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# Alexander Trippel and Bartolomeo Cavaceppi in the Roman Art Market

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Fig. 1 Courtyard of the Palazzo Valle-Capranica, by Maerten van Heemskerck, c. 1536. Etching by Jerome Cock, 1553. A Lorenzetto-like antico reconstruction of a Classical cortile decorated with restored ancient sculptures.

During the late eighteenth century, when Alexander Trippel came to Rome, the city's antiquities trade was flourishing with unprecedented intensity. That powerful art market had, of course, a long history.

The resurrected remains of antique sculptures, which once gave the ancient city as great a population of statues as of human inhabitants, everywhere substantiated accounts inherited from Cicero, Verro, Pliny, Quintilian, and others concerning taste and collecting practices in Rome from the late Republic to the decline of the city. Antiquities appropriated and assembled as *spolia* were in Medieval Rome regularly visited as *mirabilia* until the Renaissance, when such holdings were systematically enlarged, as the city became a major socio-political power in Italy and the rest of Europe. During the pagan revivals of the Middle Ages, Latin families and foreign legates in the papal government regularly excavated their properties in and about the city in search of antique remains.<sup>1</sup>

"The Courtyard of the Palazzo Delle Valle", drawn by Heemskerck (Fig. 1), gives some notion of the pride and expense involved in the dynastic and ornamental use of antiquities, also documented by Aldrovandi<sup>2</sup> and by Vasari, the latter when discussing the antiquarian career of Raphael's colleague, the sculptor Lorenzetto.<sup>3</sup>

The Vatican Belvedere sculpture garden, like the palaces and villas of the Cesi and other powerful families discussed by Hübner, Hülsen, Michaelis, and Ackerman, similarly presented quasi-public displays of antiquities, which by the time of Guglielmo Della Porta (died 1577) were being freely and independently restored, traded, and copied in plaster casts for private and commercial uses among the artists and collectors of Rome.<sup>4</sup> Bertolotti, Lanciani, and other archivists list many *scarpellini*, excavators, and dealers, along with major artists and collectors, who were engaged in restoration, sale, and exchange of antiquities before the eighteenth century.<sup>5</sup>



Fig. 2 The Society of Dilettanti, by Joshua Reynolds, 1777–1779. Milords at home – a select initiated fraternity of gentlemen of virtù recalling the delights of antiquarianism on their Roman holidays. London, Society of Dilettanti.

Restorations by Donatello and Verrocchio,<sup>6</sup> fakes by Michelangelo and Cioli, and miniaturist antico copies and forgeries made as Florentine, Paduan, and Venetian coins, gems, minor statuary, and reliefs for sale and exchange document still earlier traffic in antiquities and their reproductions. Literary and sculptural remains attest to similar practices in Antiquity. All these phenomena contributed to the character and development of the Roman antiquarian market and its traditions.

By the seventeenth century the restoration, reproduction, and sale of antiquities – involving scholars, artists, and dealers and employing publication, prints, casts, copies, and translations into other media – were steady sources of income; antiquities became cultural capital for influential artists and patrons in Rome and, through them, all Europe.<sup>7</sup>

With the growing political and economic power of Catholic monarchs and Transalpine Protestant and Slavic nations during the eighteenth century and with the effects of the Enlightenment on increasingly secularized and politicized Rome (which was at once host to the Pretender and supporter of covert emissaries from Hanoverian England), dissenting views arose within the papacy about the Church Militant and its Jesuitic diplomacy. The Jesuit order and its barochetto art style fell from favor.

The election of Pius VI (Braschi; 1775–1799), formerly treasurer for Clement XIV and founder of the Museo Pio-



Fig. 3 The Studio of Bartolomeo Cavaceppi, 1769. Etching from BARTOLOMEO CAVACEPPI, *Raccolta d'antiche statue, busti, bassirilievi ed altre sculture ristaurate...*, vol. II [1769], frontispiece. In a workshop and courtyard of the Museo Cavaceppi, the master restorer, sketching in clay at lower left, is shown surrounded by artisans engaged with copying machines, casts, fragments, and restored major sculptures, mainly destined for the collection of Frederick the Great at Potsdam.

Clementino after the completion of the Museo Capitolino, ushered in a new era of Enlightenment, secularization, and commerce in antiquities as prime concerns of papal government.

