming tradition but new work understood in context of grand narrative of art and cultural history. Distrust of metanarratives Lyotard ; suspicion of ideological agendas in "Western Art" paradigms; deconstruction of traditional art media and genres. Rise of feminism and identity politics as challenge to artworld roles and functions of art. Internationalization and globalization of artworld "industry" also brings global localization, self-inscribed narratives, unresolved identity politics. National and ethnic identity tensions in achieving international standing and market value. Sense of triumphalism in modernism: Supreme goals of painting and sculpture believed to be achieved in modern, self-critical works. Rejection of old triumphalism and signs of a new triumphalism of movements seen to destroy the illusions of modernism Pop, minimalism, conceptual art, feminist art, outside art, graffiti art. An anti-triumphalism triumphalism, a sense of relief or release from grand art-historical problems and struggles, with continuing distrust, and need to ignore, dominant cultures. Rise of "ignorant art": Art as "about" the formal and material problems of a medium painting, sculpting, etc. Abstraction privileged over representational art. Rise in acceptance of photography and video in "high art" contexts. Photography, video, installations over painting and traditional sculpture. Artists as visionary outsiders needing the art business world for survival and communication of ideas. Artists and art begin taking role of religion and myth in secular, materialist world. Many artists identifying with the spiritual or transcendental. Other engaged in political resistance to capitalist economics and class system. Self-conscious ironization or parody of modernism and accumulated cultural "givens. Art becoming seen as performative acts by artists more than finished objects for business transactions. Artists as court jesters in the artworld, getting grants, media attention, gallery shows, art buyers, museum exhibitions. End of trajectory of artist as autonomous agent against dominant culture avant-garde: Sense of implicit, recognizable qualities of artworks that distinguish them from non-art objects. Art as institutional fiat: Art as performance by artist, not art objects themselves or properties distinguishable in objects. Surface and depth categories retained. Continued po-mo assemblage of detritus from cultural and political history. Embrace of historical and local critiques. Recombinant art from styles and signs of art. Experimentation with new materials, contexts, hybrids, scale. Martin Irvine, email homepage.

## 5: Undergraduate Requirements | Art, Theory, Practice

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The Practice of Seeing Notes Index Introduction Theophilusâ€™humble priest, servant of the servants of God, unworthy of the name and profession of monkâ€™wishes to all, who are willing to avoid and spurn idleness and the shiftlessness of the mind by the useful occupation of their hands and the agreeable contemplation of new things, the recompense of a heavenly reward! Concepts of originality, for example, or issues of physicality, performativity, agency, and power, have become subjects of study, enriching the field of art history as whole. While it is clear that concepts of the artist and art-making were rather different in the Middle Ages, what precisely those notions were remains largely unknown. The medieval artist is still a mysterious, shadowy figure. This book seeks to shed light on the subject and to discover the ideas, principles, and driving forces of craft and of art-making in the central Middle Ages. This book is an argument not for an art theory of the Middle Ages, but for a distinctly medieval theory of art. It is an investigation into a system of values according to which artists operated and made objects. Previous scholars have written much about medieval aesthetic theory and the justification of imagery from a theological and Christian point of view, and this is invaluable. Precious little, however, is known about the very human act of making. It was an intellectual as well as a physical activity, a blend of the ideal and the human. At its best, it was performed according to a deliberate set of principles, values, and expectations. One of few witnesses to the theory and practice of medieval art is *On Diverse Arts*, the only complete treatise on art to survive from the central Middle Ages. Composed by a monk under the pseudonym Theophilus in the early part of the twelfth century, the treatise comprises three books that describe the arts of painting, glass, and metalwork. In clear, direct Latin prose, the author explains procedures for color mixtures and figure painting, glass dyes and window assembly, and the casting of chalices and liturgical objects. Because of its rarity, the treatise has been treasured by scholars, but it is often read out of context, according to modern expectations. The very first line of the text feeds assumptions of medieval modesty. These characteristics have led many to liken the instructional chapters to cooking or medical recipes and to see the treatise as a compilation with no order or internal organization. Read as piously anonymous, disorganized, and practical, *On Diverse Arts* has thus been understood to confirm the assumption that medieval artists were humble, uneducated craftsmen: It was the author and poet Gotthold Lessing who brought *On Diverse Arts* to the attention of the academic community in the eighteenth century, when he cited it as evidence that the technique of oil painting was known in Germany long before the age of Jan van Eyck. As Robert Leventhal has shown, Lessing was highly interested in the gaps between ancient and modern thought, in the fissures and fractious relations between the two. In the next hundred years, the publications of Rudolph Raspe, Sir Charles Lock Eastlake, and Mary Merrifield brought the treatise to the attention of the English-speaking world, and their studies established Theophilus within a canon of texts treating artistic technique. French editions of *On Diverse Arts* were published around the same time. In German-speaking lands, it became a key text in the history and documentation of art through the work of the Vienna School, particularly that of Albert Ilg and Julius von Schlosser, who included Theophilus in their compilations and publications of primary source materials. The *Mappae clavicula*, like *On Diverse Arts*, contains instructions for mixing pigments, making metal alloys, and dyeing glass. *De coloribus et artibus romanorum* also contains instructions for mixing pigments and coloring glass, as well as gilding silver, but an emphasis on chemical constitutions gives the text an alchemical cast. The *Lumen animae*, thought to derive in part from *On Diverse Arts*, is more encyclopedic. Similarities among these texts abound, and although scholars are still sorting out how the sources relate to one another, they are often discussed as a single genre. On the whole, they have been invaluable for the history of technique. Technical treatises, or treatises containing technical information, however, need not only serve this purpose. As Bernard Cerquiglini and others have shown, the functions of medieval texts could be fluid. One of the central tenets of this book is that cultural values are embedded in technical discourse, and that the manuscripts themselves are witnesses to how texts were read and to the

