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Renoir: The Pleasant and Realistic Impressionist

by: Fahmi Bishay

World famous museums take great pride when having the opportunity to exhibit one or more of Renoir's masterpieces. Renoir evolved the impressionist school by retaining its beautiful colours yet rendering it also realistic. He further advocated and set an excellent example of "happy" painting. He once wrote: "For me a picture has to be something pleasant, delightful and pretty – yes pretty. There are enough unpleasant things in the world without us producing even more". Renoir's outstanding works are, therefore, most enjoyable as they radiate happiness and pleasure to the eyes of the viewers. Renoir was not only a great painter, but also a prolific writer. This article highlights some of Renoir's outstanding contribution to art; drawing whenever possible on the words of the Master himself.



Figure 1: Brush strokes of the Master: Pierre Auguste Renoir. Part of the painting: "After the Bath". (Oil on Canvas 65 X 54cm.) Tokyo, Private Collection.

Introduction

Pierre Auguste Renoir was born in Limoges in 1841. He was the son of working-class parents. In 1845, the Renoir family moved to Paris. In view of the family's financial difficulties, at the age of 13, Renoir was apprenticed as a junior worker in a porcelain and earthenware factory in Paris. He worked in that factory for 4 years. Towards the end of





Figure 2. Renoir: Dance at Bougival. Oil on canvas (182 X 98 cm). Boston Museum of Fine Art, Boston, USA.

this period, young Renoir became one of the factory's most valuable decorators. This was due to his demonstrated extraordinary artistic skills at an early age. During those years, Renoir spent many hours of his free time at the Louvre copying the works of the masters as a means to "learn art". At the same time, Renoir decided that painting will be his life career. Thus, with the meagre money he saved from his work at the factory, he began his studies in the art schools. Years of financial hardship followed, but,



fortunately for the world of art, Renoir persisted until he became one of the world's great masters of the art of painting.

On Pleasant Paintings

As noted above at the outset of this article, Renoir believed and advocated a "happy" painting approach by producing paintings of happy subjects. This approach he realized through his feeling for the shining luminousness of paint. This feature he demonstrated in his *delicate shades* and sometimes in his *"porcelain* like" smoothness of the figures in his paintings (Figure 1). This was perhaps due to his experience in the porcelain factory. In particular, Renoir focused on the following subjects: portraits; dances; the theatre; friends; country walks; the big city; and landscapes. Figure 2 shows an example of a happy painting. No sad, tragic, angry, ugly or unhappy subject was painted by Renoir.

While we very much enjoy and love the "happy" works of Renoir, we have to be careful in perceiving this philosophy in art. While we, the world human beings, are fortunate that Renoir produced and left behind such a huge heritage of outstanding "happy" paintings, we must also admit that not all great artists need to focus only on producing "happy" paintings. Some very distinguished painters produced great works of human tragedies. A prominent example is Caravaggio.

On Inspiration in Art

Inspiration is an important stimulus for most painters. Artists are inspired by many factors. Some are inspired by stories from the Bible. Examples include Caravaggio, Michael Angelo, Rafael and many others. Some are inspired by a certain social value, e.g., the misery of the poor. Some are inspired by the movements of light and its reflection on the subjects being painted. Some are inspired by historical events. According to Renoir, a





person could be inspired by a beautiful picture usually in a museum, and not by a beautiful natural scene. And then he or she might decide to become a painter. Renoir himself was inspired by painting the **Embarkation to Cythera**. He wrote: "How often I used to paint the Embarkation to Cythera. In doing so I first became familiar with the painters Watteau, Lancret and Boucher. More precisely: Boucher's Diana was the first picture that **inspired** me, and I have never ceased to love it, in the same way that one remains faithful to one's first love."

Notwithstanding the above, Renoir warned against an excessive emphasis on the inspiration concept in art. Instead, he emphasized the *enjoyment* concept as a substitute. He wrote:"The constant urge to look for inspiration in art (is excessive)¹! For my part, I am content to demand just one thing for a masterpiece: *enjoyment*."

