

Le Louvre, the Palace and its Paintings
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Imagine the World

"Le Louvre, the Palace and its Paintings" is published by the Imagine the World label. This label is well known for the quality and creativity of its work. It suggests a sense of freedom and of wonder and aims to encourage users to invent their own world by stimulating their imagination. The Louvre, the Palace and its Paintings is the first title by Montparnasse Multimedia to be published under the Imagine the world label.

From the original fortress built by Philippe Auguste to the Grand Louvre today, this journey through the palace's eight centuries of history will help you to become familiar with the greatest museum in the world.

You can choose a period and discover the designs of Kings and architects, wander through the different wings of the Palace, or go into a room and look at a painting.

One hundred paintings, amongst the museum's most important works, illustrate the history of the major European schools (French, Italian, Flemish, Dutch, Spanish and English) from the very early artists (primitives) up until the 19th century masters.

Travel through time and through the collections, stopping at your favourite master pieces. Admire the colours, reproduced faithfully thanks to a special selection. Hear and share the story of each work and that of its artist.

Enjoy the paintings presented full-screen, the zoom functions, the interactive commentaries on details and the animations. A timeline, an index, a glossary, more than two and a half hours of sound commentary and twenty minutes of music all enhance the ways of exploring this fully interactive CD-Rom.

Now go and discover the Louvre and its treasures!

Configuration required:

A multimedia PC 386sx or higher range model with 8Mo (recommended).
Microsoft Windows_ 3.1 in the extended version and MS DOS version 5 or more recent.
A double speed CD-Rom player.
A video card capable of displaying 256 colours on screen.
A sound card.
A mouse.

NB: 2Mo of free memory are required for the application to run (other than the exchange file). The drop in performance is considerable if there is not sufficient memory. Configure the memory of your machine according to the manufacturer's instructions.

If the application refuses to launch (system incompatible, error message_):
- Check that another programme installed in the memory is not in conflict with the application (driver, resident programmes).
- De-activate the functions or the utilities that are not necessary in order to run the application.
In order to do this, read the User Guide supplied with your version of Windows.

"Le Louvre, the Palace and its Paintings" will not launch.
(message : "LOUVODBA has caused a general protection error in the module...")

* if your computer is a Packard Bell using Navigator

- Go into Navigator
- Return to Windows by clicking on the appropriate icon
- Click on the 'Restore' button of the "Program Manager" window

(Button at top right, symbolised by one arrow pointing upwards and another pointing down).

- The Navigator icon appears next to the "Program Manager" icon
- Click once on the "Navigator" icon and choose "Close".
- Restart the program

(This is necessary each time that "Navigator" is launched)

* if a wallpaper is installed on the window Desktop

- Go into Windows
- Click on "Main Window"
- Click on "Control Panel"
- Click on the "Desktop" Icon
- Choose the "None" option in the Wallpaper section
- Click on "OK"
- Restart the program

(This procedure only needs to be carried out once).

Some sound problems can be resolved by removing the wallpaper from the Windows desktop or changing the IRQ number of your sound card device.

Some Display and sound problems can be resolved by changing the video driver in "Windows Installation" located in the "Main Window" or by changing the screen resolution into 640x480 pixels.

Tip : If your configuration has 8Mo RAM and display the zoom image medium window, you can display the zoom image full window by pressing the "Alt" key while clicking on "Zoom" button. Please note that the display time is longer. If you do it again, you can display the zoom image medium window. If the image is not displayed full window, your configuration has not sufficient memory. You may be able to improve the performance of your configuration by increasing the virtual memory.

The following video cards have been tested and give good results with "Le Louvre, the Palace and its Paintings" :

Model	Bus	Date	Driver	Notes
Actix ProStar VL	VLB	8/18/93	1.42	Note 1
ATI Graphics Ultra	ISA	3/19/93	2.3	
ATI Graphics Ultra Plus	ISA	4/25/94	2.3	
ATI Graphics Ultra Pro	ISA & VLB	4/25/94	2.3	
Blackship Color DesignerA3	VLB	7/8/93	1.32	
Diamond Speed Star Pro	ISA	2/17/94	1.08	
Diamond Speed Star VGA	ISA	4/14/92		
Diamond Stealth 24	VLB	6/3/94	3.00	
Diamond Stealth Pro	VLB	10/6/93		
ELSA Winner2000 Pro	PCI	6/23/94	1.22	
Hercules Dynamite Pro	ISA	12/1/93	2.10	Note 2
Hercules Dynamite Pro	VLB	12/1/93	3.00	
Hercules Graphite Power	ISA	4/6/94	2.10	

IBM XGA Display	MCA	11/12/93	2.11	Note 3
Matrox MGA Power Graphics	PCI	3/28/93		
Mitac MVA-CL5428-1MB	VLB	3/15/94	V1.43	
Number Nine 9GXe Level 10	ISA	2/9/94	V3.11	Note 4
Number Nine 9GXe Level 11	VLB	2/9/94	3.10.061	Note 4, 5
Number Nine 9GXe Level 14	VLB	4/7/94	3.15	Note 4
Number Nine 9GXE64	VLB	6/22/94	1.19.04	Recom.
Orchid Celsius	VLB	10/1/93	1.32	Recom.
Orchid Fahrenheit 1280 Plus	VLB	3/1/94	rel 7	Note 6
Orchid Fahrenheit VA	VLB	4/29/93	5.01	
Orchid Kelvin 64	PCI	3/14/94	1.1	
Orchid Kelvin 64	VLB	2/23/94	1.21	
Orchid ProDesigner IIS	ISA	3/1/92	2.0	
Paradise WD90c33	VLB	6/28/93	1.2	
Standard 1Mb-24X	ISA	3/19/93	1.30	
STB Horizon VL Pro	VLB	6/29/93	1.3	
STB Lightspeed	PCI	12/1/93	1.1	
STB Pegasus	VLB	11/29/93	1.3	
TrueVision Bravado 8	ISA	1/15/92		

Note 1: Driver version 1.53 sometimes hangs when playing certain Director transitions. Driver version 1.42 is recommended.

Note 2: Does not always properly display QuickTime digital video in 16 bit (thousands) and 24 bit (millions) color modes

Note 3: Does not draw extremely wide arcs properly.

Note 4: There is sometimes sound break-up or distortion during complex transitions using most sound cards.

Note 5: The cursor sometimes disappears when using a large virtual desktop.

Note 6: Video snow appears during some palette transitions

The following sound cards have been tested and are compatible with "Le Louvre, the Palace and its Paintings"

Sound Card	Notes and comments
Compaq Business Audio	
Creative Labs SoundBlaster	
Creative Labs SoundBlaster Pro	
Creative Labs SoundBlaster 16	
Creative Labs SoundBlaster AWE32	
Gateway 2000	
IBM M-Audio	Driver version 1.3 - Note 1
MediaVision ProAudio Spectrum	
MediaVision ProAudio Spectrum 16	
MediaVision ProAudio Spectrum 16 Pro	
Microsoft SoundSystem Version 1	
Microsoft SoundSystem Version 2	
Orchid SoundWave 32	
Reveal Forte 16	
Roland Rap-10	

Note 1: IBM computers that have the M-Audio sound card should use driver version 1.3 or higher for best results. Older versions of this driver don't play some sounds in Director or AVI movies. The version 1.3 driver does not pass the 16-bit sounds test for Director. Testing revealed that 8 bit sounds are corrupted when played after a 16-bit sound. At the time these release notes were

written, version 1.3 (dated 1/10/94) was the most recent driver available from IBM.

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