



Andrea del Sarto Florence, 1486-1530 The Virgin with a Saint and an Angel, c.1522/3 Panel, 177 \times 135 cm Acquired by Philip IV at the sale of the collection of Charles I of England in 1649 Cat. no. 334

Antonio Allegri, known as Correggio Correggio, 1489-1534 Noli me tangere, c.1534 Panel transferred to canvas, 130 × 103 cm Gift from the Duke of Medina de las Torres to Philip IV at the Escorial Entered the Prado in 1839 Cat. no. 111

Untempted by Rome, Florence or Venice, Correggio worked in the northern Italian town of Parma and maintained his originality throughout the Renaissance, becoming one of the most significant precursors of

seventeenth-century Baroque painting. However, he was undoubtedly receptive to the influence of Raphael and Leonardo in particular: his perception of ideal beauty and the structure of his compositions owe much to Raphael, while his handling of textures and light is due to Leonardo. In this picture he used the classic pyramidal composition of the High Renaissance, combined with a diagonal movement that anticipated the Baroque. The beautiful landscape evokes the light at dawn, when Mary Magdalene encountered Christ near the tomb.

Agnolo di Cosimo Mariano, known as Bronzino Florence, 1503-72 Garcia de'Medici (?), c.1550 Panel, 42×38 cm Royal collection Cat. no. 5