

Gli Spagnoli a Napoli Il Rinascimento meridionale curated by Riccardo Naldi and Andrea Zezza

Museo e Real Bosco di Capodimonte, Sala Causa - Naples March 13 – June 25, 2023

On Monday, March 13, 2023, the Museo e Real Bosco di Capodimonte will inaugurate the exhibition *Gli Spagnoli a Napoli. Il Rinascimento meridionale* (March 13 – June 25, 2023, Sala Causa) curated by Prof. Riccardo Naldi, professor of Modern Art History at the Università L'Orientale di Napoli, and Prof. Andrea Zezza, professor of Modern Art History at the Università della Campania "Luigi Vanvitelli." Produced in partnership with the Museo Nacional del Prado, a version of the exhibition, entitled *Otro Renacimiento. Artistas españoles en Nápoles al comienzos del Cinquecento*, first opened to considerable critical and public success on October 18, 2022.

Thanks to this important collaboration, the *Madonna del pesce* by **Raphael** will return to Naples for the first time in 400 years. The painting, intended for the chapel of the Doce family in San Domenico Maggiore in Naples, served as a key reference point for artists active in Naples during the 16<sup>th</sup> century. It was taken by Spanish rulers and transferred to Madrid around the middle of the 17<sup>th</sup> century.

The exhibition is devoted to one of the most fruitful yet least-known moments of Neapolitan art history: the Thirty Years (c. 1503 - 1532). From a political standpoint, this is the period that saw the extinction of the Aragonese dynasty with the passage of the Kingdom of Naples under the rule of the Spanish Crown. From a cultural point of view, it was the apex of Naples's great humanistic age, with the handover from Giovan Gioviano Pontano to Iacopo Sannazaro. The artistic innovations pioneered by Leonardo, Michelangelo, and Raphael were readily received and reinterpreted in original ways in a Naples that was still very much alive, for which the loss of its status as an

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autonomous capital was not an obstacle to cultural development, but instead contributed to the definition of its new role as the node of transmission of Renaissance culture between the two shores of the Mediterranean.

The exhibition features an extensive survey of works executed by some of the leading Spanish artists active in Naples in those years, including **Pedro Fernández, Bartolomé Ordóñez, Diego de Siloe, Pedro Machuca,** and **Alonso Berruguete.** Having spent much time in Italy, they unleashed an extraordinary inventive originality in comparison with the works executed by some of the greatest figures of the Italian Renaissance. The Spanish artists became the protagonists of the exceptional artistic season of early sixteenth-century Naples, sustained by the patronage of religious orders and the aristocracy who were eager to leave an indelible mark of their greatness by financing works of ambitious magnificence, often executed, in the manner of the ancients, in durable Carrara marble. Back in Spain – which itself had passed into the imperial structure of Charles V – these artists became ambassadors of a particular declination of the figurative culture of the High Renaissance, sustained by extraordinary inventiveness and technical skill.

The exhibition focuses on this brief but felicitous moment, placing proper emphasis on the very high quality of the works and their cosmopolitan character. Underlying the exhibition is the belief that this cultural flowering fostered close connections between painting and sculpture. The comparison between the so-called "sister arts" found particularly fertile ground in Naples for the development of models that contributed to the definition of an autonomous local school, of which the exhibition offers a wide selection of protagonists, from painters Andrea Sabatini da Salerno and Marco Cardisco to the sculptors Giovanni da Nola and Girolamo Santacroce. As in Rome after the famous "Sack" of 1527, this "golden age" in the formerly Aragonese and then viceregal capital was suddenly broken by the French siege of 1528 and its ensuing political crisis.

The main difference between the Naples and Madrid venues is the strong connection with the territory. Many of the works by the artists of the period are to be found in the city's churches, particularly in **San Giovanni a Carbonara, in the complex of San Severino e Sossio** and also in **San Giacomo degli Spagnoli,** the symbol of Spain's political and cultural presence in Naples, i.e., the very subject of the exhibition.

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The exhibition is produced in partnership with the Museo Nacional del Prado in Madrid, in collaboration with the Embassy of Spain in Italy and the Italian Embassy in Madrid, the Ministry of the Interior – FEC (Fund for Ecclesiastical Buildings), and the Curia of Naples. It is financed through the POC project *Capodimonte. Le rotte dell'arte* of the Region of Campania, enjoying the patronage of the City of Naples with GESAC as the main sponsor. This exhibition was made possible thanks to the support of the Amici di Capodimonte ets.

