In the Renaissance Filippo Brunelleschi Discovered Perspective

"Perspective is nothing else than the seeing of an object through a sheet of glass, on the surface of which may be marked all the things that are behind the glass."

-- Leonardo



Italian Art in the Late Middle Ages Before the Discovery of Perspective



di Bartolo, "The Nativity of the Virgin" (c. 1400)



di Giovanni Fei, "The Presentation of the Virgin" (c. 1400)

The *First* Perspective Image





Masaccio's fresco "Trinity" (c. 1427)

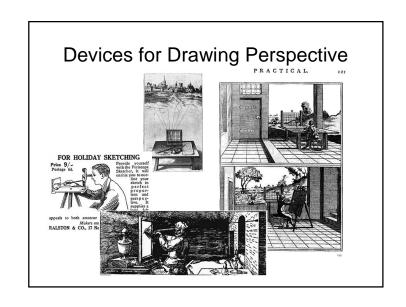
Perspective in Art

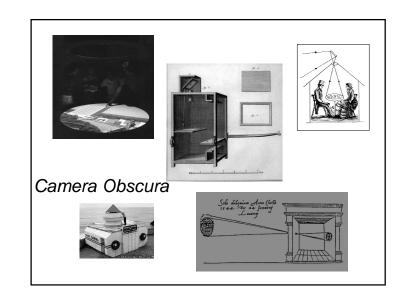


Giotto, 1300 (before perspective)

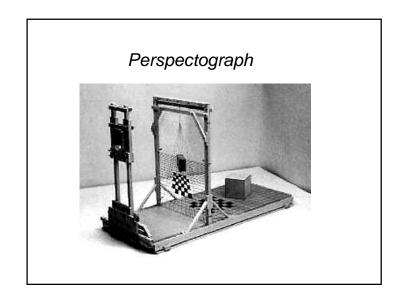


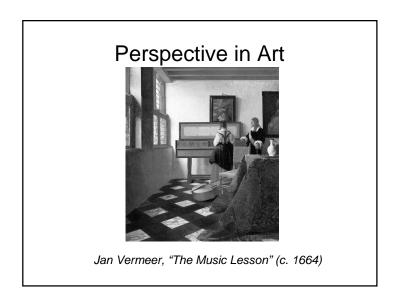
Campin, 1430 (after perspective)

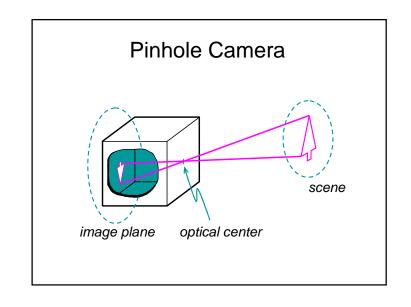


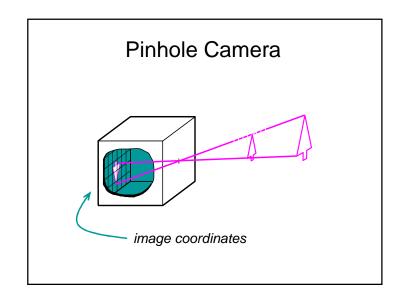


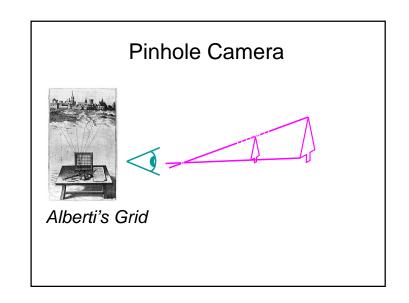












Suggesting a Moving Camera

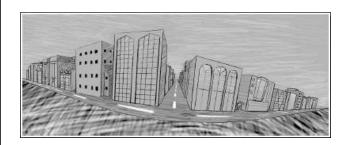
A *multiperspective image* incorporates many perspectives into a single, locally-coherent image

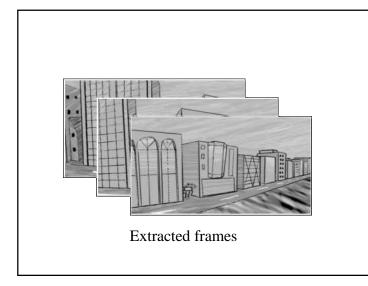
A *moving window* slides across the panorama, selecting frames for creating an animation



from Disney's film Pinocchio, 1940

Multiperspective Image







van Eyck's "Ghent Alterpiece" (1432)



Hockney's "Pearblossum Highway" (1986)



Fisheye Lens Image



Not a single optical center

