

DLD College - World Art Day – My Favourite Work of Art

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'Bye Bye Badman', 1989 – John Squire

I have chosen the painting 'Bye Bye Badman' by John Squire as my painting of choice for World Art Day. John Squire is the lead guitarist in the band the Stone Roses and is a talented artist in his own right. The painting was used for the cover of their iconic album 'The Stone Roses' and the Jackson Pollock style painting is said to have been influenced by the 1968 Student Riots in Paris, as well as a visit to the giants causeway in Northern Island. The mixture of colours reflects the waters around the stones, intermingled with the green moss on the rocks. I think the painting reflects the feeling around the time (it was created in 1989) when a number of significant changes were occurring in society (the collapse of the Berlin Wall, the end of Margert Thatcher's reign as Prime Minister in the UK) which symbolised a feeling of renewal and hope. I also enjoy the connection between art and music; the album cover being iconic in its' own right, and the album itself being widely regarded as one of the best albums the band ever produced. The Stone Roses split up in the late 1990s and John Squire went on to become an acclaimed Artist, before coming back together with his bandmates a few years ago. The Stone Roses albums typically feature artwork from Squire.