Luigi DelBianco Recalls Danger And Glory Of Mt. Rushmore

He Carved The Face Of History

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The face of Abraham Lincoln in the marble is not as familiar to most people as his statue of granite in the Library of Congress. However, he was one of the most well-known men in the world during his lifetime.

The sculptor, who carved the face of Lincoln in marble, was Luigi DelBianco. He was born in Italy in 1888 and came to the United States at the age of 18. He settled in Yonkers, New York, and began working as a sculptor.

DelBianco was commissioned by President Theodore Roosevelt to carve a portrait of Lincoln in marble. The result was a masterpiece that is still admired today.

DelBianco’s work on the Lincoln Memorial was just the beginning of a long and successful career. He went on to carve many other important public works, including the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C., and the Iraq War Memorial in New York City.

DelBianco was not only a talented sculptor but also a dedicated family man. He raised nine children, including the famous sculptor, Enrico Caruso, who carried on his work.

DelBianco was honored with many awards and accolades during his lifetime, including being elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1928.

He died in 1968 at the age of 80, leaving behind a legacy of great public works that continue to inspire and awe generations to come.

Keep reading for more about Luigi DelBianco and his work on the Lincoln Memorial.