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MASSIMO CAGGIANO:



Tell us a little about yourself.

I was born in Salerno, south of Naples in 1958. I have been involved in the world of art in Rome for more than 30 years. Supported by the Italian presidency in the 1990s, I founded the art gallery Il Polittico. Around 1993, driven by my own increasing rhythm and my leaning towards geometric harmony, I began to create. Since 1996, I took on the artistic direction of first class international events including the 2000 Expo project in Tokyo dedicated to the pictorial collection on Bulgari and those promoted in 2001 by Starwood at the suites of the St. Regis Grand Hotel in Rome.

All your pieces are very symmetrical. Is this a reflection of your personality?

All the pieces I create seem to be born of a free spirit. They are animated by a secret interior rhythm, from a strong propensity for exact proportions and a geometric internalization, which are transformed into an art form. I manage to converse geometric proportions, often designed in a repetitive three-dimensional form, using exclusive shades of red, blue, ivory, and green which nourish the dimension of space and time with gold to catch the brightness and with precious woods. For example, the sofa I am sitting on (Abraccio) gives you the effect that you are holding somebody special. I actually got the idea of this unique piece of furniture from my dreams.

Why do you have the same criteria when

designing a piece?

I focus on a very important thing before designing a piece. This is the relaxing and calming effect it should give the person who looks at it. In other words, it is the dream effect. This is true of spheres, which are present in each of my creations. The pieces don't have straight edges or borders. They are considered contemporary pieces, yet are timeless. They seem created and built in a philosophical workshop.

What would be the perfect gift for the lady of the house?

Those unique pieces in solid wood and painted in 24-carat gold and entirely handmade are the perfect gifts; they are currently displayed in the Bulgari Boutique in New York.