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Da Vinci and Escher; the Science of Art
Lecture 4

December 1: M.C. Escher

#### **SLIDE LIST**

# Early Years, Holland

- Escher's Father, 1916, Linoleum cut in purple, National Gallery of Art, DC
- Skull with Cigarette, December, 1917 Black, dark orange and black, Dr. Stephen R. Turner
- Vincent van Gogh, Skeleton with Cigarette, c.1885-86, Oil on canvas, Van Gogh Museum
- Self Portrait in a Chair, 1920, Woodcut, National Gallery of Art DC
- Interior of St. Bavo, Haarlem, 1920, India Ink, Private collection
- St. Bavo, Haarlem, 1920, Ink, Private Collection
- Self-Portrait, Reflected in a Sphere, 1920-21, Pen and ink, Private Collection
- Still Live with Mirror, March, 1934 Lithograph, Private Collection, Texas
- Self-Portrait, Reflected in a Sphere, 1920-21, pen and ink, Private Collection
- Eve, 1946 Mezzotint, 7th and final stage
- Eight Heads, 1922 Woodcut printed nine times from the block, National Gallery DC

## **Italy and Spain**

- San Gimignano, July 1922, Woodcut, Collection of Dr. Stephen R. Turner
- San Gimignano, January-February 1923, Woodcut, Private Collection
- Self-Portrait, November, 1923, Woodcut. Private collection
- Portrait of Jetta, 1925, Woodcut, Collection of Dr. Stephen R. Turner
- Tower of Babel, February, 1928 Woodcut, Collection of Dr. Stephen R. Turner
- The Drowned Cathedral, January, 1929 Woodcut, Collection of Dr. Stephen R. Turner
- Street in Scanno, Abruzzi, January, 1930, Woodcut, National Gallery DC
- Castrovalva, February, 1930, Lithograph, Private collection
- The Bridge, March, 1930, Lithograph, Private collection
- Coast of Amalfi, December, 1931, Woodcut in black & tones of grey. Private collection
- Atrani, Coast of Amalfi, August, 1931, Lithograph, Private Collection
- Phosphorescent Sea, July, 1933 Lithograph, Collection of Rock J. Walker
- Fireworks, November, 1933, Lithograph, National Gallery of Canada
- Still Live with Mirror, March, 1934 Lithograph, Private collection
- Still Life with Spherical Mirror, March, 1934, Lithograph, National Gallery DC
- Hand with Reflecting Sphere, 1935, Lithograph, Collection of Rock J. Walker
- Inside St Peter's, 1935 Wood engraving, The Sl collection

#### **Back to the North**

- Portrait of G.A. Escher, August, 1935. Lithograph, Private collection
- *Snow*, 1936, Lithograph
- Still Life and Street, March, 1937, Woodcut, Collection of Dr. Stephen R. Turner

# **Tessellations and Metamorphosis 1937-1945**

- Metamorphosis I, May, 1937, Woodcut printed on 2 sheets, National Gallery, Canada
- Day and Night, February, 1938, Woodcut in black and grey, printed 2 blocks, Rock J Walker
- *Metamorphosis II*, November 1939-March 1940, Woodcut, printed from 20 blocks on 3 combined sheets, Private collection, Texas
- Reptiles, March, 1943 Lithograph, The SI collection

## Holland, The War, and Fame

- Encounter, May, 1944, Lithograph, National Gallery DC
- Magic Mirror, January, 1946, Lithograph, National Gallery of Art DC
- Drawing Hands, January, 1948, Lithograph, Private collection, Texas
- Dewdrop, 1948, Mezzotint, Private collection
- Rippled Surface, March, 1950, Linoleum cut in black and grey-brown, printed from 2 blocks, Private collection, Texas
- Puddle, February, 1952 Woodcut in black, green & brown, 3 blocks, National Gallery DC
- Three Worlds, 1955, Lithograph, Private collection

### **Distorted Perspectives**

- Balcony, July, 1945, Lithograph, Collection of Stephen R. Turner
- Three Spheres I, September. 1945, Wood engraving, Private Collection, Texas
- Up and Down, July, 1947, Lithograph, Collection of Dr. Stephen R. Turner.
- *Other World*, January, 1947, Wood engraving &woodcut in black, reddish brown, 3 blocks, Private collection, Texas
- Stars, October, 1948, Wood engraving in color, Collection of Dr. Stephen R. Turner
- Double Planetoid (Double Planet), December, 1949, Wood engraving in green, dark blue
- House of Stairs, November. 1951, Lithograph, Private collection
- Concentric Rinds, May, 1953, Wood engraving. Private collection, Texas
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- Relativity, July, 1953, Lithograph. Private collection, Texas
- Print Gallery, May, 1956, Lithograph, Private collection, Texas
- Belvedere, May, 1958, Lithograph, National Gallery DC

#### **Imagery of Infinity**

- *Smaller and Smaller*, October, 1956, Wood engraving & woodcut in black &brown, 4 blocks, Collection of Dr. Stephen R. Turner
- *Whirlpools*, November, 1957, Wood engraving & woodcut, second state, in red, grey & black, 2 blocks, Collection of Dr. Stephen R. Turner
- *Circle Limit III*, December, 1959, Woodcut, second state, in yellow, green, blue, brown & black, 5 blocks, Collection of Dr. Stephen R. Turner
- Waterfall, October, 1961 Lithograph, Collection of Rock J. Walker
- Möbius Strip II, February, 1963, Woodcut in red, black & grey-green, 3 blocks, The Sl collection

#### The Later Years

• Snake, July, 1969, Woodcut, printed from 3 blocks, National Gallery of Art DC

In 1970 M.C. Escher moved to an artist's retirement home in Laren, Holland. He died on March 27, 1972 at the age of 73.