



FONDAZIONE CASA BUONARROTI

Il Direttore

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DECLARATION

As the Director of the Casa Buonarroti, Institution and Museum in Florence, Italy, I declare that the original bronze casting of Michelangelo's *Pietà Vaticana* respects the original artistic intent of the artist, Michelangelo Buonarroti, and has been recognized as meeting the highest quality standards by the experts and specialized art critics in Florence and at Fondazione Casa Buonarroti.

The sculpture was cast from the only mold approved by Casa Buonarroti, Italy and was taken from Michelangelo's original marble statue located in the Saint Peters Basilica in Rome by the founder of the Fonderia Artistica Ferdinando Marinelli in the nineteen thirty two. The current Italian law now prohibits taking casts from antique sculptures located in Italy.

The posthumously cast edition of Michelangelo's *Pietà Vaticana* published by New Renaissance Art and cast by the Fonderia Artistica Ferdinando Marinelli is produced in a strictly limited and authentic original edition. This edition is an effective way of sharing Michelangelo's art patrimony with the world.

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