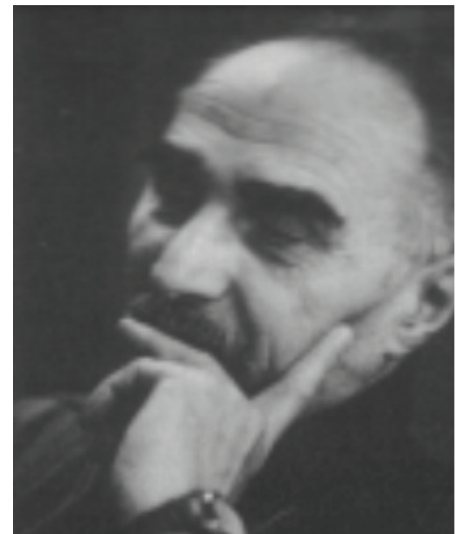


## Imre Varga: David

Showing one of the most outstanding lifework of Hungarian sculptures, Imre Varga is even at the age of nearly 85 able to develop new artistic ideas, to create new sculptures. The sculpture of David, representing a traditional theme, is at the same time a classical and a contemporary work. Classical is the stylistic clearness, in the sense of the highest stage of sculptural work. Contemporary, modern is the elaboration of the details and the posture of the figure. The young man, at the same time relaxed and self-conscious, could also be a person of everyday life. He avoids idealisation, monumentalism and heroism. He gains an outstanding role through his achievement. In order to fight the much stronger Goliath, who is the representation of strength only, he needs courage, definiteness and venture. The sculpture also shows intellectual attentiveness. The master paid attention to represent David at an age according to the original, biblical version. Once again, as he showed us already in many other of his sculptures, Imre Varga wants to set an example. His statesmen, artists and writers are all excellent figures. They are talents, which are excellent through their whole personality. The works are especially valued at certain events. The revolution of 1956, to which memory this sculpture is dedicated, was such an event. This is how the importance of the historical events, the acts of the people participating in it and



today's handling with the tradition of the biblical story is united. As the whole lifework of Imre Varga shows, we have a master, who reaches the high level of artistic quality. The artist's public works are well known in Hungary and abroad. We can see and meet them at the designated places of the cities. But in order to get to know the artist's personality better, we should make the connection of his works more often. We should know his small sculptures better, which are able to give us the same artistic pleasure as their monumental counterparts. Beside their highly intellectual content, they beautify the places they stand on, including all sorts of decorative elements. An example of all this elements is the sculpture of "David", which now arrived at our gallery.

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