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Renzo Maggi, a renowned Italian sculptor and artist, will return to Bullis as artist-in-residence from Monday, September 17 through Friday, October 5. Maestro, as Mr. Maggi is known on the Bullis Campus, will work with students in the classroom, teaching in anatomy, art, ceramics, sculpture, science, and social studies. He will also start a limestone sculpture while on the Bullis campus, and working under a tent in the center of campus, complete it during his stay, engaging students in the artistic process. Renzo returns after a captivating residency last fall, where his energy and artistic mindset spread across the Bullis campus.

Members of the broader community are invited to view a number of Maggi's completed sculptures along with artwork students complete while working with him, at a reception at **The Blair Family Center for the Arts on October 2, from 5:30-7:00 pm, with a presentation at 6:30 pm.**

The Bullis community is invited to welcome Maestro Renzi, and see him begin this year's sculpture on the quad on Tuesday, September 18 at 7:30 am at the Bullis School.

See a video about Maestro Maggi's first visit to Bullis, last year. <https://vimeo.com/272762582/77a4784a5f>

Bullis Head of School, Dr. Gerald R. Boarman, had this to say about the visit. "Beyond stone, Maestro brings transformation and a sense of limitless possibility to all of us here at Bullis. From the lessons he teaches to our Lower School students, to the Upper School anatomy classes, to his intensive work with students in sculpture, ceramics, and advanced studio art, Maestro leaves his mark on our community. Renzo embodies a joy in creative expression and a passion for learning. Speaking through translators, but leading by example, Renzo encourages us all to cultivate creativity."

Renzo Maggi has cultivated creativity his entire life. After earning a degree of Art Master at the Stagio Stagi Institute of Pietrasanta (Lucca) he worked with and studied under Italian sculptors Leonida Parma, Vincenzo Gasperetti and the sculptor-writer Gigi Supino. In 2008 Renzo Maggi was awarded the national prize "La Lizza d'oro" receiving the Italian National sculpture award known as la Lizza d'Oro.

The exhibition of Maestro's art is made possible by the Henraux Foundation, founded by the leader of Henraux, a marble and granite company located in the village of Querceta, Tuscany. The foundation sent the sculptures and supports Renzo Maggi's visit to Bullis.

Renzo reflected on his trip to the United States, and back to Bullis: "This is a very strong and intense moment for me, in my life as an artist. I am returning, after last year's experience, to teach at the Bullis School. I return to the students who have given me so much love, alongside their families who welcomed me into their homes as if I were a close friend. This exhibition of some of my pieces allows me to demonstrate my work in its fullness."

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