The antiquarian activities of Pius VI's Arcadian champion and quasi-model Cardinal Alessandro Albani – at the Villa Albani and for the principal art institutions of Rome, including the Capitoline Museum – set a pattern for the Pope and the Visconti, who served him as scholar-agents, much as Baron von Stosch and Winckelmann had served Albani.

Justi, Michaelis, Noack, Ashby, Schudt, Ford, the Haskell team, and many others, citing journals, letters, travel books, etc., have documented the hordes of visitors to Rome who came from north of the Alps during the long reign of Pius VI. They included most of the principal political and cultural leaders of Europe, as well as artists and amateurs of the northern nations.

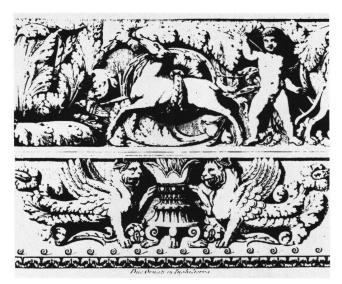


Fig. 4 Ornamental Reliefs, by the Cavaceppi studio, 1772. Etching from BARTOLOMEO CAVACEPPI, Raccolta d'antiche statue, busti, bassirilievi ed altre sculture ristaurate..., vol. III [1772], 19.

The Pope's jealous restrictions on exports – which nonetheless continued to increase – heightened the frenzy for antiquities and their copies and casts. An entire industry thrived in response to the growing furor, and distinctions between artist, entrepreneur, collector, dealer, excavator, restorer, and cicerone were blurred. We have, for example, the English painter, banker, dealer and covert diplomat Thomas Jenkins; the Scottish painter, excavator and agent Gavin Hamilton; the Prussian cicerone, scholar and curator J. J. Winckelmann; Friedrich Wilhelm von Erdmannsdorf; Johann Friedrich Reiffenstein; Christian Hagedorn; and the native Roman restorer, dealer, collector and excavator Bartolomeo Cavaceppi and his students and colleagues, such as Trippel's friends Giuseppe Angelini and Vincenzo Pacetti.<sup>8</sup>

During their delicious and diverting Roman holiday, wonderfully described in Goethe's diary, visitors stayed mainly near the North Gate of Rome, in the artists' center, where an international population then, as now, toured and visited the various studios, galleries, coffee houses, and hotels, buying, talking, and vicariously living the antiquarian life (Fig. 2). As we learn from Cicognara and others, the artists of Rome, foreign and domestic, then represented its major industry.<sup>9</sup>

Trippel came to Rome from Schaffhausen and Zurich (1776) at an opportune moment in the history of Neoclassic antiquarianism. Pius VI had just been elected, and he began to augment Enlightenment policies dedicated to the civic improvement and beautification of Rome, furthering its cultural leadership. The Vatican Museum, with its immense collections of freshly excavated and restored antiquities, was the principal ornament of his reign. Artists and amateurs of taste and ambition flocked to Rome.



Fig. 5 Acanthus Frieze with Putto, Deer, Birds, and Leopard. by Alexander Trippel. Red chalk. Top, a copy of Fig. 4; below, an auxiliary architectural profile ornament. Zurich, Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule, Graphische Sammlung.

Among the first places that Trippel sought out - in addition to the studios of Phillip Hackert, Tobias Sergel, Gavin Hamilton, Anton Mengs, and other resident Transalpine artists – was the studio of Cavaceppi, an early and principal supplier to the new Museum (Fig. 3). Cavaceppi was famous throughout Europe for his many antiquarian commissions and rich holdings.<sup>10</sup> He, like Winckelmann, was renowned as the protégé and aide of Cardinal Albani and as the loyal and honored companion on Winckelmann's fatal return visit to Germany, planned to end at the court of Frederick the Great (1768). Though reticent about the inventions of the older sculptor, Trippel expressed great admiration for his antiquities collections, a "Museo" that included ancient fragments and restorations as well as modern casts, copies, bozzetti, medals, gems, prints, "Etruscan" vases, drawings, and so forth - all made famous throughout the Germanies by the writings and purchases of Winckelmann and others. Well before coming to Rome, Trippel apparently made painstaking student copies from Cavaceppi's sumptuously illustrated "Raccolta" (1768-1772) of antiquities, copies, and inventions once in his galleries (cf. Figs. 4, 5). 11 These volumes and Cavaceppi's collections, near Trippel's studio in Rome, seem to have remained a resource for him. Tracing the sources for his works to the studio of Cavaceppi, and to models for them both and for local artists in general, shows how profoundly Rome's flourishing antiquarian art market influenced contemporary taste.12