On the Role of the Museum

Renoir wrote: "It is in the museum that you learn to paint... When I say you learn to paint in the Louvre, I do not mean scratching the varnish off the pictures to steal their techniques or to repaint the Rubens and Raffaels. You have to be a painter of your own time. But in the museum you acquire **a taste for art** which nature alone cannot give you. It is a painting, not a beautiful scene, that makes you say: I want to be a painter."

In the museum you will find that most of the key schools of art are represented, e.g., the classic, the impressionism, the modern, etc. You will most probably also find paintings of subjects you like carried out by great painters. You can then appreciate how those subjects were painted; how different painters used different approaches; how different painters treated such painting principles as: composition, colouring, lighting, texture, focal points, etc in painting your preferred subjects. Appreciating those elements and more, you will develop in the museum what Renoir calls: "a taste for art".

On a Simplistic Approach for Painting

Renoir wrote: "I arrange my subjects as I want them. Then I start, and I paint like a child. I want my red to sound like a bell. If I don't manage at first, then I put more red in and also other colours until I've got it. I haven't got any rules or methods. Anyone can look at my material or watch me paint-he will find that I don't have secrets."

This is a statement of a humble and a kind



Figure 3. Renoir: On the Terrace. Oil on canvas (100 X 80 cm). The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, USA.



¹ Inside the brackets is an explanation by the author of this article.

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Figure 4. Renoir: A Portrait. Oil on canvas (65 X 54 cm). Zurich; private collection.

artist who perhaps did not want to scare away newcomers to the art craft. Although what Renoir said is true, what it implies warrants some thinking. First, painting like a "child" implies being spontaneous and enjoying painting. These were typical attributes of Renoir's work. Second, he wanted his..."red to sound like a bell". The sound of a colour is an advanced concept that calls for enormous expertise to implement (Figure 3). And it is this long and solid experience that lies behind Renoir's seemingly "simplistic" approach for painting.

On Painting Nature and the Impressionist School

Initially Renoir focused on portraits as a





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Figure 5. Renoir: St. Mark's Square, Venice. Oil on canvas. (65 X 81.3 cm) The Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minneapolis, USA

subject that he excelled in. He painted many a portrait for female models; for men in the family and friends; and for children (Figure 4).

However, he began painting nature (especially together with Monet) when he became a friend with a number of leading impressionists, particularly: Monet, Pissarro, Cézanne, Manet, and others. He found that landscape painting is good for the portrait painter. He wrote: "Even landscapes are useful for the portrait artist. The open air makes you put shades of colour on the canvas which you would not be able to imagine in the subdued light of the studio."Yet, he found it difficult to paint nature due to the continuous change in the weather and hence the lighting. He wrote: "How difficult it is to hit exactly the point on a picture where the imitation of nature has to stop." He further wrote: "But what a job painting landscapes is! You lose half a day just to spend an hour working. Out of ten pictures you finish one because the weather has changed." Notwithstanding those challenges, Renoir excelled in painting nature; Figure 6 is an example.

As regards his relationship with the



impressionists, he once made the following funny remark:"One morning one of us had run out of black, and that was the birth of impressionism." Renoir had a long and dynamic relationship with the impressionists. At an early stage of his carrier he, along with the leading impressionists, tried very hard and many times to exhibit some of their work at the famous "Salon" in Paris without success. Furthermore, the impressionists' works, including Renoir's, were severely criticized by the French Classic School of art in those years. Yet, Renoir and his friends the Impressionists persisted and criticism did not deter them.

Meanwhile, Renoir worked very hard on revolutionizing the Impressionist School by retaining its beautiful colours yet rendering it a more realistic school of art. This approach resulted in his very "happy" painting as he used bright and "happy" colours to paint realistic and happy subjects. By the way, he used the **black** colour and called it the queen of colours.

