Antelami: Baptistery of Parma

DIRECTION

Carlo Ludovico Ragghianti

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MUSIC

Daniele Paris

PHOTOGRAPHY

Carlo Ventimiglia; camera assistant Enrico Umetelli

YEAR

1963

PRODUCTION

Romor Film, Milano (for Direzione Pubblicità e Stampa Olivetti).

NOTES

organization of Alberto Mortara

FORMAT

35 mm, 16 mm

LANGUAGE

Italian

DURATION

13′

FILM

Colour

SERIES

seleARTE Cinematografica, Critofilm 17

DESCRIPTION

Benedetto Antelami built the Baptistery of Parma between 1196 and 1216. This film examines his architectural features following with the camera, the octagonal and vertical plan, through angled shots from below upwards, with ascending movements to follow the trend of the corner pillars and filming externally the rhythmic alternation of the sculptural and architectural elements of the facades. In this way, Ragghianti illustrates, both visually and verbally, the novelty of the Baptistery that derives not so much from the octagonal plan, but from the correspondence between exterior and interior and from the perfect integration among sculpture, architecture and painting, showed in its extraordinary power from the use of the zoom in the last long sequence.