

THE ERA OF RENAISSANCE “DONATELLO”



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THE ERA OF RENAISSANCE

The word "Renaissance" mean rebirth of classical Greek and Roman arts and philosophy during the 16th Century. During the renaissance period most humainst were the christians to their concern was to "purify and renew the christianity". Not to do away with it .It started in italy ,europe and beyond. The Medicis Family used their vast wealth to sponsor the arts & science.

ABOUT DONATELLO



Donatello di niccoco di betto bardi (1386-13december 1466)known as mononymously Donatello. Born in Florence ,he studied classical sculpture & used his knowledge to develop early renaissance style of sculpture. he worked with stone ,bronze ,wood ,clay stucco & wax used in inventive way. Early on he veered away from the international gothic style he learned from lorenzo ghibert with classical informed pieces.

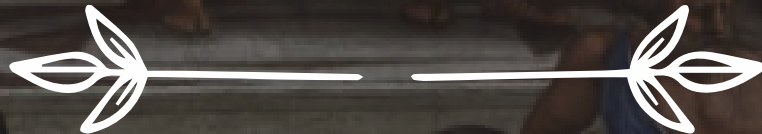
EARLY AGE CAREER

Donatello (diminutive of Donato) was the son of Niccolo di betto bardi , a Florentine wool carder . It is not known how he began his career ,but it seems likely that he learned stone carving from one of the sculptors working for the cathedral of Florence (the Duomo) about 1400.

Donatello's first appearance in any documentary record is unpromising , in january 1401, at the age of about 15, he was accused in pistoria.

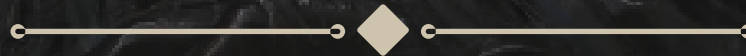
ARTISTIC INNOVATIONS

Donatello's sculptures are celebrated for their lifelike realism and emotional depth, a departure from the stylized forms of the medieval period. His ability to capture human anatomy and expression with precision and sensitivity earned him admiration across Europe. One of his notable achievements was the creation of the bronze statue of David (circa 1440s), which depicted the biblical hero in a contemplative, rather than triumphant, pose—a departure from earlier representations.



Pioneering Techniques

In addition to his artistic prowess, Donatello's technical innovations were groundbreaking. He pioneered the use of perspective and chiaroscuro (the contrast of light and shadow) in sculpture, creating a sense of depth and drama previously unseen in three-dimensional art.



Legacy & Influence

Donatello's influence extended beyond his lifetime, influencing generations of artists and sculptors. His work laid the foundation for the High Renaissance and Baroque periods, inspiring artists such as Michelangelo and Bernini.





Design Philosophy

Donatello became famous for his reliefs, especially his development of a very "low" or shallow relief style called Stuccato (literally "flattened - out"), where all parts of the relief are low. This contrasted with the developing technique of other sculptors who included very high and low relief in same composition, with Ghiberti's "Gates Of Paradise Doors" (1424-1451) for the Florence Baptistery a leading example.



CASSONE

Cassoni were elaborately decorated chests used in Renaissance Italy for storage and as marriage chests. They were often painted with scenes from literature, history, or allegorical motifs.



TRESTLE TABLE

Trestle tables from the Renaissance era were simple yet sturdy tables with a frame supported by a central crossbeam (trestle). They were often made of solid wood and could be quite large, used for dining or as work tables.



RENAISSANCE CHAIR

These typically feature richly carved wood, intricate details, and often have upholstery with patterns or scenes inspired by classical mythology or religious themes.



CANOPY BED

Renaissance canopy beds were luxurious and grand, featuring ornate carvings and often draped with rich fabrics like velvet or silk. They were designed not only for comfort but also to display wealth and status.



CONCLUSION

Donatello, the Renaissance artist, is renowned for his contributions to Italian art and sculpture during the 15th century. Born in Florence around 1386, he became a pivotal figure in the early Renaissance movement. Donatello's mastery of sculpting, particularly in bronze and marble, revolutionized the art of his time. His works, such as the bronze David and the marble St. George, showcased a realism and emotional depth that departed from the medieval style, marking a shift towards classical antiquity. Donatello's career was intertwined with the Medici family, and he collaborated with other luminaries like Brunelleschi and Masaccio to redefine artistic expression. His influence extended beyond his lifetime, shaping the trajectory of Western art and inspiring future generations of artists.