On the Qualities of Paintings

Renoir wrote: "Nowadays people want to explain everything. But if one could explain a picture, it would no longer be a work of art. Shall I tell you which qualities I think are important for real art work? It has to be **indescribable and inimitable** ... A work of art has to grip the spectator, engulf him, carry him away. The artist communicates his **passion** with it, it is the current which he radiates, and he uses it to draw the spectator into his passion."

Renoir also wrote: "When we look at the works of the ancients, we really don't have any reason for thinking that we are clever. Above all, what wonderful craftsmen these people were! They really knew their craft. And that is indeed everything. Painting is not a matter of sloppy sentimentalism. It is first of all the work of your hand, and you have to be a hard worker."

Thus, Renoir preached *passion*, *enjoyment and hard work*.

On the Humble Genius

Renoir wrote: "If I imagine I might have been born among intellectuals! It would have taken me years to get rid of the prejudices and to see things as they really are. And I might have got clumsy hands." He also wrote: "I am no more intelligent than others." He further said: "I am a cork which has fallen into the water and is carried away by the current. I have given myself over to painting, following the whims of each moment."

How humble our genius Renoir was, indeed.

On the last Years of the Master: his Agony and Ecstasy

During the last few years of his life, Renoir suffered severe illness. Thus, in 1910, he had a mobile easel, especially made for him, to enable him to work more easily. In 1912, he was confined to a wheel chair, and had the *paintbrush tied to his crippled hand* with pieces of string so that he can paint. With this agony and pain, he continued painting and must have had some ecstasy from his beloved art.

In 1919 Renoir completed his last painting: "Rest after a Bath" (oil on canvas: 110 X 160 cm) currently exhibited in Paris Musee d'Orsay. In the same year, he was made a **Commander of the Legion of Honour** in his native France. He visited the Louvre (on his wheel chair) where one of his paintings was on display next to Veronese. Thus, after being denied access to the "Salon" in Paris a few decades earlier, the Master's work was finally recognized. Furthermore, in his





Figure 6. Renoir: Bouquet of Chrysanthemums. Oil on canvas. (82 X 66 cm) Musee des Beaux; Rouen, Normandy, France.

wheel chair he was wheeled in the museum like the "Pope of Painting". At last, therefore, Renoir had ecstasy, pleasure and satisfaction of his outstanding achievements and recognition. Yet he was suffering, in a great agony, and severe pain of his illness.

The Departure

On 3 December, 1919, Renoir departed leaving us an outstanding heritage of a large number of masterpieces of "happy" paintings for all humanity to enjoy for good





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L'Eroica 2013



he first Sunday of October thousands of cyclists descend on the small town of Gaiole in Chianti in Tuscany for a peculiar cycling event: most L'Erioca. The word translates into "the Heroic": English as an appropriate adjective for anyone foolish enough to take on this

challenge. Only "vintage bikes" with steel frame built before 1987 are allowed. This means that they have none of the lightweight materials or high efficiency shock absorbing properties of modern bikes. Participants have to ride through the extremely hilly Tuscan, mostly on bone shaking gravel roads (the so called "strade bianche") with no



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support teams or repair facilities. If you bike has a puncture or breaks down you have only yourself, or the goodwill of other participants, to rely on. Riders can choose among four trails of between 200 km and 40 kms and those going for the longest distance are expected to start at 5:00 in the morning !!

I have always been a keen cyclist. In Karachi, where I grew up, my early teens were spent careering around the roads of where we lived with a good crop in bruised elbows and knees and even a set of broken front teeth. After a brief testosterone-filled interlude with motorcycles at about age 18, I took up biking again when I went to University. I brought my present bicycle in France in 1984 – it is a Gitane and at the time it was a pretty hot shot, top of the range, road bike. Over the years my Gitane has had its fair share of love and attention – it had a major overhaul about 20 years ago when my young son, who was riding on the cross bar







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stuck his foot into the front wheel. sending both of us flying headlong over the handle bars and left the front end a total mess. After that it was basically a series on unending expenditures or changing tyres, wheels and saddles as they wore out A full paint job or broke down. followed about 10 years ago which changed it from a dull grey to a rather smart green and brown frame. It now even sports a Brooks saddle - these are hand-made in England from the hides of free-range cattle !!! Often I have flirted with the idea of replacing it with one the new machines that are so much easier to ride – but in the end I never did.

