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BUILD YOUR OWN BUST

Once the preserve of Roman emperors, mere mortals would never consider having a bust made of themselves. But the Royal Academy in London is using 3D photogrammetry laser scanning to sculpt a bust of a visitor's head each day.

This bust of Padre Justo Gallego, known for his work at the Church of El Pilar in Mejorada del Campo, was created from a 3D scan of his head by the Veronica Scanner (below), which shows how technology could shape future art. The data can be used to make busts in chocolate, ice or salt as well as more conventional materials.

► The Veronica Scanner, September 2-11, Burlington House; royalacademy.org.uk



