

ITALIA: A User's Manual for Lending and Borrowing Art Works

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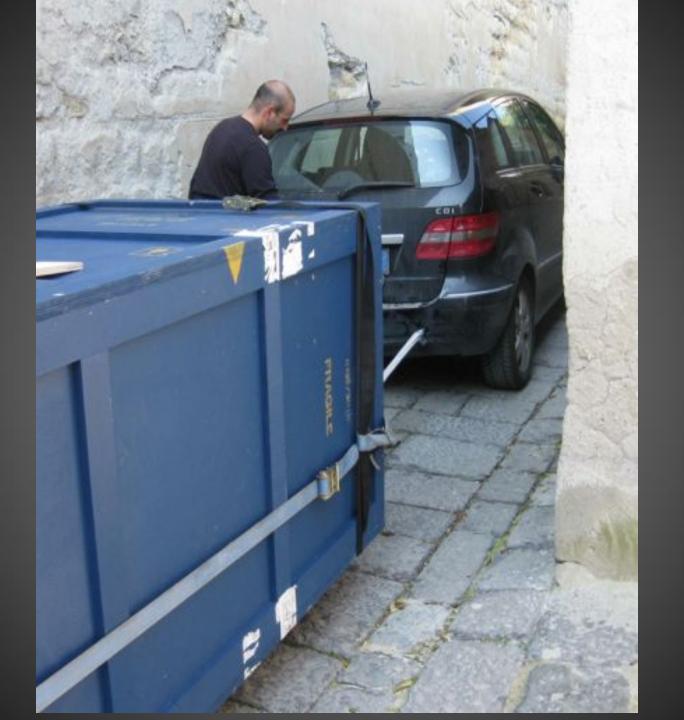




























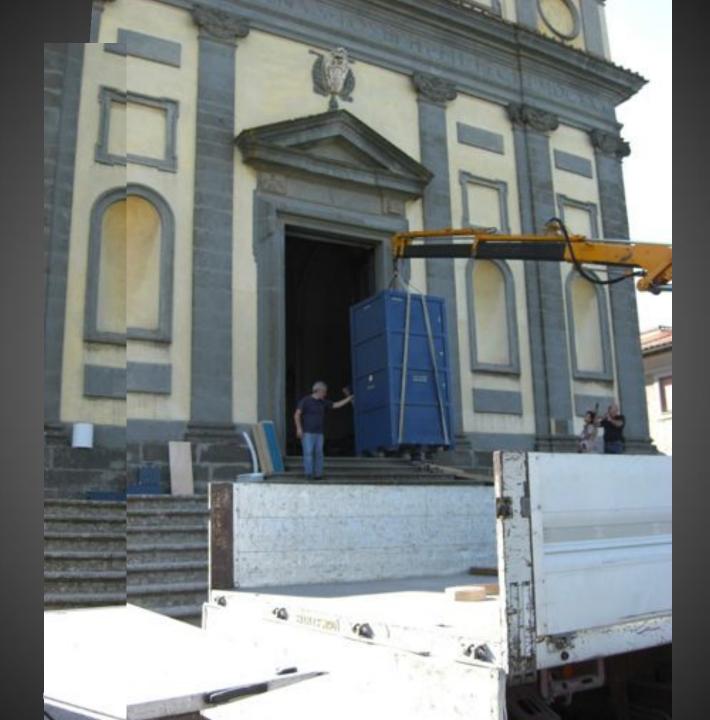






































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Helpful Tips Regarding Loans to Italy

- Provide Information in Advance:
 - Precise dimensions: (H x W x D) of object both framed and unframed (Note: <u>framed object depth usually differs from frame depth</u>)
 - Weight (if critical)
 - Any special installation requirements including mounting hardware, microclimate information or requirements



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Couriers -

 Send couriers with good practical knowledge who can confidently make decisions and authorize unusual procedures, of course, after evaluating their safety



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- Ask in advance the more you know about the logistics in advance of travel, the better prepared you will be to handle any unexpected procedure
 - Lowest door height that the crate must pass through
 - Access routes
 - Equipment needed to move crates dollies, carts, fork lifts, cranes, etc.
 - Hanging mechanisms
 - Stanchions, railings, or platforms for maintaining safe distance



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- Ask in advance (again) During travel, identify the supervisor for each phase of transfer and installation and ask for explanation of each specific procedure <u>before it occurs</u> to avoid any surprises before it's too late to make changes
 - Palletization access
 - Equipment used to move crates
 - Know where an object will be placed <u>before</u> it is moved
 - Temporary overnight storage
 - State that your crates should <u>never</u> be moved without you being present



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Be flexible –

- Deliveries may have to occur in early morning or late at night to comply with laws restricting traffic in pedestrian zones
- Understand that things may be done differently than you may be accustomed to, but that there is usually a good reason



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