#### Information

#### Venue and Hours

<u>Museo e Real Bosco di Capodimonte</u>, via Miano 2 – Napoli Sala Causa - daily (closed Wednesdays), from 10:00 am to 5:30 pm (last admission 5:00 pm)

#### Ticket

Full price: 15 euro Reduced youth admission (18-25 years old): 2 euro Free (0-18 years old) and Artecard holders Info e reservations: 848 800 288 From mobile and from abroad: 06 39967050 / www.coopculture.it Reservations via the Capodimonte app available in the App store and Google store

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#### A Few Dates – Chronology of the Kingdom of Naples

#### 1458

Alfonso I "the Magnanimous," King of Naples and Aragon, dies in Naples His inheritance is divided: the Kingdom of Naples goes to Ferrante I (c. 1423 – 1494), his natural son

#### 1494

Ferdinand I of Aragon dies; he is succeeded by his son Alfonso II (1448 - 1495)

Charles VIII (1470 – 1498), King of France, sets out to conquer Naples

#### 1495

Charles VIII enters Naples, where he is welcomed by the populace

Ferdinand II (1467 – 1496), son of Alfonso II, begins the reconquest of the kingdom, joined by a Spanish contingent sent by the Catholic Monarchs of Spain

#### 1496

The reconquest of the Kingdom is completed with the surrender of the French army

Ferdinand II dies suddenly. His uncle Frederick (1451 – 1504) is declared king.

#### 1500

With the Treaty of Granada, France and Spain divide the Kingdom of Naples

#### 1502

War is declared between France and Spain

#### 1503

Gonzalo Fernández de Córdoba, the "Great Captain," enters Naples victorious. He becomes the first viceroy.

#### 1506

Triumphal entry of Ferdinand the Catholic into Naples

#### 1507

Ferdinand the Catholic embarks for Spain, taking Gonzalo Fernández de Córdoba with him. Juan II of Aragon, count of Ribagorza (1457 – 1528) is appointed viceroy













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#### 1509

Ramón Folch de Cardona (1467-1522) is appointed viceroy of Naples

#### 1516

Ferdinand the Catholic dies. Ramón Folch de Cardona assumes regency of Naples on behalf of Charles of Habsburg and his mother Johanna

#### 1522

Ramón Folch de Cardona (1467 – 1522) is appointed viceroy of Naples

Charles V appoints Charles de Lannoy, a Flemish noble (c. 1487 – 1527), viceroy of Naples

#### 1525

Battle of Pavia: imperial troops led by Charles de Lannoy and Ferdinando Francesco d'Avalos defeat and take prisoner Francis I (1494 - 1547), king of France

#### 1527

Charles de Lannoy dies in Aversa. Hugo de Moncada (1476–1528) is appointed his successor as acting viceroy.

The French army, led by Odet de Foix, viscount de Lautrec, invades the Kingdom of Naples again. Part of the Neapolitan nobility allies with the French

#### 1528

Hugo de Moncada dies in combat and is succeeded in command by Philibert de Châlon, prince of Orange (1502-1530)

Odet de Foix dies at the walls of Naples. The French army, devastated by an epidemic, abandons the siege

#### 1532

Pedro Álvarez de Toledo, marquis of Villafranca del Bierzo (1484 – 1553), first Castilian viceroy, enters Naples. His long viceroyalty ended the consolidation of the Spanish conquest and opened a new era of stability















#### **INFORMATION**

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#### **EDUCATIONAL VISITS**

In conjunction with the exhibition *Gli spagnoli a Napoli. Il Rinascimento meridionale,* curated by Riccardo Naldi and Andrea Zezza in the Sala Causa, the Educational Services of the Museo e Real Bosco di Capodimonte in collaboration with Le Nuvole are offering a series of programming that helps visitors discover the Spanish painters who arrived in the Kingdom of Naples in the first three decades of the 16<sup>th</sup> century.

The stylistic innovations of Leonardo, Michelangelo, and Raphael were received and interpreted by artists such as Pedro Fernandez, Bartolomé Ordòñez, and Pedro Machuca, further culturally enriching the Kingdom. For this exhibition, realized in partnership with the Museo Nacional del Prado, Raphael's *La Madonna del Pesce* returns to Naples.

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Every Sunday at 12:00 noon (except on the first of the month, which offers free admission) on:

- March 26, 2023
- April 9 (Easter), 16, 23 e 30, 2023
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- May 14, 21, and 28, 2023
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On the occasion of the exhibition *Gli spagnoli a Napoli. Il Rinascimento meridionale*, curated by Riccardo Naldi and Andrea Zezza, the Istituto Cervantes of Naples (Via Chiatamone, 6G), directed by **Ana Navarro**, has organized a series of accompanying lectures. The schedule is below.

#### Thursday, April 20, 2023, 5:30 pm

Paths and intersections in the exhibition, between painting and sculptures

With **Manuel Arias**, Head of the Sculpture Department at the Museo Nacional del Prado, and curators **Riccardo Naldi**, professor of Modern Art History at the Università L'Orientale di Napoli, and **Andrea Zezza**, professor of Modern Art History at the Università della Campania "Luigi Vanvitelli"

### Thursday, June 15, 2023, 5:30 pm

Spanish artists in the collections of the Capodimonte Museum: provenance, acquisition, musealization

**Patrizia Piscitello,** Head of the Exhibitions and Loans Department, and **Alessandra Rullo,** Head of the Collections Management and Care Department

## Thursday, June 22, 2023, 5:30 pm

From Crown to Viceroyalty: musicians and mourning for Aragonese Naples in the first decades of Spanish Naples (1503-1553)

With musicologist Dinko Fabris











