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The breathtaking genius of Raffaello Sanzio da Urbino is the subject of an extraordinarily limited collection of writing instruments made in the finest Italian tradition. Opulence, expression and precision exist in abundance in the handpainted beauty of Montegrappa's Raffaello.







Self-Portrait Oil on board (48x33 cm) - 1506 Uffizi Gallery, Florence Saint Catherine of Alexandria oil on board (71×53 cm) - 1508 National Gallery, London Sistine Madonna oil on canvas (265x196 cm) - 1513-1514 Gemäldegalerie Alte Meister, Dresden Madonna of the Meadow oil on board (113x88 cm) - 1506 Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vienna Madonna della seggiola oil on board (71×71 cm) - 1513-1514 Palazzo Pitti, Florence



Montegrappa celebrates a titan of the High Renaissance. Five centuries after Raphael's death, hand-painted reproductions of five of his most captivating works provide the centrepieces for a pen collection created to impossibly high standards.

Details from the Vatican's famous Raphael Rooms are recreated in precious metals to frame the timeless works of the 'Prince of Painters'. Each piece is one of a miniedition of only five, individually numbered writing instruments. Italian virtuosity can be found in every detail.

Each piece in this extraordinarily limited edition has been painstakingly painted by Atelier micro-brush artist, Alessandra Malesan. Montegrappa's Atelier is a bespoke workshop specialised in creating bespoke writing instruments for private clients.

Five selected works have been recreated from Raphael's Florentine (1504-08) and Roman (1508-20) periods: Self-Portrait, Madonna of the Meadow, Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Sistine Madonna, and Madonna della seggiola.

With each individual piece requiring months of handpainting to complete, only five examples of each design will be created – commemorating five centuries since Raphael's untimely death in 1520.



PACKAGING SPECIAL

WEIGHT: 1875g

WIDTH: 270 mm

HEIGHT: 80 mm

DEPTH: 175 mm



Raphael was a prodigious painter, architect and antiquities expert whose career coincided with those of Michelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci. Together, this trinity of masters are regarded as the axis of the High Renaissance.

Raffaello Sanzio da Urbino was born in 1483. Upon moving to Rome in 1508, Raphael was commissioned to paint the Stanza della Segnatura in the Vatican Palace. He was only able to complete three of the four "Raphael Rooms" before dying in 1520, aged only 37.

This edition marks the first occasion that Montegrappa has placed a brush-painted design on public release. Hand-painting is a highly specialised craft normally reserved for private clients.

Raphael is the tenth subject inducted into Genio Creativo – a limited-edition series inaugurated in 2007. Figures honoured have included Stradivarius, Tchaikovsky, da Vinci and Kahlil Gibran.

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