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Italian sculptor Dionisio Cimarelli beside his sculpture of Italian missionary to China, Matteo Ricci (1552-1610)

'Porcelain Sculpture at the Courts of Savoy: The Fascinating Story of China's Influence in Italy and the West'

by **Dionisio Cimarelli**

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Dionisio Cimarelli

Dionisio Cimarelli, an internationally celebrated Italian sculptor, is considered to be the greatest Italian sculptor to have lived and sculpted in China. His style is a blend of Italian and Chinese that has led to critics likening him to a modern day Marco Polo. He is best known for his contemporary figurative sculptures in Chinese porcelain and an iconic sculpture of Matteo Ricci, an extraordinary 16th century Jesuit who became an advisor to the Court of the Winli Emperor of the Ming Dynasty.

Cimarelli currently teaches in New York at the New York Academy of Art and at The Art Students League of New York. Born in the Marche region of Italy, he received his education in sculpture the *Liceo Artistico Edgardo Mannucci* in Ancona and the *Accademia di Belle Arti* in Carrara. To collect information for his thesis, in 1986 he traveled to China in 1988, an article describing Cimarelli's one-year trip was published in *Tuttoturismo* magazine. In 1994, Cimarelli was awarded a diploma in Sculpture at *Scola Profesciunela per la Artejanat artistich Gherdeina* in South Tyrol, Italy. In 1995, he enrolled at the University of Paris in Paris, France. In 1997, he studied with sculptor Mikhail Anikushin at the Imperial Academy of Arts in St. Petersburg, Russia. In 1998, he attended the Academy of Fine Arts, Prague, Czech Republic.

Cimarelli has participated in several large sculptural and architectural restoration projects. From 1990-2003, he worked on several prestigious renovation and restoration projects: the Court Napoleon at the Louvre Museum, the Christiansborg Palace Chapel in Copenhagen, Denmark, the Strasbourg Cathedral in Strasbourg, France, the Porte d'Aix in Marseille, France, the Institution of Civil Engineers headquarters in London, England, and the Stockholm Palace and House of Nobility in Stockholm, Sweden.

From 2007-2010, he served as Art Supervisor for the Zhongkai Sheshan Villas in Shanghai, China. Designed by ten architectural firms, the project consisted of 81 contemporary luxury villas. Four of the villas were designed by Mack Scogin of Mack Scogin Merrill Elam, architect and adjunct Professor of Architecture at Harvard University. Built with stone, marble, wood, and metal, Cimarelli oversaw the quality of materials and construction for the project.

Cimarelli has been a visiting scholar at Wimbledon College of Art in London, England, and King Saud University in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. He has lectured internationally at universities including: Sir J.J. School of Art at University of Mumbai in Mumbai, India; Silliman University in Dumaguete City, Philippines; China Academy of Art in Hangzhou, China; China Central Academy of Fine Arts and Beijing Renwen University in Beijing, China; and Ontario College of Art & Design in Toronto, Canada.

Cimarelli has also been a guest speaker at the Diocesan Museum in Jesi, Italy and the Beijing International Sculpture Forum organized by the Ministry of Culture of the People's Republic of China and *China Sculpture Magazine* in Beijing, China. We are pleased to welcome him to our 15th Annual Savoy History Series.



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