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Guide to Alberti,
Leon Battista, De
re aedificatoria.
Manuscript, circa 1485



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Descriptive Summary

Identifier	ICU.SPCL.MS1
Title	Alberti, Leon Battista, De re aedificatoria. Manuscript (Ms 1)
Date	circa 1485
Size	1 volume; 30 x 21 cm.
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Abstract	Treatise on architecture. Text in Latin. Codex Ms 1.

Information on Use

Access

The manuscript is open for research.

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Scope Note

Combining scholarly knowledge of ancient sources and models and an innovative architectural technique, Alberti's treatise on architecture was composed in 1452. *De re aedificatoria* provided the Renaissance with an organized program for architectural design. By using new mathematical techniques and relationships found in musical harmony, Alberti achieved a balanced proportion which was emulated throughout the Renaissance.

The Chicago manuscript, which originated in Sicilian Italy during the last quarter of the fifteenth century, was probably produced by a large scriptorium, since as many as ten scribes collaborated on it. Large blue Roman initials were intended to mark the beginning of each section, but after the Introduction and Book I, the initials have not been painted in.

This work has been rebound and binding fragments retained. See the Special Collections circulation desk for additional information.

Additional description

Related Resources

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Subject Headings

- Alberti, Leon Battista, 1404-1472
- Architecture -- Early works to 1800
- Manuscripts, Latin (Medieval and modern) -- Italy

INVENTORY

Volume 1

Codex Ms 1

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