IL RESTAURO DELLA FACCIATA DELLA CHIESA DI SANTA LUCIELLA AI LIBRAI. INTERVENTI DI TUTELA E CONSERVAZIONE DELLE SUPERFICI STORICHE INTERNE ED ESTERNE

The restoration of the facade of the church of Santa Luciella ai Librai. Preservation and conservation procedures of the inner and outer historical surfaces

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Abstract

The small church of Santa Luciella ai Librai is located in an alley in the heart of the historical centre of Naples. In the Graeco-Roman city, the current vico Santa Luciella ai Librai connected the two decumans still present today: via Tribunali and San Biagio dei Librai. The first construction of the church probably took place around the fourteenth century, during the Angiovin period. Over the centuries, it underwent many structural modernisations: despite its limited size, the succession of important noble families and confraternities turned the church into an interesting example of sedimented architecture, shaped by different artistic phases. In 2021, the façade of Santa Luciella underwent a conservation treatment. Architects and restorers were confronted with a broad sample case of classes of materials and degradation phenomena and had to find a common balance to recover the illegible values of such a precious architectural palimpsest.

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