

MICHELANGELO 1475-1564

The Early Years (1475-1512) A brief chronology

- 1475 Michelangelo born in Caprese, son of Lodovico di Lionardi Buonarroti and his wife Francesca
- 1482 Sixtus IV begins the decoration of the Sistine chapel
- 1484 Pope Sixtus IV dies. New pope: Innocent VIII
- 1486 Savonarola starts preaching in Florence
- 1488 Michelangelo becomes apprentice in Domenico Ghirlandaio's workshop
- 1489 Michelangelo moves to the Medici's at the invitation of Lorenzo the Magnificent
Friendship with Giovanni and Giulio de' Medici
Meets Pico della Mirandola, Marsilio Ficino, Angelo Poliziano, and learns to love poetry
- 1491 Madonna of the Stairs
- 1492 Battle of the Centaurs
Death of Lorenzo de' Medici. Son Piero succeeds him
Michelangelo returns to his father's home and works in Anatomy at the Santo Spirito
Michelangelo carves a Hercules in marble
- 1494 Charles VIII invades Italy
Piero de' Medici is chased out of Florence
Michelangelo goes to Venice and Bologna
- 1495 Charles VIII conquers Naples, but soon has to withdraw. Battle of Fornovo on July 5
Savonarola republic begins in Florence
Pope Innocent VIII dies. New pope: Alexander VI
Michelangelo returns to Florence. Asked to carve an "ancient Cupid"

- 1496 Michelangelo moves to Rome
- 1497 Michelangelo carving Bacchus
- 1498 Begins work on the Vatican Pieta
- 1501 Commissioned to sculpt the David marble statue in Florence
- 1503 Alexander VI dies. New Pope: Julius II
- 1504 The Pitti and Donni tondos
- 1505 Asked by Pope Julius II to design his tomb
- 1506 Commission for bronze statue of Julius II
for San Petronio church in Bologna
- 1508 Michelangelo begins work on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel
- 1512 Sistine chapel ceiling frescoes completed in October