



SOVRINTENDENZA  
TAL-PATRIMONJU KULTURALI  
SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

# National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

NICPMI Inv. No. 2108

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<b>Property Name</b>	Chapel of St John the Baptist		
<b>Address</b>	Pjazza San Nikola		
<b>Town Name</b>	Siggiewi	<b>Toponym</b>	<b>Local Council</b> Siggiewi
<b>Property Owner</b>	Religious	<b>Managing Body</b>	Siggiewi Parish
<b>Guardianship Deed</b>			

<b>Period</b>	Modern (16th to 20th Century AD)		
<b>Phase</b>	Early Modern: Knights of St John (1530-1798)		
<b>Cultural Heritage Type &amp; Value</b>	Architectural Artistic Historical	<b>Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment</b>	Very High
<b>Property Function</b>	Religious	<b>Conservation Area</b>	

<b>Outline Description</b>	Chapel of St John the Baptist
<b>Property Description</b>	Chapel dedicated to the Beheading of St John the Baptist. The original chapel was built in the 17th century during Mons Dusina's Apostolic Visit and originally dedicated to the Birth of St John. The present chapel was built by Fra Antonio Ciantar, who planned the building of a hospital adjacent to it, to be run by the Capuchin Friars. The octagonal-shaped chapel is of the baroque style with a Tuscan pilaster on each side of the chapel. The doorway is framed by moulding and on the entablature is a cartouche. Above it is an angular pediment inside which is a segmental pediment. On the parapet wall is a buttressed belcot decorated with C-scrolls, and flanked by a finial on each side. The chapel also has a dome, above which is the 8-pointed cross. On each side of the Church is a doorway with an open balcony. One belongs to the sacristy while the other belongs to the hospital mentioned above. There are four altars in the chapel. Above the main altar is an oval titular painting showing the beheading of St John. The painting was attributed to Francesco Zahra, but recently attributed to Gian Nicola Buhagiar. Apart from other paintings, is a monument commemorating Grandmaster Hompesch, ex-voto paintings and a statue of St John.

<b>Scheduled by MEPA</b>	No	<b>Degree of Protection</b>	<b>G.N. No.</b>	<b>G.N. Date</b>
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<b>Recommended Bibliography</b>	<a href="http://www.ciantar.org/kappellimaltin/Il-Kappelli/Sett15/SGW_SG_Battista/sgw_sg_battista.html">http://www.ciantar.org/kappellimaltin/Il-Kappelli/Sett15/SGW_SG_Battista/sgw_sg_battista.html</a>
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Coordinates : Easting

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Northing : Coordinates

Property Plan



Property Images

