



# *The Baroque*



«**Baroque**» is the word used to point out *tout court*, a cultural movement born in Rome. Is expressed in literature, filosofy, art and music, enaracteristic in XVII-XVIIIth century.



# *What is it?*

Baroque doesn't indicate only one artistic style characterized by fantasies and flightiness, but it presents as the affirmation of powerful values and recognizable from everyone, too.



# *Baroque in Siracusa*

In Ortigia's Island, storic nucleus of Siracusa, you can admire in baroque style the Cathedral, the Beneventano Palace and the Vermexio Palace, seat of town hall that draw the name from architect 'Joan Vermexio'.



# *The Vermexio Palace*

The Vermexio Palace was designed by Joan Vermexio to replace ancient seat of Room of Commons. So, the building became the Senate palace and Gouvernement, the seat of Mayor's and Town hall's offices. On the Palace is drew a lizard as architect's signature.





# *The Cathedral*

The architect's Cathedral of Siracusa is Andrea Palma and it crops up on the highest part of Ortigia's Island, where there is the Athena's temple.

Externally, its style is principally baroque and rococò. The principal frontage is rich of decorations, for this it's considered the most baroque Siracusa's building.



# *The Beneventano Palace*

In **1693** the Beneventano Palace was destroyed by a violent earthquake; Just in 1778 it was bought and rebuilt by Guglielmo Beneventano. The actual Palace's prospect is severe but elegant and it was realized by architect Luciano Alì. Many important people sojourned in: in 1806, in fact, the king Ferdinando III stayed in the rooms of Beneventano Palace.



We hope...  
that it will be pleasing!

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