values and functions they served. Although it is a precious resource for the history of technique, *On Diverse Arts* remains little understood. It is uncertain why, or for whom, it was written, or how it was read. Like the idea of the medieval artist, the text may appear transparent—“with its clear and concise prose, its practical instructions, and its religious utterances”—but it resists easy interpretation. Self-effacing prose and practical descriptions may seem straightforward, but tropes of humility can belie considerable complexity. In addition, recent studies on the so-called minor arts have brought to light how greatly such small objects, like the censers, chalices, and book illuminations addressed by Theophilus, could evoke wonder for medieval viewers. Instructions, too, I argue, can reveal sophisticated value systems and agendas. Because images or other instructional diagrams are absent from the manuscripts, the text reads more as a literary work than an instruction pamphlet. Artists are implied, but not named; processes are described in detail, but images and final objects are not. These discontinuities put pressure on our assumptions about what an instruction manual should be and about what a medieval artist might be. While studies by Jeffrey Hamburger, Lawrence Nees, Robert Hanning, and others are invaluable and have done much to clarify ideas about medieval art-making, there is still much to be done. This study begins with manuscript evidence: The surviving copies of *On Diverse Arts* are direct witnesses to how the treatise was read in the twelfth century. When manuscripts are read as physical artifacts, with a sensitivity to the interaction of medium and content, new insights emerge. We will read the text not according to modern paradigms of technical analysis, but, as much as possible, according to medieval patterns of thought. While it may be true that, by modern standards, there are no tracts on medieval art theory per se, in the twelfth century it was not unusual for practical questions to take on philosophical import. *On Diverse Arts* was of a piece with larger learning trends of its time, and the practical insights and philosophical content it yields are intertwined. Victor, master and teacher at the Augustinian abbey of St. Victor in Paris and one of the most influential thinkers and teachers of the period, made it a point to explain the relationship of theory and practice in the *Didascalicon*, his treatise on education and reading. According to Hugh, the theoretical is that which is speculative, while the practical is that which is active, and although the two may appear to be different, theoretical speculation and practical action are both elements of the larger field of philosophy. This understanding of theory and practice resolves the seeming conflict between the religious prologues and practical instructions of *On Diverse Arts*, which have often been thought to serve entirely different agendas or even to have been written separately. Once we understand theory and practice as interrelated manifestations of philosophy, we begin to see the prologues and instructions as interdependent. Through them, *On Diverse Arts* describes an ideal mode of behavior and set of actions: Proper practice is defined by theory, and theory is defined by proper practice. Neither exists without the other. It is a rather different conception from the theoretical treatises considered by Panofsky, but it is a philosophical framework nonetheless, and in this book I explore the medieval—and Theophilus—concepts of theory and practice. When we take the medieval, and particularly twelfth-century, ideas of theory and practice seriously and read prologues and instructions together, a cogent system of art begins to emerge. It is a major contention of this book that the person of the artist, the practice of craft, and theories of art-making are historically situated; conceptions of artists and their work were by no means consistent through the many centuries that are dubbed the Middle Ages. This study will thus approach *On Diverse Arts* within its own historical context. Scholars generally agree that the treatise was written in northern Germany, near Cologne or farther to the east, near Paderborn, and that Theophilus was a Benedictine monk. It was probably composed in the first third of the twelfth century, or around ; the two earliest manuscript copies of the text date to some decades later, around the middle of the century. Both have some connection to a Benedictine monastery, and both can be localized to the region stretching from the lower Rhine to the Weser River Valley. These manuscripts will form the basis of this study. Pantaleon, one of the wealthiest and best-known abbeys of the city. The second, now in Vienna, has a less certain provenance but was likely written in the region around Paderborn, a bishopric within the archdiocese of Mainz and home to the Benedictine abbey of Abdinghof. A third manuscript, younger than the other two, is of even less certain provenance but continues the pattern. Once owned by Lord Harley and now in the British Library, it dates to the late twelfth century, and although its origins are unknown, its script is characteristic of northern Germany. The next three copies show patterns of transmission. The following two

