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David by Michelangelo

In: Inventory of the Objects in the Art Division of the Museum at South Kensington, Arranged According to the Dates of their Acquisition. Some have accused him of being avaricious, but they are mistaken, for he freely gave away his drawings and models and pictures, for which he might have obtained thousands of crowns. Thus, mock ups for most of his sculptures no longer exist.

Intro

Endless disputes now arose, because the facade should have been divided among several persons. I have had him twenty-six years, and have found him most rare and faithful; and now that I had made him rich, and hoped that he would have been the support of my old age, he has left me, and nothing remains but the hope of meeting him again in Paradise.

David by Michelangelo

He next did the creation of our mother Eve, showing two nudes, one in a heavy sleep like death, the other quickened by the blessing of God. According to history, he projected a system to quarry the marble and take it to Florence, where he wanted to use it for the decoration of the facade of San Lorenzo.

A Wax Artist's Model from the Renaissance

Small sketches, such as the Venus and Adonis or Cupid and Psyche, have an extraordinary power and vitality which echoes the Neo-classical pronouncement: 'Conceive with fire and execute with phlegm'. The fact that the Sistine Chapel ceiling consists of a small number of repeating elements means that a small set of simple models of the ceiling would suffice.

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