

An introduction to the magnificent art of the Dunhuang Caves



# Dunhuang: Art of the Silk Roads

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The Mogao Caves at Dunhuang, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in northwestern Gansu province, house over five hundred Buddhist cave temples adorned from the fourth to the fourteenth centuries. These murals showcase the early medieval painting tradition and the evolution of Chinese Buddhism, enriched by influences from northern India and the Iranian world via the Silk Roads.

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This is an opening talk for the exhibit “Through the Time and Spirit: The Early Buddhist Murals of Dunhuang,” held on the 4th floor of Hamilton Library. The exhibit showcases the extraordinary early mural paintings of the Mogao Caves, emphasizing their unique artistic techniques, vivid narratives, and evolving styles that exemplify the enduring legacy of Dunhuang art.