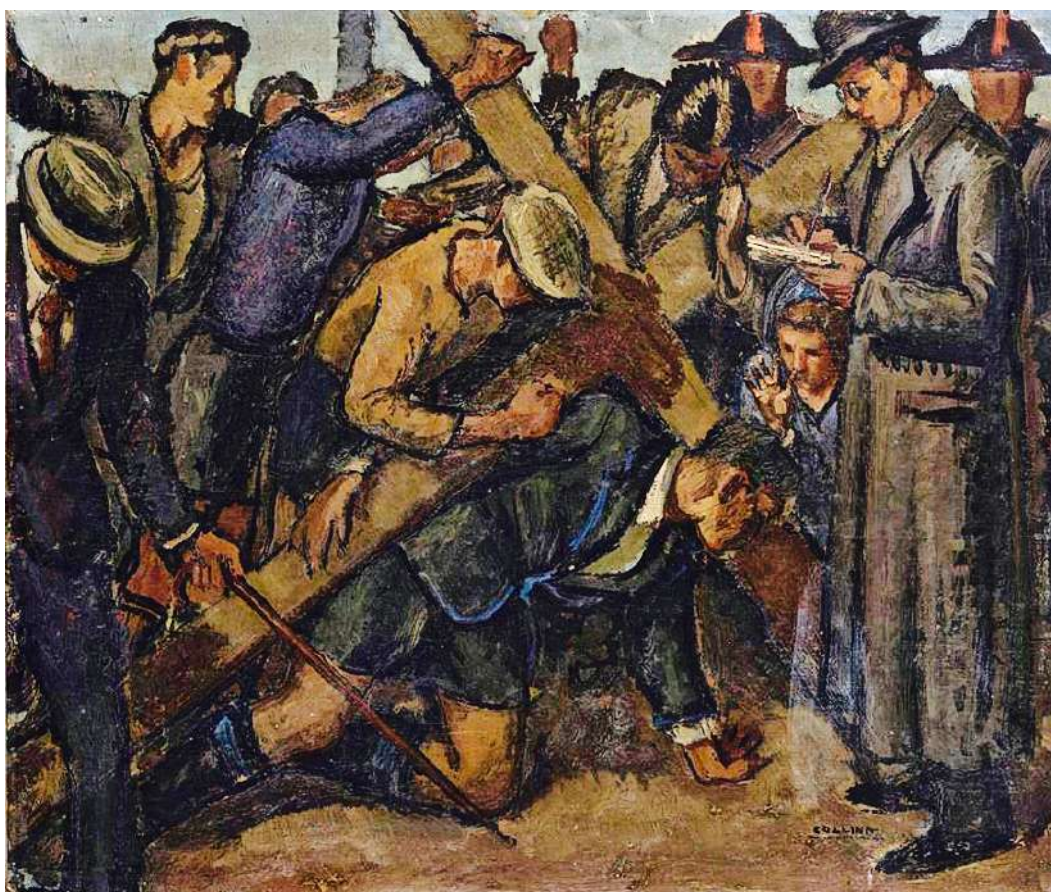


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I&B PRESENTS THE HISTORICAL PAINTING "LA PASSIONE DELL'ARBITRO", THE FIRST PAINTING IN ART HISTORY TO CELEBRATE THE FIGURE OF THE REFEREE



Raffaele Collina (Faenza, 1899 - Campo Ligure, 1968) - *La Passione dell'Arbitro*
c. 1930 | Oil on panel, 50x60 cm – Signed bottom right
Innova et Bella Collection

Milan, September 11th, 2024 | Innova et Bella presents for the first time to the public the historic painting *La Passione dell'Arbitro* by Raffaele Collina (Faenza, 1899 - Campo Ligure 1968).

The work, which can be dated to the first half of the last century, celebrates in a successful allegorical composition, the passion of the referee. In the pictorial composition, centered on the sporting sacrifice of the referee, all the players in



the game of football are masterfully portrayed: the Public, the Supporters, the Players, the Managers, the Journalists, and the Policemen.

The image is dynamic and vibrant, light and shadow give depth and realism to the entire scene, capturing the referee's professional passion in the inevitable fate of eternal public contestation.

The subject, depicted here for the first time in the history of art, makes this painting a unique work of great historical and artistic value, both for its remarkable execution and its connection to the artist's life.

Raffaele Collina, a great painter and football enthusiast, tragically passed away after a sudden illness in the stands of a playing field while cheering for his beloved football team, Vado F.C. 1913, the historic winner of the first edition of the Coppa Italia in 1922.

The historical painting *La Passione dell'Arbitro*, which has recently been conservatively restored at Carlotta Beccaria's fine art restoration studio, is now available to Media, Sports Organizations, and Museums that wish to exhibit it to the public.

Francesco Guido Bonetti, President of Innova et Bella, said: *"We are pleased to offer the historical painting La Passione dell'Arbitro to Media, Institutions, and Organizations that wish to expose it to art and sports enthusiasts during their events and exhibitions. It is wonderful to share an historical artwork with football fans, celebrating together the values and passions of our favorite sport."*

Davide Marelli, Innova et Bella Associate, explained: *"Media, Museums, Clubs, and Institutions who wish to display the historical painting La Passione dell'Arbitro during their events can contact our offices directly. The painting is available on free loan, subject to agreed-upon safety, insurance, transportation, and exhibition protocols."*

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REFERENCES AND CONTACTS

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1. Press Release, 2. [Biography of R. Collina](#), 3. [Photographic reproductions of the painting](#).