



Italy's 30 million euro Caravaggio bet is paying off

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ROME — Italy's government spent 30 million euro on a single painting this year, and the crowds now filing through Palazzo Barberini suggest the wager is working. The Portrait of Monsignor Maffeo Barberini, a Caravaggio completed around 1599, was acquired from private hands and shown publicly in Rome for the first time. For many, it's a reason to visit Rome now.

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