



Madonna and Child

Date

c. 1527

Primary Maker

Girolamo Romanino

Medium

Oil on canvas

Description

The painting depicts the Madonna with nursing Child. The Madonna is clothed in a dark green robe with a brown lining or undercloak, a red shirt with gold lining at the neck, and a white garment draped over the shoulders and below the neck. The white garment is lifted to expose the proper right breast for the nude child who nurses on her lap. There is a dark veil over the hair and shoulders and a thin line of halo surrounds the head. The head leans to her

right, inclining downward toward the child. The blonde child holds the breast in his right hand and mouth. The left hand is raised at the lower center of the composition, forefinger pointing upward. The child's feet extend to the bottom right corner of the canvas, the Madonna's left hand resting on the lower part of his legs. Distinctive decorative elements on the frame include raised trees atop a triad of mound forms at the centers of the left and right rails. The mound forms are repeated at all four corners.

Dimensions

Canvas: 25 3/4 × 19 3/8 inches (65.4 × 49.2 cm) Framed: 34 1/2 × 28 7/8 × 2 1/4 inches (87.6 × 73.3 × 5.7 cm)