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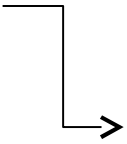
Art

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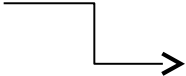
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noun

1 [mass noun] the expression or application of human creative skill and imagination, typically in a visual form such as painting or sculpture, producing works to be appreciated primarily for their beauty or emotional power: *the art of the*



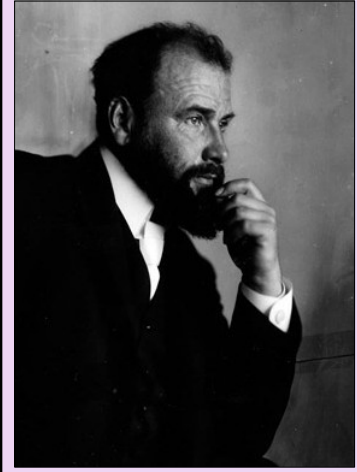
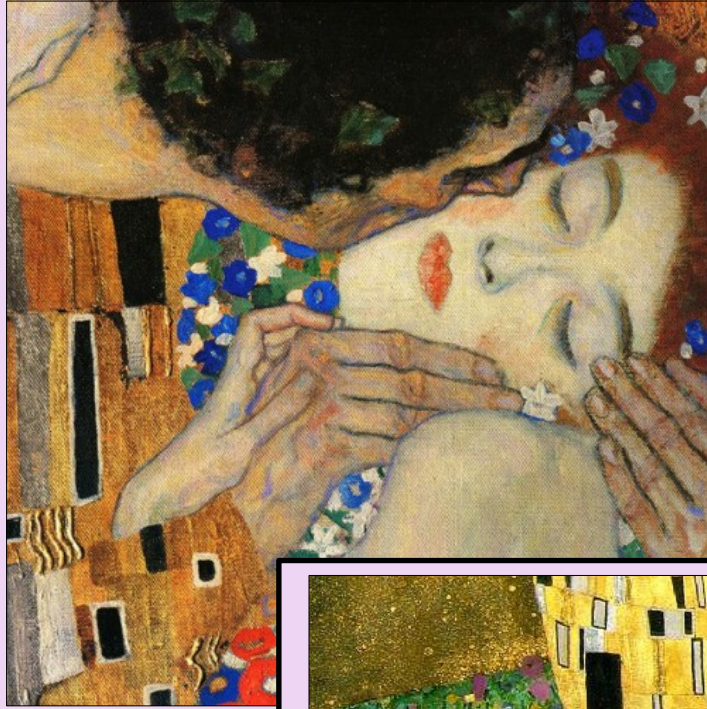
According to the dictionary, art is the expression or application of human creative skills and imagination. It can be almost everything but we are going to talk about an Austrian painter, a festival, a dance and about cinema and music in Austria.



We will start with the presentation of an Austrian painter. His name is Gustav Klimt. **Gustav (July 14, 1862 - February 6, 1918) was an Austrian symbolist painter and one of the most prominent members of the Vienna Secession movement. Klimt is noted for his paintings, murals, sketches and some other objects of art. Klimt's primary subject was the female body. In addition to his figurative works, which include allegories and portraits, he painted landscapes. Among the artists of the Vienna Secession, Klimt was the most influenced by Japanese art.**

Early in his artistic career, he was a successful painter of architectural decorations in a conventional manner. As he developed a more personal style, his work was the subject of controversy that culminated when the paintings he completed around 1900 for the ceiling of the Great Hall of the University of Vienna were criticized as pornographic. He subsequently accepted no more public commissions, but achieved a new success with the paintings of his "golden phase," many of which include gold leaf. Klimt's work was an important influence on his younger contemporary Egon Schiele.

(Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gustav_Klimt)



Gustav Klimt
The Kiss

Bregenzer Festspiele (Bregenz Festival) is a performing arts festival which is held every July and August in Bregenz, Austria.

Founded in 1946, the festival presents a wide variety of musical and theatrical events in several venues:

Seebühne (or floating stage), with its 7,000 seat open-air amphitheatre, is the location for large-scale opera or musical performances on a stage over water on the shores of Lake Constance. Opera or musical productions on the floating stage generally tend to come from the popular operatic repertoire, but often are extravagantly original and innovative productions/stagings, frequently using the waters of the lake as an extension of the stage. Recent productions have included *Aida* by Giuseppe Verdi in 2009 & 2010; *Tosca* by Giacomo Puccini in 2007–2008; *Il trovatore* by Giuseppe Verdi in 2005–2006; *West Side Story* by Leonard Bernstein in 2003–2004; *La bohème* by Giacomo Puccini in 2001–2002, and *Ein Maskenball (Un ballo in maschera)* by Giuseppe Verdi in 1999–2000. **Festspielhaus** presents performances of rarely performed opera and concerts.

