

John Singer Sargent: Master of the Gilded Age

John Singer Sargent (1856-1925) was an American artist who became one of the leading portrait painters of his time. His work was characterized by its technical brilliance, psychological insights, and ability to capture the essence of his subjects.

Early Life and Training

Sargent was born in Florence, Italy, to American parents. He began drawing at an early age, and his talent was recognized early on. At the age of 19, he moved to Paris to study at the École des Beaux-Arts. There, he studied under some of the greatest artists of the time, including Carolus-Duran and Léon Bonnat.



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Success as a Portrait Painter

After completing his studies, Sargent returned to the United States in 1880. He quickly established himself as a leading portrait painter, and his work

became highly sought after by wealthy and influential clients. Sargent's portraits were not only technically brilliant but also psychologically insightful. He had an uncanny ability to capture the personality and character of his subjects.

One of Sargent's most famous portraits is his 1884 painting of Madame X. The painting depicts Virginie Amélie Avegno Gautreau, a wealthy American socialite. The painting was controversial at the time because of Gautreau's low-cut dress and her provocative gaze. However, the painting is now considered one of Sargent's masterpieces.

Other Works

In addition to his portraits, Sargent also painted landscapes, seascapes, and murals. His landscapes are characterized by their atmospheric effects and their vibrant use of color. His seascapes are often dramatic and awe-inspiring. And his murals are some of the most celebrated examples of American mural painting.

Legacy

John Singer Sargent is considered one of the greatest American artists of the 19th century. His work is held in collections around the world, and he continues to be admired for his technical brilliance, psychological insights, and ability to capture the essence of his subjects.

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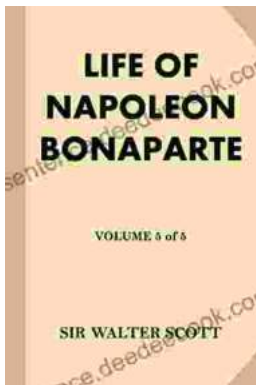


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