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Italy (?), s. XVI<sup>med</sup>

Michael Glomer, *Panegyric on Cosmo I de' Medici, Duke of Florence*, in Latin

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1. f. 2r-v *Illustrissimo ac excellentissimo Cosmo Medici, duci Florentiae, Michael Glomer.* Satis forsitan mirareris, illustrissime princeps, nec minus quidam me temeritatis vel, ut verius loquar, adulationis arguerent, quod ego, Germanus quum sim, tum prorsus ab omni egregia Medicarum familia alienus, tum et nulla ferme necessitudine illi coniunctus, tam humili ac fortasse despicabili stilo tuae nobilissimae domus, ac tuas partim laudes aggredi, vel potius obtenebrare ausim ... quid nisi itidem te diis simillimum facturum sperem? Vale.

Prologue to art. 3.

2. f. 3r *Ad eundem illustrissimum ducem.* Det tibi Nestoreos, queso, feliciter annos / Omnipotens, sceptris adiiciatque tuis / Magnanimum summa vincas gravitate leonem ... Denique, quid multis in te resplendeat uno / Virtutum quicquid protulit alta domus.

Introductory poem to art. 3 (10 verses).

3. ff. 3r-14v *Panegyricus Michaelis Glo(mer) ad inclytum ac illustrissimum ducem Florentiae Cosmum Medicem.* Roma potens postquam Tyrias everterat arces / Scipio, Scipiadum domui indelebile nomen / Indidit aeternosque simul libavit honores ... Insuper egregie sint prospera et omnia Flore / Cumque tuis tandem post ultima fata deorum / Munere sidereo semper potiare triumpho. [lower:] Coelitus Ornatum Superi Mihi Vivere Multum / Cedite, quem vobis prima elementa ferunt.  
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Michael Glomer, *Panegyricus in Cosmum Medicem* (Cosmo I de' Medici, Duke of Florence, 1537-1574). The author, a German (see art. 1), is not recorded.

Parchment, ff. I (paper) + 16 + I (paper), 210 x 140 mm.

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Almost invisible ruling in very pale brown ink for one column of 18 lines above top line. Ruling type 11, 132 x 88 mm.

Copied by a single scribe writing Humanistica Cursiva Formata. Headings in large calligraphic Capitalis. Artt. 1 and 3 open with a 2-line initial (Capitalis) in blue; art. 2 with a 1-line of the same type and in the same colour. The heading on f. 2r opens with a similar blue capital.

Quarter binding s. XIX: brown leather and blueish marbled paper in a diagonal pattern over cardboard. Gold-tooled spine with gold-tooled inscriptions: "GLOMER / PANEGYRI", "M.S. / MEMBR / DEL / S. XVI", and a crown above the initials "F.S". Gilded edges.

In the lower margin of f. 2r, a crowned oval stamp held by an eagle with spread wings, containing three adjoined crescents and the devise "Expecto". On the front pastedown bookplate of "The T. Kimball Brooker Italian Renaissance Fund. The Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library. Yale University". Also on the front pastedown, in pencil, "MS 193" in a circle.

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