



A photograph shows Easter chocolate egg painted to pay a tribute to Italian actress Giulietta Masina, the wife of director Federico Fellini.

Photo shows Easter chocolate eggs painted to pay a tribute to the book "1984" by English novelist George Orwell.

Photo shows an Easter chocolate egg painted like a painting of US artist Keith Haring in order to pay him a tribute.

Self-taught

The eggs on display are all for sale, excepting a few which are part of private collections of clients. But customers must buy them in person due to the risk of damage if sent by post. Musco uses a 55 percent dark chocolate from France for his eggs, making shells that he puts together before adding the decorations—all of them edible. In his laboratory in the basement of the pastry shop in the Tor Marancia district in southern Rome, he is keen to show off his skills.

Armed with a warm knife, he carves designs into the chocolate with the concentration of a surgeon. "I am

self-taught. I had an art gallery years ago, I mainly sold African, South-East Asian, Oceanic and Australian Aboriginal art," he said. "Then I developed this passion for another form of more Eurocentric art," he added, smiling. When choosing his inspirations, he looks at "everything that is abstract and not obvious to understand, but has a big emotional impact". In the future, he wants to keep making his eggs but in direct collaboration with artists, "a way to exchange opinions and ideas, and thus evolve!". — AFP



A photograph shows an Easter chocolate egg sculpted to pay a tribute to American photographer Robert Mapplethorpe (Front), made by pastry chef Walter Musco, in his pastry shop.



Pastry chef Walter Musco poses for pictures with Easter chocolate eggs painted like the "Tagli" painting by Argentine-Italian artist Lucio Fontana (left) and like a painting of US artist Keith Haring in order to pay them a tribute.



A photograph shows Easter chocolate eggs painted to pay a tribute to the Tunisian fashion designer Azzedine Alaïa (left), Italian mathematician Leonardo Fibonacci (center) and a Cubistic egg, made by pastry chef Walter Musco.



Pastry chef Walter Musco poses for pictures with an Easter chocolate egg sculpted to pay a tribute to American photographer Robert Mapplethorpe.



A photograph shows an Easter chocolate egg sculpted to pay a tribute to German artist Anselm Kiefer, made by pastry chef Walter Musco.