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Art World Roundup: New news from the Met on Sackler connections, a \$22,000 publication on the Sistine Chapel, and more



The Sistine Chapel ceiling, which inspired Gary Bevans to recreate it in Sussex. Courtesy Flickr Commons.

WANT THE SISTINE CHAPEL IN THE PALM OF YOUR HANDS?

On November 1st, a book with the most colour-accurate photographs of the Sistine Chapel, in 1:1 scale, will be released. It'll just set you back \$22,000. Simply titled *The Sistine Chapel*, the English edition of the compilation has been produced and published by Callaway Arts and Entertainment. Consisting of three volumes, each of the books is two-feet-tall and bound in silk and white calf. The Callaway team worked over the course of 67 consecutive nights to photograph the chapel in top-of-the-line gigapixel photographs. Ultimately, 270,000 images were captured before being combined to create the books. *The Sistine Chapel's* photos are 99.4 percent accurate, so they might seem more realistic than if you were to see the frescoes yourself. When Callaway set out to create an updated version of a 1991 series that took on the famous chapel, they learned a project was already underway by Scripta Maneant, an Italian publisher. They then joined forces to create the tomb.. "You're seeing it at the same size, at arm's length, as a viewer as if you were a bird sitting on Michelangelo's shoulder," said Nicholas Callaway of the book. "If you put it in the realm of unique things, or if you put it in the context of the art market, \$22,000 is not an expensive work of art."

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