

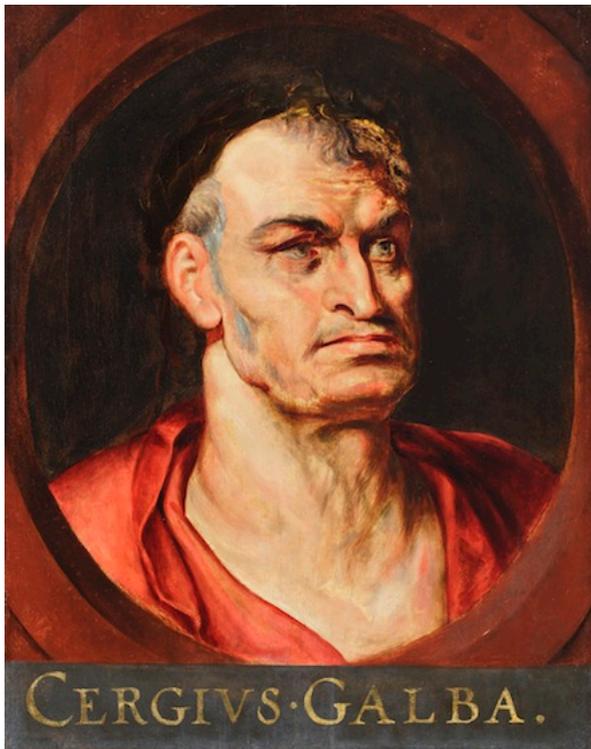
## Who said no more Heroes? Come and see them in Mougins!

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The Mougins Museum of Classical Art and the Mougins Espace Culturel are running a fine exhibition about ancient Greeks and Roman heroes - looking at how they have been represented across the centuries. It's your chance to get up close with Roman mosaics, Greek statues and other wonders of the ancient world. And you can compare them with paintings and sculptures by more recent artists including paintings and drawings by Cézanne, Picasso, Pinelli, Renoir, Rubens and sculptures by Arman, Quinn, Sosno and others.

Homer used the word *hero* to refer to a man fought on either side during the Trojan War. But gradually that changed to become anyone whose tomb or shrine was a **sacred place** because he'd been so famous, or because of his **bravery in death**. A hero was more than human but less than a god.



In **ancient Rome**, as the cult of the emperor was built especially in honour of **Julius Caesar**, Emperors started to be treated as divinities. You can see a fine portrait here of **Sergius Galba** (pictured above), painted by **Rubens**. Galba was by apparently a cruel emperor who got on the wrong side of the

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army, but an early incident with a **thunderbolt** and some **mystically appearing swords** assured of him of a cult status.



Of course, if you speak of **Mougins** and art, you must speak of **Picasso** - and the great **Catalan** is fully represented with a beautiful series of **engravings with classical scenes** featuring bemused Greeks and stately divinities lounging around in Mediterranean terraces - **just like a party with FR2DAY**, really!

It's great to see the **Mougins Museum of Classical Art** doing so well in its goal of showcasing art from the **classical era** and contrasting it with **modern representations** of the same themes.



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