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Dear Giuliano,

Many thanks for sending your very generous review of the Siena exhibition. The exhibition enjoyed a rather unexpected success (it was visited by over ~~280~~²⁸⁵,000 people), and--who knows--perhaps it will revive interest on the part of a new generation of Americans in Sienese painting, now the province of only a handful of scholars and collectors here.

I have suggested to the director an exhibition about classicism in Rome in the seventeenth century: Carracci to Maratta, with Bellori as the spokesman. He seems very keen on it. Let us see what happens. I will keep you informed.

With warm regards,

Heim.