WORLD WAR II POSTERS: THE ART OF PROPAGANDA

Opening reception: Sunday, September 27, 3 - 4:30 p.m.

A selection of World War II patriotic posters from the University of Oklahoma's Western History Collections will be exhibited Sept. 27 through Nov. 8 at OU's Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art, 410 W. Boyd St.

The exhibition, titled "World War II Posters: The Art of Propaganda," features 33 of the U.S. government-commissioned posters created to marshal the support of the American people during the second world war effort. They were skillfully designed by such noted artists as Norman Rockwell, Ben Shahn, Joseph Hirsch and Anton Otto Fisher.

The posters illustrate the stereotyped images and popular culture of the era as they chronicle the war by reflecting the changing needs and anxieties of the time. The themes vary focusing on such pressing issues as military recruitment, morale boosting, conservation of resources, war finance, revenge, ideology, national security and careless talk, and religious freedom and the American Way of Life.

The exhibition was organized by the Western History Collections with support from the Associates of the Western History Collections and the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art.

The Museum of Art is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Thursdays 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays 1 - 4:30 p.m.. Home football game Saturdays, the museum is open from 10 a.m. until kickoff. For further information please call 325-3272.

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