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**Maiolica: Italian Renaissance Ceramics in the Metropolitan Museum of Art** Philip Wilson Publishers

A lavish showcase of the works of the skilled potters and pottery painters of the early modern period. Maiolica, the pottery of the Italian Renaissance, is one of the most revealing artistic expressions of the era, known for extraordinary colors that remain vivid centuries later. Italian potters absorbed techniques and shapes from the Islamic world and incorporated ornament and subject matter from the arts of ancient Rome. This new approach to pottery making, combined with the invention of printing, woodcut, and engraving, resulted in extraordinary painted ceramics, praised by Giorgio Vasari for "surpassing the ancient with its brilliance of glaze and variety of painting." The Courtauld Gallery's collection boasts a magnificent group of vessels made during the high Renaissance, the golden age of Italian maiolica. An introductory essay on the Victorian collector Thomas Gambier Parry sheds new light on the collection's development, illuminating links between Gambier Parry's artistic practice and revealing new insights into his taste as a collector. Each detailed entry uncovers a wealth of new information on the provenance of the pieces.

*Italian Ceramics* Metropolitan Museum of Art

The V&A has the greatest collection of maiolica, Italian tin-glazed pottery, in the world. This long-awaited study explores the significance of these fascinating objects in the art and social history of the Italian Renaissance, tracing their use from birth through courtship and marriage rituals to death, and offering insight into the life of noble families in this period. New photography shows the dazzling palette of colors used to decorate these objects, which have not faded over time, and emphasizes why the pieces were prized in the Renaissance and remain so popular with today's collectors. Italian Renaissance Maiolica also includes illustrations from Piccolpasso's 16th-century manuscript *Three Books of the Potter's Art*, an incomparable source on maiolica, to illustrate how these highly valued objects were made.

*Domestic Devotions in Early Modern Italy* Paul Holberton Pub

"Many famous artworks of the Italian Renaissance were made to celebrate love, marriage, and family. They were the pinnacles of a tradition, dating from early in the era, of commemorating betrothals, marriages, and the birth of children by commissioning extraordinary objects - maiolica, glassware, jewels, textiles, paintings - that were often also exchanged as gifts. This volume is the first comprehensive survey of artworks arising from Renaissance rituals of love and marriage and makes a major contribution to our understanding of Renaissance art in its broader cultural context. The impressive range of works gathered in these pages extends from birth trays painted in the early fifteenth century to large canvases on mythological themes that Titian painted in the mid-1500s. Each work of art would have been recognized by contemporary viewers for its prescribed function within the private, domestic domain."--BOOK JACKET.

**Italian Renaissance Maiolica from the William A. Clark Collection** University of Pennsylvania Press

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*The Biography of the Object in Late Medieval and Renaissance Italy* Scala Books

\* Timothy Wilson is the international authority on Italian Maiolica. He has written extensively on the subject, covering major holdings from around the worldThis book is an edited record of the papers given at the two-day symposium 'Italian Maiolica and Europe' held in Oxford on 22 and 23 September 2017. It is, in effect, a celebration of his long service in the Ashmolean Museum as the Keeper of Western Art. Museum collections develop their great strengths in one of two ways: through gifts of private collections and through the knowledge and enthusiasm of curators. The Ashmolean's renowned and important collection of Italian Maiolica owes its foundation to the former and the bequest of C.D.E. Fortnum. But it has grown and developed in remarkable ways over the last three decades thanks to the energy and expertise of Professor Timothy Wilson. During his 27 years as Keeper of Western Art, Tim was responsible for a truly extraordinary range and number of important acquisitions across the fine and decorative arts. As one of the world's leading scholars of Italian Maiolica, it was only natural that he would continue to build on Fortnum's legacy.

*Antiquities to Impressionism* Graphic Arts Center Publishing

This volume illuminates the vibrancy of religious beliefs and practices which profoundly shaped family life in this era. Drawing on a wide range of sources, it affirms the central place of the household to Catholic spirituality.

**Italian Ceramic Art** Philadelphia Museum (PA)

This handbook is an introduction to Italian Renaissance ceramics. These colorful and highly decorative wares form a distinctive and significant part of the artistic achievement of the period. The Fortnum collection in the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford, is outstanding in its quality and range. In this

selection the author illustrates fine and characteristic pieces by leading artists in the major centres of production. In his detailed commentary on each piece he provides documentary and bibliographical information, and relates the subject matter of the painted scenes to the wider artistic culture of the time. Like its companions in this series, Maiolica serves as a scholarly presentation of the finest pieces from a major collection, while at the same time providing a valuable general introduction to this most vivid and culturally illuminating of the 'minor arts' of Renaissance Italy. It is an expanded and updated edition of the book first published in 1989, incorporating most recent additions to the Museum's collections.

