

A mythical story to decorate

TARGET GROUP: Primary school

OBJECTIVE: provide elements of Knowledge of the art of Mastro Giorgio, in particular his famous production of historiated and lusted dishes ; stimulate the ability to observing and reading painted images; experience the reading of the mythological story through art .

FORM: the school group will be guided to the production of an artifact inspired by the famous historiated dish depicting "The Fall of Phaethon", by means of precise instructions and the use of images and cards.

SUBJECTS INVOLVED: history, art and image

DURATION: 1 h 30 min

COST: € 4,00 per person if held in the Civic Museum

Required materials:

A round cardboard base with a diameter of 20 cm. We suggest you to use a simple cardboard base for cakes.

Pencil, scissors, vinyl glue or stick , a small paint brush, golden and red glitter (one pack each)

“Mastro Giorgio and the Story of Phaethon” (card to print attached to the teaching kit)

“Reading the artwork” (card to print attached to the teaching kit)

Image of the dish depicting "The Fall of Phaethon" (to print attached to the teaching kit)

Instruction for implementation:

Read the card “Mastro Giorgio and the Story of Phaethon”, also helping you with the image of the historiated dish.

Complete the card “Reading the artwork” to fix the information received.

Cut out the image of the dish depicting "The Fall of Phaethon" along the contour and glue it on the base of round-shaped cardboard.

Decorate with glitter some details of the image you have glued on the cardboard, to imitate the preciousness and brightness that Mastro Giorgio obtained with the lustre technique. Pour the red and golden glitter glue in two jars and spread it with the paint brush. Use gold glitter to decorate the large yellow circle in the center of the dish, the outer edge and reflections in the river water; use the red ones for the robe and hair of Phaethon, for the thin circle in the center of the dish, for one of the two figures embraced at the tree. When the colours have dried sign your artwork by writing your name on the back of the cardboard, also indicating the date.

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