



NICCOLO CORTIGLIA

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SORDONI ART GALLERY

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Sundays 1-5 p.m.



BIOGRAPHY

Niccolo Cortiglia was born in New York City in 1893 and received his early art instruction at the John Herron Art Institute, Indianapolis, Indiana. While there he studied under William Forsyth and was encouraged to continue his studies in Italy at the Royal Academy of Fine Arts, Florence. By 1919 he had set up his independent studio and went on to exhibit successfully at the Society of Fine Arts there as well as in Venice and Rome. His striking portrait "Sphinx" claimed the first prize in painting at the Society in 1920. Returning to New York in 1922, he exhibited at the National Academy of design and undertook a number of portrait commissions — one bringing him to Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Here he remained, intrigued by the new landscape and by new faces. His productive career flourished along with the Cortiglia Art School which he founded in 1923.

STATEMENT

In the period when American art was struggling to make itself heard and to establish its own place in the art world, Niccolo Cortiglia came to Wyoming Valley. He looked hard into the faces of its people—he was enchanted with what he saw. He set up a studio, and went on to become the dean of its artist, and a most distinguished portrait painter. His portrait commissions of outstanding personalities earned him a reputation of international fame; soon many awards and honors came his way. Looking at some of the names of Mr. Cortiglia's sitters, you could almost trace the history of Wyoming Valley past and present.

Mr. Cortiglia's art springs from his continued interest in the personality as well as from a broad culture and knowledge of the whole tradition of painting. He is a seeker with a fresh imaginative mind, inquisitive, full of the excitement of discovery. Professional jealousy has never been part of his make up for he has been friend and benefactor to many struggling artists. His one man art school established in 1923 was the spring board for many aspiring and creative young people of the region.

On meeting Mr. Cortiglia you are immediately aware that he is an artist; his face and eyes are alert and alive to life and people. His innate ability to capture a likeness as well as the real character of his sitters has made him a leading portraitist, but his work in landscape and still life has added a greater dimension to Mr. Cortiglia as an artist. The exhibition of paintings and drawings is retrospective in nature, though many are new and have not been shown before.

Mr. Cortiglia's interests are not limited to painting; they range from good food and wine, music and literature, to the art of gracious living.

Niccolo Cortiglia is a familiar figure to many as he quietly walks the streets of his adopted town, looking, seeking, smiling. He is a romantic, realist, impressionist—he is Mr. Art.

J. Philip Richards
*Professor Emeritus of Fine Arts
Director, Sordoni Art Gallery*



21. Senator A. J. Sordoni

PAINTINGS IN EXHIBITION

1. "Winter"
Owned by: Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Smith
Oil
2. "Mrs. Harold C. Snowden, Jr."
Owned by: Mr. and Mrs. Harold C. Snowden, Jr.
Oil
3. "Tracy"
Owned by: Mr. and Mrs. Harold C. Snowden, Jr.
Pastel
4. "Patricia Mack"
Owned by: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mack, Jr.
Pastel
5. "Mrs. Joseph Nelson"
Owned by: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Nelson
Pastel
6. "Reverend Lane D. Kilburn"
Owned by: King's College
Oil
7. "Expo '70"
Owned by: King's College
Casein
8. "Venetian Scene"
Owned by: King's College
Oil
9. "Roy Morgan"
Owned by: Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Morgan
Pastel



29. Francesca

PAINTINGS IN EXHIBITION

10. "Mrs. John N. Conyngham, III"
Owned by: Mr. and Mrs. John N. Conyngham, III
Pastel
11. "Pennsylvania Hills"
Owned by: Mr. and Mrs. John N. Conyngham, III
Oil
12. "Mrs. Rosemary Caputo"
Owned by: Mr. and Mrs. A. Richard Caputo
Pastel
13. "Dr. Charles B. Reif"
Owned by: Dr. and Mrs. Charles Reif
Pastel
14. "Sally Marlino"
Owned by: Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Marlino
Pastel
15. "Angela Marlino"
Owned by: Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Marlino
Pastel
16. "Mrs. Rose Featherstone"
Owned by: Mrs. Rose Featherstone
Pastel
17. "Flowers"
Owned by: Mrs. Eberhard L. Faber
Casein
18. "Paul Lumia"
Owned by: Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. Lumia
Pastel

PAINTINGS IN EXHIBITION

19. "Franny Lumia"

Owned by: Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. Lumia
Pastel

20. "Lena"

Owned by: Miss Lena Marlino
Oil

21. "Senator A. J. Sordoni"

Owned by: the Sordoni Family
Oil

22. "Stephen Sordoni"

Owned by: Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Sordoni
Pastel

23. "Mrs. Clare Sordoni"

Owned by: Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Sordoni
Pastel

24. "Robert Rinehimer"