Consider, for example, sources for Trippel's figure "Charity" ("Wohltätigkeit") in the Johann Nepomuk von Schwarzenberg monument at Wittingau (1793; Fig. 6):<sup>13</sup> a summary of his means and a telling prefigurance of Bertel Thorvaldsen's more radically Archaic and Transalpine translation of a Classical personification into the crypto-Gothic image of a Christian virtue ("Hope", 1817).<sup>14</sup>

While the head with its distinctive coiffure resembles the fleshy Capitoline Venus, the upper portion of Trippel's "Charity" most directly improvises upon the venerated Villa Medici Niobe, Winckelmann's ideal of a beautiful and



Fig. 6 Grave monument of Prince Nepomuk von Schwarzenberg, by Alexander Trippel, 1793. "Charity" at left. Trebon, Schwarzenbergsche Familiengruft.



Fig. 7 Niobe and Her Youngest Daughter. Roman Imperial copy based upon a Scopaic free-standing or pedimental group. Florence, Uffizi; formerly Villa Medici.



Fig. 8 Eirene and Plutus, by Kephisidotus, restored as "Leucothea" (Ino and Dionysos) by Bartolomeo Cavaceppi for Cardinal Albani, following J. J. Winckelmann. Munich, Glyptothek; formerly Villa Albani, Salone.



Fig. 9 Parenting Eagle, Nest, and Eaglets. Roman, Vatican, Pio-Clementino Museum, Sala degli animali.

caring mother (Fig. 7). This is clear from the tragic-mask-like pathos of its similarly upturned face and the weighty forms of its chiton and upper body. The pendant matronly figure and her sheltered young Thanatos, flanking the antico bust of Schwarzenberg, freely improvise upon the rest of the Niobe composition and an aggregate of other comparably enriching antiquarian sources. The Villa Medici group had been taken to the Uffizi in 1769, but casts and studies of it were plentiful in Rome and were for sale in Cavaceppi's studio, as were studies of the Capitoline Venus.<sup>15</sup>

The widespread cloak framing Trippel's figure of "Charity" and its thematic sentiment also bring to mind Winckelmann's so-called "Leucothea", the Eirene and Plutus of Kephisidotus, prominently featured in the Parnassus Gallery of the Villa Albani Casino. Cavaceppi, its restorer and Winckelmann's collaborator, published a fine illustration of it among the first and most select plates of his "Raccolta" (Fig. 8). The clasp and cloak of "Charity" and the Schwarzenberg portrait as a whole also bring to mind canonical Roman Imperial bust portraits of heroes and rulers, illustrated in the "Raccolta" volumes. 16

Charity's lower garment, with its archaizing cascade of center folds between the legs, has various parallels in Greco-Roman ritual images, especially of Isis; that fetching pattern was also cast, copied and imitated by Cavaceppi.<sup>17</sup>

The cornucopia similarly relates to attributes in restorations and inventions of matronly figures of Fortuna by Cavaceppi, and to others by his colleagues and by ancient artists.<sup>18</sup>

The Eagle tending to her distressed chicks below resembles the well-known Mattei Eagle, duplicated among the casts in Cavaceppi's studio, and a recently discovered analogue in the Vatican Museum (Fig. 9).<sup>19</sup>

The overall appearance of Trippel's figure recalls in general ancient pensive formulae like the often heavily draped Apollo Musagete inspired to poetry and the arts among his Muses. So does the similarly posed but nude god in Anton Raphael Mengs's influential "Parnassus" at the Villa Albani, partly based upon Cavaceppi's restoration of Count Fede's Apollo from Hadrian's Villa. The Muses of Mengs seem also based partly on antiquities restored by Cavaceppi and illustrated in his "Raccolta". <sup>20</sup>

Like Mengs, Trippel used an iconographic welter of sources, as did Cavaceppi and other Roman restorers when they added "authentic" or validating archaeological attributes and attitudes to fragmented antiquities.

The thousands of antiquarian works in Cavaceppi's immense Museo and academy, like the galleries and shops of his colleagues working for the great museums and collections of Rome, and all Europe, were of inestimable importance to Trippel, both as models and as competition.

