

**Codices Cantorum: Miniature e Disegni
nei Codici della Cappella Sistina
(Iconographic Survey of the Papal Music MSS)**

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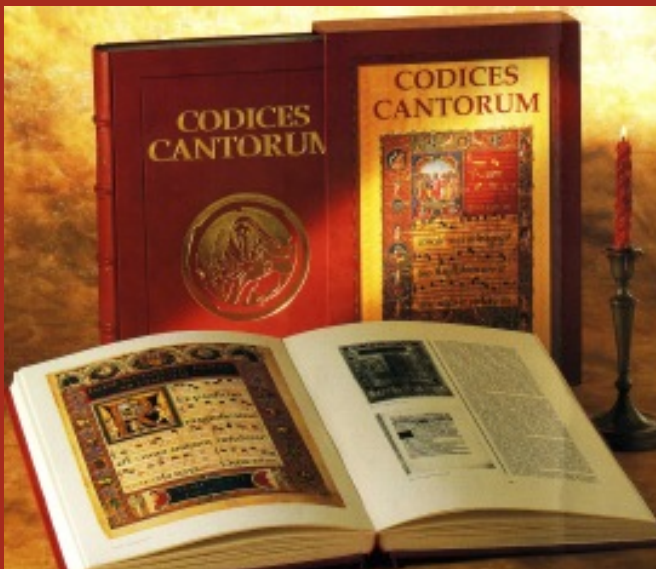
Although the music books of the Papal Court have been the subject of study and art historians have concentrated their research on a few particularly important codices, only until now we have, with this publication, a survey of the entire music patrimony of the Archivi de Stato in Roma and Segreto Vaticano. Codices Cantorum covers the works of five centuries (XV to XIX), addressing more than 60 manuscripts, under the reign of 18 Popes.

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