Owned by: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rinehimer
Pastel

25. "Coal Breaker"

Owned by: Mr. and Mrs. James F. Geddes
Oil

26. "Mrs. Cornelia Conyngham"

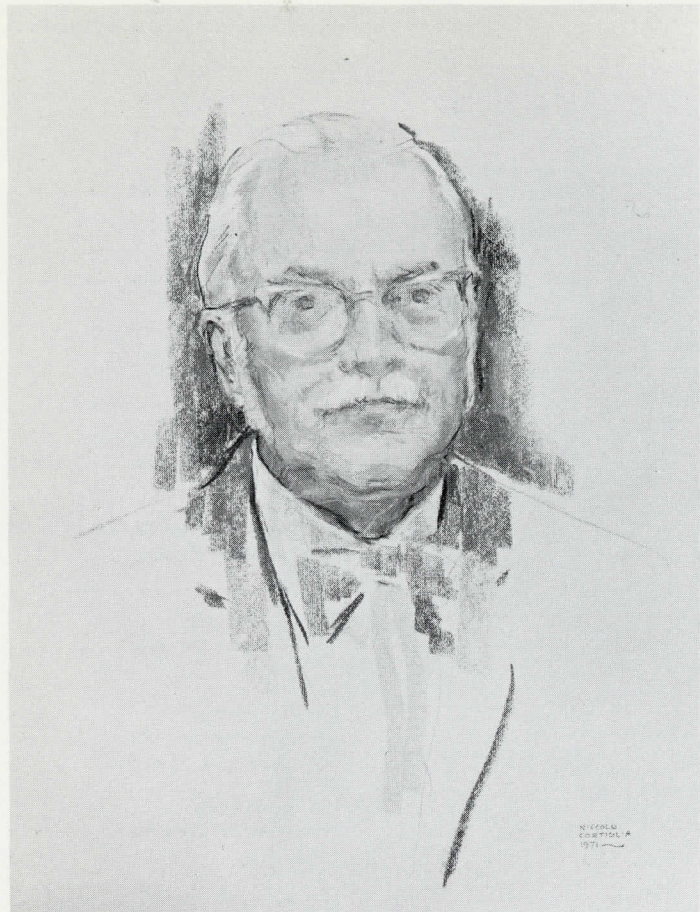
Owned by: Mr. and Mrs. William L. Conyngham
Pastel

27. "Reflections Venice"

Owned by: the artist
Oil



12. Mrs. Rosemary Caputo



9. Roy Morgan

PAINTINGS IN EXHIBITION

28. "della Robbia Madonna"
Owned by: the artist
Oil
29. "Francesca"
Owned by: the artist
Oil
30. "Guthrie Conyngham"
Owned by: Mrs. Guthrie Conyngham
Pastel
31. "Victoria Sordoni Gilbert"
Owned by: the artist
Pastel
32. "Rock Garden"
Owned by: the artist
Oil
33. "Victorian Vase"
Owned by: Frances L. Marlino
Casein
34. "Gladiolus"
Owned by: the artist
Casein
35. "Silver Bowl"
Owned by: the artist
Casein
36. "Artist Wife"
Owned by: the artist
Oil



39. Nantucket

PAINTINGS IN EXHIBITION

37. "Artist Wife"
Owned by: the artist
Pastel
38. "Petunias"
Owned by: the artist
Casein
39. "Nantucket"
Owned by: the artist
Oil
40. "Chinese Screen"
Owned by: the artist
Casein
41. "Homage to Mozart"
Owned by: the artist
Casein
42. "The Bay of St. Mark's Venice"
Owned by: the artist
Oil
43. "Al Fresco"
Owned by: the artist
Casein
44. "Hibiscus"
Owned by: the artist
Acrylic
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Owned by: the artist
Acrylic

PAINTINGS IN EXHIBITION

46. "Venetian Boats"

Owned by: the artist
Oil

47. "Still Life"

Owned by: the artist
Casein

48. "Mrs. John Magagna"

Owned by: Mr. and Mrs. John Magagna
Pastel

49. "Courtyard"

Owned by: the artist
Oil

50. "Mrs. George W. Guthrie"

Owned by: the Conyngham Family
Oil

51. "Luna"

Owned by: the artist
Pastel

52. "Market Venice"

Owned by: Dr. and Mrs. Charles B. Reif
Oil

53. "Mrs. Guthrie Conyngham"

Owned by: Mrs. Guthrie Conyngham
Pastel

54. "Pastel Portrait"

Owned by: the Sordoni Family
Pastel

55. "Portrait of Ruth"

Owned by: Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Sordoni
Pastel



42. The Bay of St. Mark's Venice



43. Al Fresco