

Norwegian art history

An introduction

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**Norwegian Art –
More than Munch**
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Romanticism

Romanticism was an artistic, literary, and intellectual movement that originated in Europe toward the end of the 18th century and in most areas was at its peak in the approximate period from 1800 to 1850. Romanticism was characterized by its emphasis on emotion and individualism as well as a glorification and celebration of nature

National Romanticism

Norwegian National Romanticism was a movement in between 1840 and 1867 in art, literature, and popular culture that emphasized the aesthetics of Norwegian nature and the uniqueness of the Norwegian national identity, it was characterized by nostalgia.

Realism / Naturalism

Naturalism in art refers to the depiction of realistic objects in a natural setting. Realism and Naturalism are partly used interchangeably in Norwegian Art history.

Neo-Romanticism

Neo-Romanticism: It is considered in opposition to naturalism. The naturalist in art stresses external observation, whereas the neo-romantic adds feeling and internal observation. These artists tend to draw their inspiration from artists of the age of high romanticism, and from the sense of place they perceive in historic rural landscapes; and in this they react in general to the “ugly” modern world of machines, new cities, and profit.

History Painting

Expressionism

Expressionism was a cultural movement, initially in poetry and painting. Its typical trait is to present the world under an utterly subjective perspective, violently distorting it to obtain an emotional effect and vividly transmit personal moods and ideas. Expressionist artists sought to express the meaning of "being alive" and emotional experience rather than physical reality.

Edvard Munch
The Frieze of Life

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