copies date to the early thirteenth century and come from England. The presence of early copies there is not surprising, since northern Germany and the Meuse valley had close trading ties with England in the period. Thereafter, the geographical path of transmission is more difficult to trace. Five more cover a similar date range and contain at least two-thirds of the book, while another eight contain excerpts of varying length. Three existing copies date to the seventeenth century, and two to the nineteenth; all were made under the auspices of book collectors. Two of the seventeenth-century manuscripts are copies of the oldest twelfth-century manuscripts and were mostly likely produced at the library of the medical doctor and book collector Bernhard Rottendorff, who owned the Vienna manuscript. The third was made for Henry Wanley, advisor to the great collector Lord Edward Harley; it is a copy of a partial manuscript now in Cambridge. One copy, completed in , was ordered by J. Both manuscripts are now in Amiens. In all, twenty-seven manuscript copies of *On Diverse Arts* survive, and they range widely in date, completion, and place of origin. The manuscripts have received relatively little scholarly attention; only recently has there been a growing awareness of the importance of evidence contained in the extant manuscript copies of the treatise. This book focuses on the earliest surviving copies: These manuscripts reveal possibilities for how twelfth-century readers might have understood the treatise, particularly in the Benedictine sphere of northern Europe. Theophilus has long been identified with the early twelfth-century goldsmith Roger of Helmarshausen. This attribution is largely based on an inscription in the Vienna manuscript that reads Theophilus, qui et Rogerus Theophilus, who is Roger. Roger, in turn, is known through the survival of a document that probably dates to the late twelfth century but claims a date of Here Roger is named as the artist of a scrinium, or box, made for the bishop Henry of Werl of Paderborn. We do not know for certain whether Theophilus was actually Roger, and it is not the purpose of this study to determine the identity of Theophilus. The identification has in fact been problematic, for it encourages assumptions that the treatise is a practical resource, written by a craftsman with little sophistication. The point is that *On Diverse Arts* is far more learned than previous scholars have recognized. The possibility that art-making and learned writing were not mutually exclusive is a driving force of this study. In order to keep as close as possible to the historical and geographical context of *On Diverse Arts*, objects attributed to Roger and to his milieu form the corpus of this book and serve as case studies to test and build upon the principles articulated in the treatise. They were also closely tied to imperial powers and had long traditions of art production, as well as sizeable libraries and schools. The abbey of St. Pantaleon, for example, was founded by a monk from St. Maximian, in Trier, an abbey known for its production of manuscripts and metalwork. It was also the burial site of the empress Theophanu and the archbishop Bruno of Cologne, brother of Otto the Great. Stavelot was an independent principality, and Wibald served multiple roles in the empire. He was even, for a short time, abbot of Montecassino. The abbeys were thus enmeshed in a network that was not only religious but also political and economic. As Tjamke Snijders has shown, relations among personnel could also be fickle, changing quickly in an unstable political environment.

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