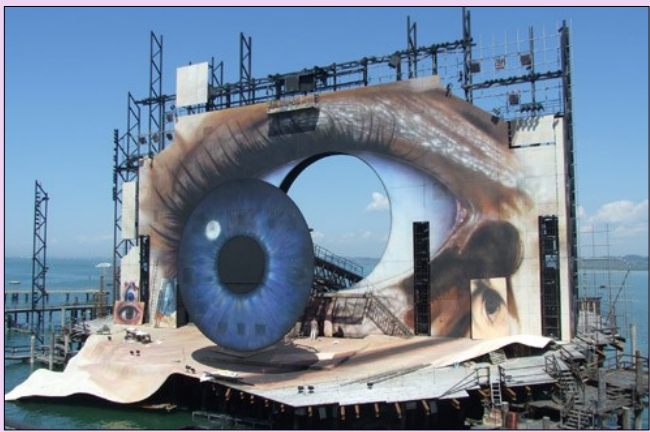
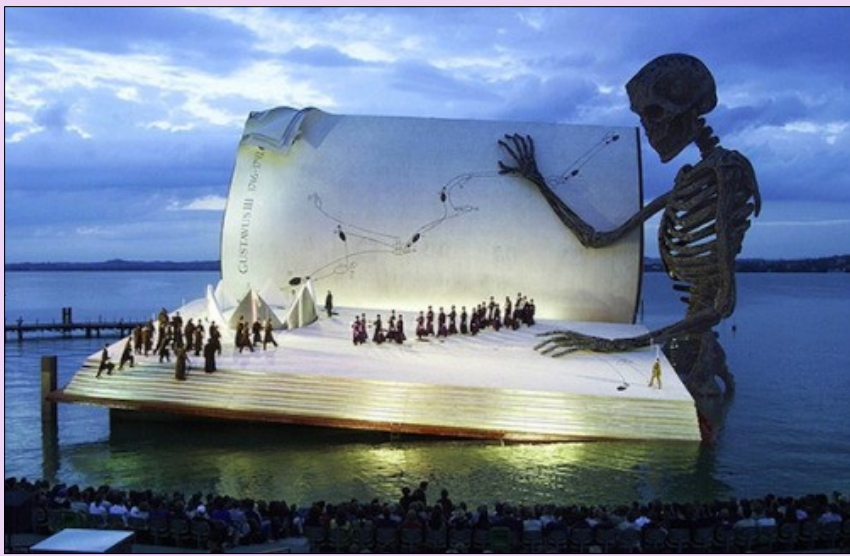
Werkstattbühne presents performances of contemporary theatre and opera.

Theater am Kornmarkt presents operetta and drama performances.

shed8/Theater Kosmos venue for drama and crossculture performances.

Since December 2003, David Pountney has been the artistic director of the festival.[1]

In 2010, the festival offered about 100 performances that drew an audience of close to 200,000. Over April and May 2008, scenes for the 22nd James Bond film *Quantum of Solace* were filmed on the Seebühne during a performance of *Tosca*[2] and in June 2008 the German broadcasting corporation ZDF hosted its 2008 European Football Championship live broadcast studio on the floating stage. (Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bregenzer_Festspiele)



**Seebühne
Bregenz
Festival**

In Austria, folk dances in general are known as *Folkloretänze*, i.e. "folklore dances", whereas the Austrian type of folk dance is known as *Volkstanz* (literally "folk dance").

Figure dancing is a type of dance where different figures are put together with a certain tune and given a name. Round dancing, which includes the waltz, the polka, Zwiefacher etc., involves basic steps which can be danced to different tunes. In folk dancing, the waltz and the polka are in a different form to standard ballroom dancing.

Sprachinseltänze (literally "language island dances") are those dances which are actually by German-speaking minorities (see German as a Minority Language) living outside Austria, but which originate in Austria, e.g. those of Transylvania. One example of this type of dance is the *Rediwair*. (Source:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Austrian_folk_dance)



Folkloretänze





**Wolfgang Amadeus
Mozart**

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (German: ['vɔlfɡaŋ ama'de:ʊs 'mo:ʦəʁt] , English see fn.; 27 January 1756 – 5 December 1791), baptised as **Johannes Chrysostomus Wolfgangus Theophilus Mozart**, was a prolific and influential composer of the Classical era, born in Salzburg. Mozart showed prodigious ability from his earliest childhood. He was competent on keyboard and violin by age five, and he composed from the age of five and performed before European royalty.

At 17, Mozart was engaged as a musician at the Salzburg court, but grew restless and traveled in search of a better position. While visiting Vienna in 1781, he was dismissed from his Salzburg position. He chose to stay in the capital, where he achieved fame but little financial security. During his final years in Vienna, he composed many of his best-known symphonies, concertos, and operas, and portions of the Requiem, which was largely unfinished at the time of his death. The circumstances of his early death have been much mythologized. He was survived by his wife Constanze and two sons.

He composed more than 600 works, many acknowledged as pinnacles of symphonic, concertante, chamber, operatic, and choral music. He is among the most enduringly popular of classical composers, and his influence is profound on subsequent Western art music.

Ludwig van Beethoven composed his own early works in the shadow of Mozart, and Joseph Haydn wrote that "posterity will not see such a talent again in 100 years". (Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wolfgang_Amadeus_Mozart)