

Search for Da Vinci's long lost masterpiece

An art researcher is convinced he has found the whereabouts of Leonardo Da Vinci's missing masterpiece, *The Battle of Anghiari*, in Florence.

Results of controversial search techniques are expected in the New Year

The Battle of Marciano in Val di Chiana, painted in 1563 by Giorgio Vasari

"Cerca Trova" – seek and you shall find – motto on soldier's flag

Missing Da Vinci fresco?

Camera

2cm gap

Dr. Maurizio Seracini – drilling holes in Vasari's fresco and using tiny camera to look behind it – has found second wall showing traces of organic pigment

Salone dei Cinquecento, built in 1494 after Medici's exile

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Da Vinci abandoned 1504 fresco when experimental oil paint failed. After 1555, room was renovated and his half-finished painting was lost

Building is Romanesque fortress-palace

