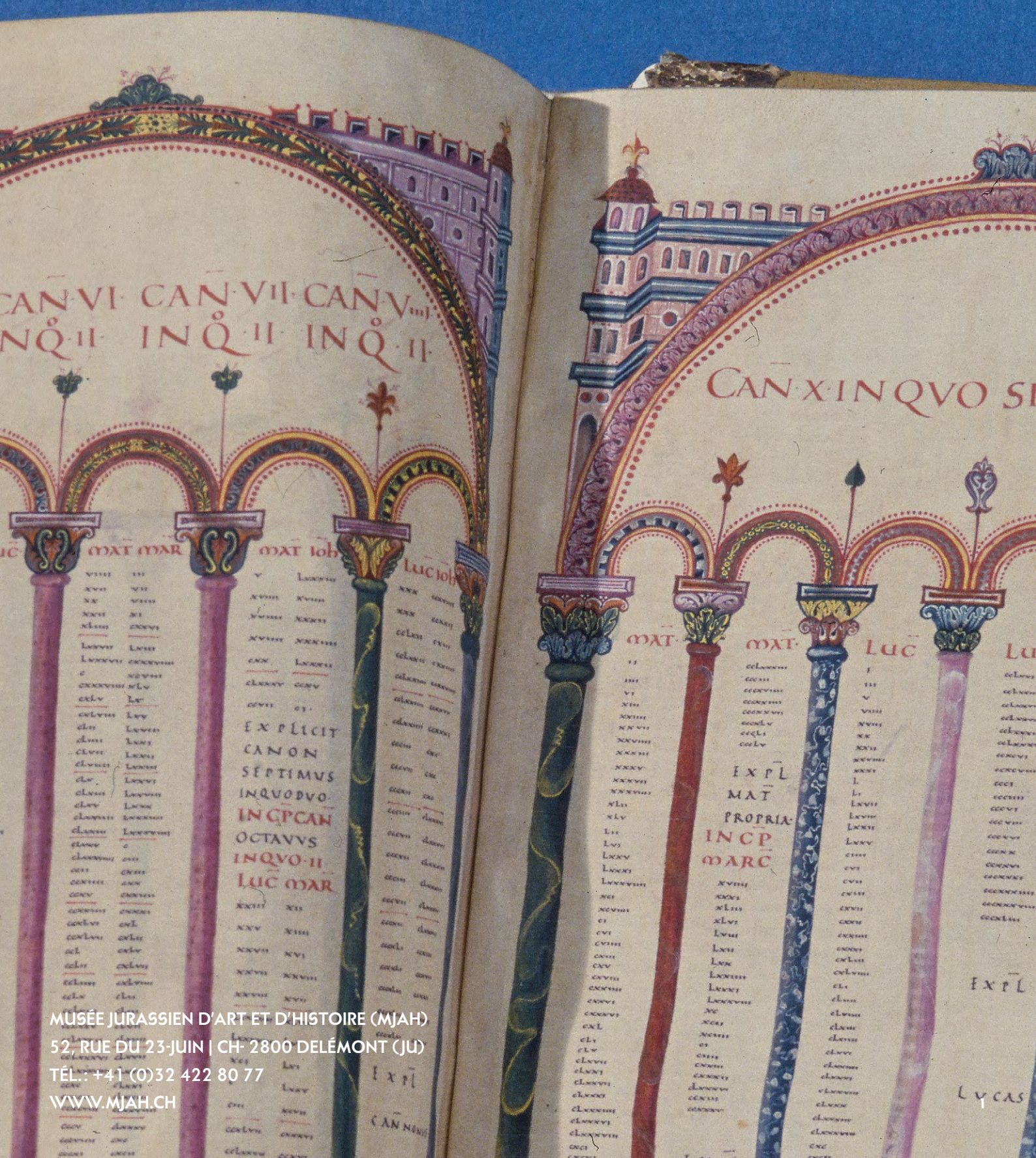


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The Moutier-Grandval Bible, one of the most precious items from the collection of the British Library in London, is being loaned to the Musée jurassien d'art et d'histoire (MJA^H). This exceptional ninth-century manuscript will be on display, as part of a major exhibition, at the MJA^H in Delémont, Jura, from 8 March to 8 June 2025. The exhibition will offer a rare opportunity for the public to see the Bible along with other Carolingian manuscripts lent by several Swiss institutions.

A treasure. A unique item. A remarkable example of the richness of European historical, cultural, and religious heritage. Numerous superlatives could be used for the Moutier-Grandval Bible. Written on parchment in the abbey of St Martin in Tours around 830/840 and later given to the religious community of Moutier-Grandval, this manuscript is one of the earliest surviving complete illustrated bibles. Decorated with superb illuminations, this medieval masterpiece was carefully copied by about 20 scribes using Caroline minuscule, the rounded, legible script promoted by Charlemagne, which later spread throughout his empire. Part of the British Library's collection, the Moutier-Grandval Bible will return to Jura in 2025, for the first time since 1981, for a major special exhibition organised by the MJA^H in Delémont.

After the Office of culture of the canton of Jura, one of the project's close partners, initiated contact with the British Library, the MJA^H collaborated to arrange the loan of this unique book.

Open from 8 March to 8 June 2025, the exhibition will offer visitors the opportunity to see the Bible as part of a wider display that places it within its historical, cultural, and religious context from the Middle Ages to the present day. This display will also feature other rare items – including Carolingian manuscripts lent by several Swiss institutions to the MJA^H.

The display of the Moutier-Grandval Bible in Delémont will provide a special opportunity for the public and researchers to engage with the story of this manuscript through numerous cultural and scholarly activities – including an international conference organised by Mémoires d'Ici, Jura bernois' research and documentation centre. The full programme of these events will be announced later this autumn at a press conference.

The Musée jurassien d'art et d'histoire in Delémont looks forward to hosting this extraordinary event.

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