*Cooking and Eating in Renaissance Italy* Yale University Press

The glazed terracotta technique invented by Luca della Robbia, along with his exceptional skill as a sculptor, placed him firmly in the first rank of Renaissance artists in the fifteenth century. This quintessentially Florentine art - taking the form of dazzling multicoloured ornaments for major buildings, delicately modelled and ingeniously constructed freestanding statues, serene blue-and-white devotional reliefs, charming portraits of children, and commanding busts of rulers, along with decorative and liturgical objects - flowed in abundance from the Della Robbia workshops for a hundred years. Developed further by each generation, the closely held technique achieved new heights of refinement and durability in modelling and colour, combining elements of painting and sculpture into a new and all but eternal medium. In the 19th century, revived interest in the Renaissance and in the Della Robbia brought their works into major collections beyond Italy, particularly in England and the United States. Recently, renewed attention from art historians, backed by sophisticated technical studies, has reintegrated the Della Robbia into the mainstream of Renaissance art history and illuminated their originality and accomplishments. This beautifully illustrated book invites readers to experience one of the great inventions of the Renaissance and the enduring beauty it captured.

*Treasured Possessions* University of Georgia Georgia Museum

Material culture is not static: objects are created, used and re-used, sometimes for centuries, and their lives interact with those of the people who made and used them. The essays in this book discuss the 'social lives' of objects in late-medieval and renaissance Italy, ranging from maiolica, through sculpture and prostitutes' jewellery, to miraculous painted images. Demonstrates the continued life of these objects well past the deaths of their creators and patrons. Contains a series of original contributions by young scholars, representing a broad range of approaches.

*Italian Renaissance Maiolica from the William A. Clark Collection* Cambridge University Press

You are what you own. So believed many of the elite men and women of Renaissance Italy. The notion that a person's belongings transmit something about their personal history, status, and character was renewed in the fifteenth and early sixteenth centuries. Objects of Virtue explores the multiple meanings and values of the objects with which families like the Medici, Este, and Gonzaga surrounded themselves. This lavishly illustrated volume examines the complicated relationships between the so-called fine arts--painting and sculpture--and artifacts of other kinds for which artistry might be as important as utility--furniture, jewelry, and vessels made of gold, silver, and bronze, precious and semi-precious stone, glass, and ceramic. The works discussed were designed and made by artists as famous as Andrea Mantegna, Raphael, and Michelangelo, as well as by lesser-known specialists--goldsmiths, gem-engravers, glassmakers, and maiolica painters.

**European Ceramics** Rowman & Littlefield

The first comprehensive study of the most important ceramic innovation of the 19th century Colorful, wildly imaginative, and technically innovative, majolica was functional and aesthetic ceramic ware. Its subject matter reflects a range of 19th-century preoccupations, from botany and zoology to popular humor and the macabre. Majolica Mania examines the medium's considerable impact, from wares used in domestic settings to monumental pieces at the World's Fairs. Essays by international experts address the extensive output of the originators and manufacturers in England—including Minton, Wedgwood, and George Jones—and the migration of English craftsmen to the U.S. New research including information on important American makers in New York, Baltimore, and Philadelphia is also featured. Fully illustrated, the book is enlivened by new photography of pieces from major museums and private collections in the U.S. and Great Britain.

**Italian Maiolica and Europe** Getty Publications

Explores the rich history and ornate styles of these beautiful wares as well as the key role they played in Renaisance society.

*Catalogue of Italian renaissance maiolica circa 1450-1545 comprising a massive faenza portrait Albarello and other gothic wares, lustred dishes and bowls from the workshop of maestro Giorgio Andreoli at Gubbio and from Deruta, ... [etc.] [Sotheby's, 1973].* Intersections

Together they represent the various shapes, ornamentation, ambitious compositions, and complex narratives characteristic of a distinguished selection of ceramics from Renaissance Italy." "The history of these objects unfolds in the text by specialist Wendy M. Watson. Included is an original essay by Dean Walker on collecting maiolica in the United States, and a detailed scholarly checklist."--BOOK JACKET.

