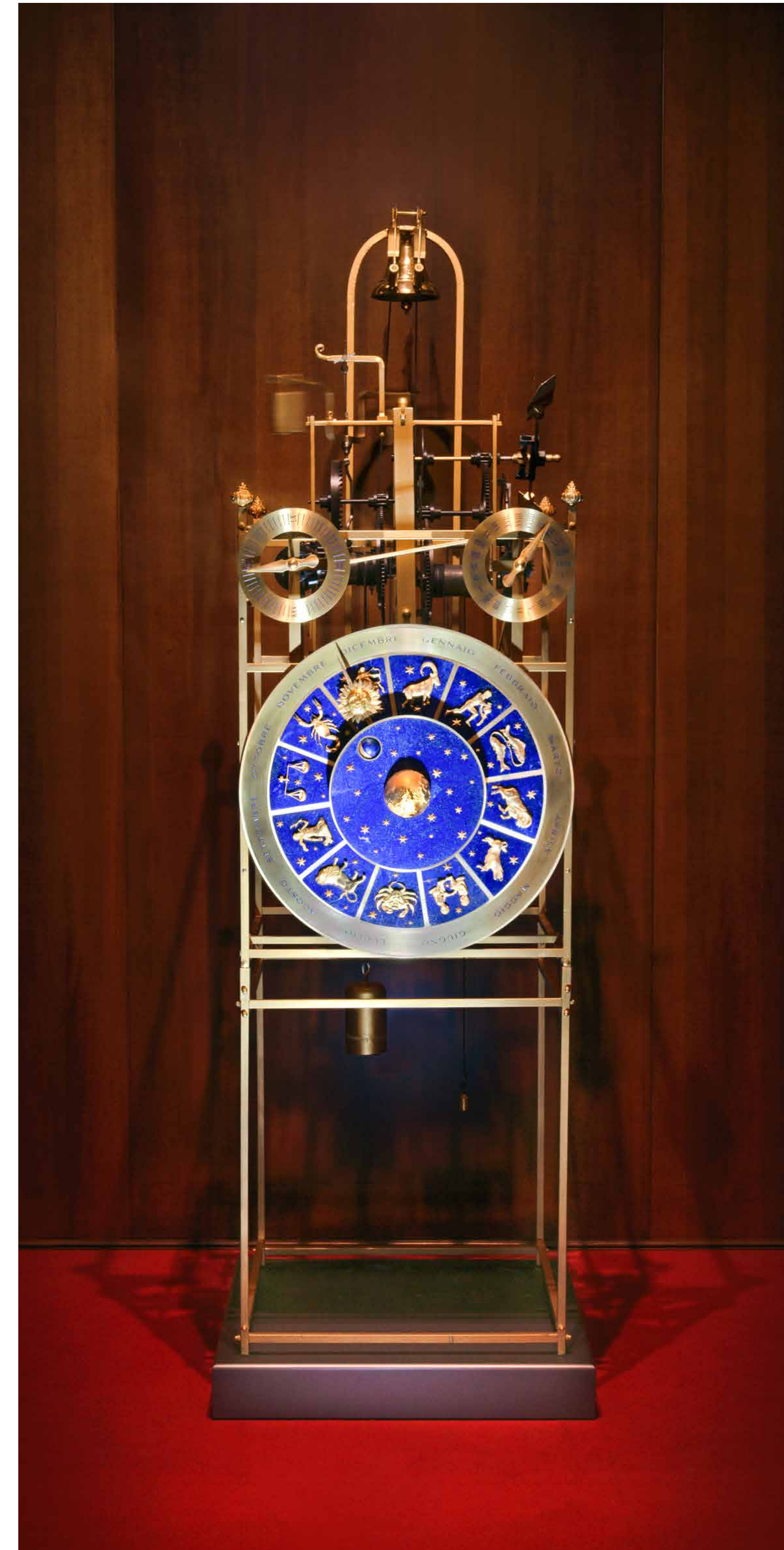


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This Chinese New Year article is the right place to talk about DOLCE&GABBANA's extraordinary donation to the Veneranda Biblioteca Ambrosiana in Milan. Last December, the Italian luxury house indeed gifted the library with the Chiaravalle Tower Clock - first unveiled at the Alta Orologeria event of December 2019. Placed inside the Sala Federiciana room, the monumental piece is a feat of watchmaking and craftsmanship. *"The large clock in fact revisits the complex astronomical machine of the Chiaravalle Abbey completed according to the intuitions of Leonardo da Vinci displayed in the pages of his Codex Atlanticus, which is kept in the same room where the Dolce&Gabbana Alta Orologeria creation will be placed"*, the team shares. Fitted with a large lapis lazuli dial on which Hora Italica, minutes, moon phases, indication of the zodiac and solar movements according to the geocentric theory are set, this functional work of art is *"a unique work in which Leonardo's speculations on the mechanics and measurement of time have been brought to life"*. Founded by Cardinal Federico Borromeo in 1607, the Biblioteca Ambrosiana was among the first to allow access to anyone who could read and write. Its Library is one of the most important in the world with more than a *"million printed volumes (including thousands of incunabula and books dating from the 16th century); nearly 40,000 manuscripts (including the celebrated Codex Atlanticus and some of the most important existing manuscripts) in Italian, Latin, Greek, Arabic, Syriac, Ethiopic (and much else); 12,000 drawings (among them works by Raphael, Pisanello, Leonardo and other renowned masters); 22,000 engravings; and other unique rarities (old maps, musical manuscripts, parchments and papyri)"*. There is really no other place in which the Chiaravalle Tower Clock could be more relevant.

The Chiaravalle Tower Clock created by DOLCE&GABBANA and donated to the Veneranda Biblioteca Ambrosiana in Milan.



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