

“It is an honor for me today to represent, through my work, one of the symbols that most lends itself to human action. It is a symbol—the head—that once again becomes an icon to represent our command center, the origin of thoughts and actions in every human endeavor.

Art, too, can make a meaningful contribution in this sense, and in my case it does so through forms, colors, ideas, and concepts, all combined to honor important moments such as the one we are experiencing today.

The *Testa d’Artista* that I have dedicated to the State Police will remain, starting today, in the Police Headquarters of my city, Pavia.

I wish to present it to Dr. Nicola Falvella as a token of respect for institutions like yours, which we are celebrating today on their 172nd anniversary.

With this work, I wish to give you a tangible sign from me that reflects the importance of the State Police in society, as a symbol of moral integrity and discipline, justice, and equality.

These are aspects that are no longer trivial to seek and, above all, to find in the world I inhabit as a contemporary artist—and, even more, as a man.”

(S.B.)