Trippel's early antico portraits of Nicolai Abilgaard, Johann Wolfgang Goethe, Johann Gottfried Herder, and others show the influence of Antonine "baroque" busts and their bases as well as similar restored, copied, and invented antiquarian portraits made by Cavaceppi and his fellows.



Fig. 10 The Verospi Zeus, by Alexander Trippel or Bartolomeo Cavaceppi (?). Terra cotta sketch, partly gilt. Rome, Palazzo Venezia; formerly Cavaceppi, Torlonia, and Gorga collections.

Trippel combined their pyrotechnic modeling and vestiges of Rococo realistic detail with his native Transalpine interests in literal renderings of nature.<sup>21</sup>

Trippel's copy of the "Farnese Homer" (Stuttgart)<sup>22</sup> and his portrait of Frederick the Great (Arolsen),<sup>23</sup> like other of his antiquarian productions in Rome, similarly profited from Cavaceppi's example. Trippel's early and rococo relief of Andromeda (1776), derived from older mutually used sources, more vaguely resembles ladies in distress by Cavaceppi and his Franco-Roman master Monnot, whose *bozzetti*, with those of kindred influential masters, were in Cavaceppi's large collections.<sup>24</sup>

Recently discovered *bozzetti* associated with that collection, once lavishly praised by Winckelmann, stem from the same cache as two closely related sketches apparently by Trippel.<sup>25</sup>

A study of the "Verospi Zeus" (Fig. 10), whose marble prototype dominates the Vatican Clementino main gallery and recalls the Olympian chryselephantine statue by Phidias, is rendered very much like other of Trippel's terra cottas and perhaps contributed to his lost plaster represent-



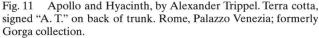




Fig. 12 Menelaos and Patroclus (?). Marble statuette. Diminutive copy of an over-life-size Pergamene bronze of about 250 B.C. Vatican, Clementino Museum, Sala dei busti.

ing Jupiter. The bisque sketch was painted gold, apparently as an "archaeological" nicety. Possibly it or another *bozzetto* of the same subject by Cavaceppi was in the restorer's collection.<sup>26</sup>

An "Apollo and Hyacinth" is identically worked, and, like other sketches by Trippel, was painted black, simulating patinated bronze (Fig. 11). It is signed "A. T." in his manner on the trunk support, and Trippel is recorded to have made both a group and a relief of the subject.<sup>27</sup> The invention improvises mainly upon a famous ancient group: the "Pasquino" representing Menelaos and Patroclus, a type also known from a better-preserved copy formerly in the Villa Medici and, still more important in this context, a fragmentary statuette in the Clementino of more compatible size and of a sort recently supplied to the museum by Cavaceppi (Fig. 12).<sup>28</sup> Related *bozzetti* by Trippel's friends Tobias Sergel and Pacetti similarly improvised upon such groups.<sup>29</sup> The model for Trippel's head of the young god was, however, the Apollo Belvedere. That august prototype also influenced the head of Trippel's "Apollo and Admetos"30

and, less obviously so, his idealizing portrait of Goethe, which recalls heroic Baroque and Hellenistic models as well.<sup>31</sup> Flattering associations with the "Apollo Belvedere" – so rhapsodically praised by Winckelmann – surely link Goethe, an admiring yet critical biographer of the great art historian and archaeologist, more with Winckelmann's ideals concerning male beauty, friendship, and fraternity than with his homoerotic affectations,<sup>32</sup> such as were acted out in the burlesque Sturm und Drang passions of Füssli's letters to Lavater.<sup>33</sup>

Trippel's eclectic assemblages of well-known antico motifs illustrate, of course, methods of academic imitation and invention that had been used in training artists since the sixteenth century, but with a recent interest in archaeological literalism. These procedures were quite familiar to contemporary restorers, who had assimilated such practices from working with countless Greco-Roman copies and adaptations of famous ancient sculptures, an influence all too little recognized. Trippel himself described such an eclectic ap-

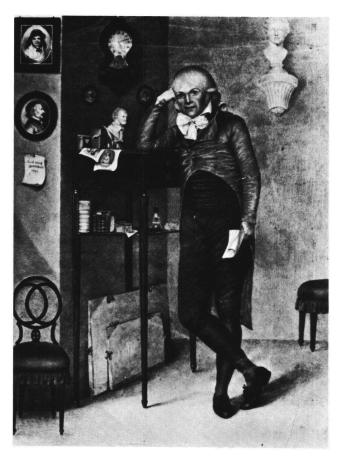


Fig. 13 Johann Wilhelm Veith in His Study, by Jacob Merz, signed and dated 1799. Chalk and watercolor drawing. A Trivialromantik portrait of the collector, Merz's patron, in a classicized pose; note bust casts of Shakespeare and a Classical Youth. Formerly London art market.

