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- A little-known painter, but an extraordinary talent, astonishing to behold
- Never-before-seen images

The Italian painter Ugo Celada (1895-1995) has enigmatically and at length remained outside of the circle of renowned artistic names. Faithful to the atelier practices common among the old masters and yet fully aware of everything happening in his own time, he chose not to compete, in an era (the two decades of Fascist rule) when not taking a militant position meant being relegated to the sidelines. This book offers a rediscovery of his art, and through essays by two art historians who places his work in a context that goes beyond the merely contingent, he establishes himself in the setting of a Tradition.

It is with the great Italian masters of centuries past that Celada establishes a fertile and enduring dialogue, albeit ideal. What emerges, thanks to a selection of images of his creations, is the profile of a painter at once venerable and modern.

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