

Stucco decoration across Europe

Workshop 1 – SUPSI Mendrisio (Switzerland)

April 23-29, 2023

Main organizer: SUPSI Mendrisio

Main goals of the workshop

- Getting to know each other and networking between different scientific groups from different countries and backgrounds, starting cooperation and transfer of know-how.
- Knowing the region of the Lower Ceresio, between Italy and Southern Switzerland, where Baldassarre Fontana was born and had his first education in stucco making.
- Visiting the places and sites that could have played a fundamental role in developing Baldassarre understanding and interpretation of stucco.
- Sharing knowledge of materials and techniques of realization of stucco decorations.
- Experiencing the stucco making, learning and practicing the working technique of Baldassarre Fontana and understanding his particular skills.

Workshop programme

Sunday 23 April 2023

Arrival of all participants

Monday 24 April 2023

09.00–10.00

Morbio Inferiore, Santa Maria dei Miracoli

10.30–11.00

Morbio Superiore, chiesa di San Giovanni, sagrestia

11.30–12.00

Cabbio, Casa Cantoni, caminiera

Lunch break

(pic-nic in Casa Cantoni or SUPSI)

14.00–14.30

Mendrisio, SUPSI: Introduction to a technical reading of a stucco work (A. Felici, G. Nicoli)

14.30–15.00

Mendrisio, SUPSI: The stucco working technique of B. Fontana (A. Felici, G. Nicoli)

Break

15.30–16.00

Mendrisio, SUPSI: Materials of the stucco decoration in the Ticinese area (G. Cavallo)

16.00–16.30

Mendrisio, SUPSI: Results from the scientific characterization of the stucco decoration (M. Caroselli, J. Válek)

17.30–18.30

Castel San Pietro, chiesa Sant'Eusebio

Tuesday 25 April 2023

9.00–18.00

Mendrisio, SUPSI, Practical exercises: understanding Baldassarre Fontana technical skills in stucco making (G. Nicoli, M. Uccelli)

19.00–21.00

Dinner in Grotto Eremo San Nicolao
<https://www.grottoeremosannicolao.ch/>

Wednesday 26 April 2023

Visits to monuments equipped with scaffolding

08.30–10.00

Balerna, Collegiata San Vittore

11.00–13.00

Carona, Santa Maria d'Ongero

Lunch break

14.30–16.00

Cavallasca, Oratorio Imbonati

16.30–17.30

Cantù, Church of the Trasfigurazione

Thursday 27 April 2023

Val d'Intelvi – on site visits

09.00–10.00

Rovio, Chiesa Santi Vitale e Agata

10.00–11.00

Arogno, Chiesa di Santo Stefano

11.30–12.30

Scaria, Santa Maria

Lunch break

13.30–14.30

Laino, San Lorenzo, Stucchi Barberini

14.30–15.30

San Fedele Intelvi, Sant'Antonio Abate

15.30–16.30

Castiglione d'Intelvi, Santa Maria del Restello

16.30–17.30

Casasco d'Intelvi, Oratorio Vergine del Carmine

Pellio, Sagrestia San Giorgio

Friday 28 April 2023

9.00–16.00

Lugano Lake area – on site visits
Campione d'Italia, Santuario dei Ghirli

Riva San Vitale / Bissone / Melide / Morcote

Lugano, Cathedral and other churches, free visits

16.30–18.00

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Discussion about the models of stucco work, final comments and conclusion of the workshop.

Saturday 29 April 2023

Departure of all participants / free programme



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