propriation of ancient motifs in J. L. David's "Oath of the Horatii", which was exhibited with great pomp and circumstance in Rome before its triumph in Paris (1782).<sup>34</sup>

These pastiche or aggregate methods used by eighteenthcentury restorers and academicians influenced sculptural inventions by resident and visiting artists in Rome well before their glibly assimilated exploitation in the New Classics of Jacques Louis David and Antonio Canova.

Trippel would have encountered eclectic and antico aspects of academicism even prior to working at the Copenhagen academy with Johannes Wiedewelt, Winckelmann's friend and a founding Neoclassic sculptor in Rome. These methods, promoted by Johann Georg Sulzer, were already practiced in Rome by Füssli, as they would be in Zurich by Heinrich Lips, Lavater's illustrator and the companion of Goethe when they visited Trippel in Rome. This approach also would become an important component in the education of Lips's young student Jacob Merz (1783–1807), who further developed his Neoclassic taste and training at the Vienna Academy with Trippel's colleagues from Rome: the Directors Heinrich Füger and Franz Zauner, members of

their faculty, and a visitor, Canova. In his path Merz followed the lead of a Schaffhausen patron, the art collector and cultured entrepreneur Pastor Johann Wilhelm Veith of Andelfingen, friend of Lips, Lavater, and fellow-amateurs – all founders of an academy of artists and friends in Zurich, where Trippel garnered support.<sup>35</sup> Veith knew and poetically praised in Sturm und Drang terms the work and aspirations of Trippel, a native of Schaffhausen (Fig. 13). Veith owned two terra cotta sculptures by Trippel and almost two hundred of his drawings.<sup>36</sup>

The classicizing attitudes then and afterward routinely used in academic studies and assumed by artists' models illustrate to what degree ubiquitous assimilation of academic eclecticism, resulting from constant imitation of antiquities and their reproductions, eventually became second nature – an imprinted way of seeing and being.

Even after academic training in Copenhagen and further work in London and Paris, where he became an accomplished technician, Trippel developed a purist, a Romanist archaeological Neoclassicism slowly, haltingly, like Merz



Fig. 14 William Tell Embracing His Son, who Presents Him the Target Apple, by Alexander Trippel, c. 1780. Wood. Wineglass stand for the Helvetische Gesellschaft. Zurich, Swiss National Museum.

and other Transalpine artists. The idiom preferred by Veith, Lavater and their Zurich canton friends was an aggregate combination of historic and "Trivialromantik" anecdotalism (see again Fig. 13), used by Swiss illustrators working in the Rococo vein of Chodowiecki, combined with a veristic and characteristically Protestant literal naturalism espoused by Anton Graff and Goethe – a naturalism sometimes given an ameliorating classicizing gloss.<sup>37</sup> That taste characterizes Trippel's first Swiss studies and subsequent commissions awarded for local use by his countrymen (Fig. 14).<sup>38</sup>

It was only after the French Revolution, Napoleon's invasion of Italy, and the modern plunder of masterpieces following the Treaty of Tolentino that Rome ceased to be Europe's principal market and Mecca for Fine Art. The Louvre superseded the Pio-Clementino, and Paris finally became Europe's cultural as well as political capital.

Until then, Rome – the inviolate sacred and pagan city – was a center for subtle revolutionary as well as traditional political and cultural ideas. This factor certainly supported its importance in the late eighteenth century as a diverting locus for notables on the Grand Tour and as an emanci-

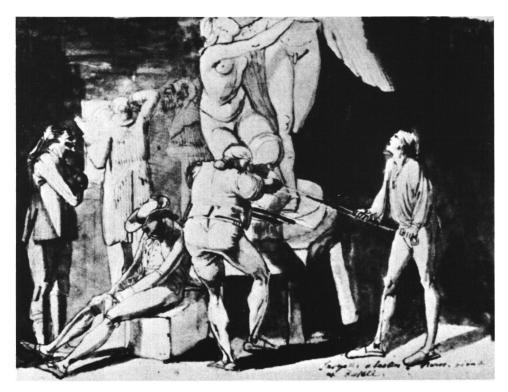


Fig. 15 Sergel's Studio, by Johann Heinrich Füssli, c. 1776–1777. Ink and wash. Sergel works on his marble version of "Cupid and Psyche", surrounded by assistants and friends; J. H. Füssli slouches beside him. Stockholm, National Museum, from Sergel collection.