**Italian Maiolica and Other Early Modern Ceramics in the Courtauld Gallery** Getty Publications

"This volume in a series of sixteen that features the more than two thousand works of art in the Robert Lehman Collection at The Metropolitan Museum of Art focuses on Italian majolica or earthenware." -- Metropolitan Museum of Art website.

*Maiolica in Italy and Beyond* Hb Getty Publications

Catalog of the following works in the National Gallery of Art's collection of decorative arts: Chinese porcelains from the Qing dynasty, Persian and Indian rugs and carpets from the Peter A.B. Widener collection, two Chinese paintings from the 19th century and a 17th century Coromandel lacquer screen.

**Della Robbia** Getty Publications

In 1984 the Getty Museum acquired an exceptional collection of Italian Renaissance maiolica, or tin-glazed earthenware. These often brilliantly colored objects range from an early Florentine jar with relief-blue decoration to a much later Mannerist dish with grotesque ornament. The collection was the subject of *Italian Maiolica*, a beautifully illustrated catalogue that the Museum published in 1988. *Italian Ceramics* amplifies and updates the earlier volume, including objects—some of them porcelain and terracotta—acquired during the intervening years. Among them are a pair of eighteenth-century candlesticks representing mythological scenes and a tabletop with hunting scenes; and, from the 1790s, the beautifully modeled and painted Saint Joseph with the Christ Child. *Italian Ceramics* contains the most recent scientific, historical, and iconographic information about the Museum's holdings. Completely revised and expanded, this book offers a wealth of new information about the Getty Museum's superb collection, which spans more than four centuries of Italian ceramic art.

*Ritratto* Victoria & Albert Museum

Dosso Dossi has long been considered one of Renaissance Italy's most intriguing artists. Although a wealth of documents chronicles his life, he remains, in many ways, an enigma, and his art continues to be as elusive as it is compelling. In *Dosso's Fate*, leading scholars from a wide range of disciplines examine the social, intellectual, and historical contexts of his art, focusing on the development of new genres of painting, questions of style and chronology, the influence of courtly culture, and the work of his collaborators, as well as his visual and literary sources and his painting technique. The result is an important and original contribution not only to literature on Dosso Dossi but also to the study of cultural history in early modern Italy.

Italian Renaissance Ceramics Getty Publications

The history of ceramics is extraordinarily diverse, ranging from crude clay utensils to highly decorative pieces of immense beauty and craftsmanship.

This lively book traces the story of European ceramics from the end of the Middle Ages to the present day.

Maiolica MFA Publications

Students and scholars of the Italian Renaissance easily fall under the spell of its achievements: its self-confident humanism, its groundbreaking scientific innovations, its ravishing artistic production. Yet many of the developments in Italian ceramics and glass were made possible by Italy's proximity to the Islamic world. *The Arts of Fire* underscores how central the Islamic influence was on this luxury art of the Italian Renaissance. Published to coincide with an exhibition at the Getty Museum on view from May 4 to August 5, 2004, *The Arts of Fire* demonstrates how many of the techniques of glass and ceramic production and ornamentation were first developed in the Islamic East between the eighth and twelfth centuries. These techniques - enamel and gilding on glass and tin-glaze and lustre on ceramics - produced brilliant and colourful decoration that was a source of awe and admiration, transforming these crafts, for the first time, into works of art and true luxury commodities. Essays by Catherine Hess, George Saliba, and Linda Komaroff demonstrate early modern Europe's debts to the Islamic world and help us better understand the interrelationships of cultures over time.

**Dosso's Fate** Andesite Press

Francesco Xanto Avelli Da Rovigo (c.1486-c.1542) painted some of the most beautiful and fascinating ceramics produced in Renaissance Italy, often drawing on classical mythology for his subjects. He was also a poet, and commented on the tempestuous events of his time - including the infamous Sack of Rome in 1527 - both in verse and allegorically in the imagery of the dishes and plates he decorated. This book is a comprehensive study of Xanto as a remarkable painter of Italian Renaissance tin-glazed earthenware (maiolica) decorated with narrative subjects (istoriato), a poet and a loyal follower of the condottiere Francesco Maria I della Rovere, Duke of Urbino. It contains a full transcription of his sonnets with a parallel English translation. A list of maiolica by or attributable to Xanto is another first. Through his ceramics, beautiful and interesting in themselves, and here superbly reproduced, it provides an enlightening cross-section of the dawn of the early modern era.