

The Canon in D by Pachelbel

The piece of music we will be trying to paint is The Canon in D by Johann Pachelbel. I have chosen this timeless piece because I believe in some way or form it has influenced each and every one of us.

The Canon in D by Pachelbel is perhaps one of the most well-known songs used during wedding ceremonies. The Pachelbel Canon in D is perhaps favoured in part due to its religious connections, as Pachelbel is more well-known in classical circles for this religious or sacred music. I have fond memories of it being played every Friday in the school assembly.

First activity:

What you'll need to paint the song:

- * Pencil
- * Paint
- * Paper
- * Dictaphone

So for the first activity I would like you to do is to just simply listen to the song.

On the dictaphone you will find the song.

- * Close your eyes and let your mind wonder.
- * Now ask yourself what did it invoke? memories, fantasies? did you see colours or shapes?
- * Maybe try to deconstruct the piece into layers, use your imagination to visualise the strings as mountains, violins as trees or people dancing it's entirely up-to your own interpretation.
- * I would like you to sketch down what you saw.

This sketch will be the base for your first painting.

- * Once you have finished your sketch start by building your layers in paint.
- * Try to work light to dark
- * You could even try to work the layers simultaneously with the song.