Lavater, Veith and their circle knew and admired the activities of their Germanic brethren in Rome through the writings of Winckelmann, Füssli and others. After mid century, it was expected that artists and amateurs of consequence would sojourn there and assimilate its taste, to acquire a modish classicizing finish (Fig. 15). As an ancillary and necessary result of their interests, archaeologically based images were increasingly exported from Rome to northern academies and collections for study, most often in the form of casts, copies, and other reproductions of Classical canons of taste.<sup>39</sup>

pating residence for their agent-dealers, ciceroni, and art suppliers.

As noted by Quatremère de Quincy, Missirini and Fernow, the principal artistic attraction and basis for Roman commerce in sculpture at that time were antiquities renovated by sculptors like Cavaceppi, until Canova began to make the successful New Classics these critics championed. Pius VI had bought 2000 sculptures, but none were modern!<sup>40</sup> This useful propagandistic overstatement and simplification favoring Canova ignored the important contributions of Trippel and his fellows. They, too, contributed to the cre-

ation of New Classics that reflected and competed with the articles of antiquarian commerce. In this movement, Trippel's own studio, with its informal academy, was an influential meeting place.<sup>41</sup>

John Flaxman, Thorvaldsen, Gottfried Schadow, John Gibson – virtually every noted Transalpine sculptor of the Neoclassic generation from the end of the eighteenth century onward followed in the footsteps of Trippel and his friends, who themselves were preceded by Northern artists of the generation of Hamilton, Wiedewelt, Thomas Banks, Sergel, and Füssli, as well as by native Roman artists, including Cavaceppi and his followers. The slowly evolving scholarly and self-consciously affected antiquarian style

of these artists produced the first commercially successful international idiom and "ism" or "mode" of the Modern age. Their Neoclassicism – a subtly informed and ostensibly pristine moral analogue for a clean slate or tabula rasa – suited the profound material and spiritual revolutions of that era.<sup>42</sup>

Nowadays, another commercially successful and "revolutionary" world-wide art movement – Post-Modern Neo-Neoclassicism – with its art historically informed "deconstructions," seriously, playfully, and ironically again re-views both Antiquity and the initial imagery of the Early Modern age that Trippel and his colleagues helped to establish. Such eternal returns are delightful to contemplate.<sup>43</sup>

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## **SUMMARY**

Restorations of ancient sculpture fragments, inventions that dominated the late eighteenth-century Roman art market – especially the production of Bartolomeo Cavaceppi, its leading impresario – profoundly influenced the antico approach of Alexander Trippel, whose eclectic works helped to lay the foundations of Transalpine Neoclassicism.

# ZUSAMMENFASSUNG

Restaurierungen antiker Skulpturenfragmente und deren Ergänzungen führten zu Neuschöpfungen, die den Kunstmarkt in Rom im 18. Jahrhundert beherrschten. Den Zugang zur Plastik der Antike beeinflusste die Produktion des damals führenden Kunstimpresarios, Bartolomeo Cavaceppi, besonders nachhaltig, auch im Falle Alexander Trippels, der mit seinem eklektischen Werk zur Begründung des nordalpinen Klassizismus beitrug.

# RÉSUMÉ

Les restaurations de fragments de sculptures de l'antiquité et les reconstructions ont conduit à de nouvelles créations qui ont dominé les marchés d'art du 18° siècle. L'accès aux sculptures de l'antiquité a été beaucoup influencé par la production de Bartolomeo Cavaceppi, le plus important négociant d'objets d'art de l'époque; c'était le cas aussi pour Alexandre Trippel dont l'œuvre éclectique a contribué considérablement à l'essor du classicisme dans les régions des Alpes du Nord.

#### **RIASSUNTO**

Il restauro di antichi frammenti di sculture e le invenzioni che dominarono il mercato dell'arte romano del XVIII secolo – in particolare la produzione di Bartolomeo Cavaceppi, il maggiore impresario dell'epoca – influenzarono profondamente l'approccio ai reperti antichi di Alexander Trippel, la cui opera eclettica contribuì a porre le fondazioni del Neoclassicismo transalpino.