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Topic: Bells and Motley Consort
Sculpted Sound: From Art to Wood to Music
Photo-Documentary Exhibit, July 2008

The Marcellus Free Library was *extremely* pleased with the photo exhibit “**Sculpted Sound: From Art to Wood to Music**,” in which Sondra and John Bromka brought forth their vast knowledge and enthusiasm for the research and crafting of medieval musical instruments. Their 40-piece photo-documentary exhibit leads the viewer on a journey through time, showing how historic artisans, musicians, and their instruments evolved together.

Patrons were in awe of the Bromkas’ elaborate display, which featured gorgeous original photos taken over twenty years of the artists’ research expeditions to Europe. Also on display were actual musical instruments currently under construction in the artists’ workshop... representations from all different instrument families, along with text describing how and why medieval artists imagined and created these instruments in the first place.

The public response to the photo exhibit was extremely positive, many patrons commenting on how much they enjoyed the descriptive information and journal that accompanied the photographs. Additionally we were thrilled to see that this particular show had a mass appeal, attracting and keeping interest of children, teens, and adults – indeed, everyone who came to view this exhibit lingered!

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