When I first saw an article in a cycling magazine about the L'Eroica about four years back, I was really curious to participate but did not realize how difficult it would be to get one of the 5,000 avaible slots. It appears there are lots of crazy people out there, passionate about old bike and of riding up and down steep hills. The event has really taken off in recent years and this year there was a





lottery to get in. But I got lucky and managed to get a slot.

We got to Gaiole the day before to pick up my race number and found the place overrun with old bikes and older bikers. People had come in from all parts of Italy, with large contingents also from the USA, UK, France and Germany. The town simply did not have space to house all these people, many of who slept in tents, or in their cars or caravans. There was a rockfestival atmosphere in the town which is why, I guess, the organizers call it the Woodstock of cycling. There were bikes on show that were over a 100 years old with wooden wheels and lots of stalls selling spare parts and doing repair work.

The ride itself was spectacular. lt was certainly very hard work going along the rough roads with unending uphills. But then getting to the top, albeit soaked in sweat, and seeing the beautiful Tuscan countryside made it worthwhile. And then coming careering downhill at breakneck speed was exhilarating brought back memories of my younger days





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Caribbean Group 2013 Christmas Charity Sales 25-26 November in WFP Lobby and 9-13 December in the Caracalla Room, 8th Floor, and Staff Lounge Casa Bar, Ground Floor, FAO

This year's Caribbean Group Christmas Charity Sales will kick off in the WFP Lobby on Monday 25 and Tuesday 26 November. There will be the usual old favourites and also new suppliers and items on sale.

At FAO the CCG Christmas Charity Sales will take place the second week of December after the Council Sessions. There will be a wider selection of goods and products on sale in the Caracalla Room where it is possible to have more tables/stands. The two lists below give an idea of the selections which will be offered on sale.

A contemporary Art Exhibition will also take place in the Staff Lounge, Ground Floor Building D, from 9 to 20 December. Four contemporary artists will exhibit their works: the first week from 9 to 13 December will feature paintings by Teresa Stankiewicz and Emanuele Leone. During the seond week from 16 to 20 December the paintings of Roberta Imperatori and Raissa Tabakova will be on exhibit. The paintings will be on sale and more details and contacts for the artists are given on the following pages.

As in the past, 15% of the proceeds from these sales and exhibitions will be donated to the Caribbean Cultural Group Charity Fund which assists needy people, projects and charities mainly in the Caribbean but also in other places where and when emergencies or natural disasters occur.



Schedule of the Charity Sales

WFP Lobby - 25 and 26 November 2013

Honey and related products African handicraft, clothing and bijoux Leather goods, articoli in pelle (borse, cinture, portachiavi) Nepalese handicraft, paintings and drawings Original jewellery in Silver, Swarovski crystals, pearls and hard semi-precious stones Creative items in fabric and art of recycling by the seamstresses of FAO Staff Coop. Silk scarves Indian handicraft, miniature ikebana creations Italian table and kitchen linen from Emilia Romagna Thai handicraft, pashmina scarves and more

<u>FAO – 9 to 13 December 2013 – Caracalla Room, 8th Floor, Building</u> <u>B and Staff Lounge, Casa Bar, Ground Floor D</u>

Japanese handicraft

Vintage jewellery and antiques

Honey and related products

African handicraft, clothing and bijoux

Leather goods, articoli in pelle (borse, cinture, portachiavi) handbags, belts, keychains)

Nepalese handicraft, paintings and drawings

Original jewellery in Silver, Swarovski crystals, pearls and hard semi-precious stones

Creative items using leftover fabrics and products of the art of recycling by the seamstresses of FAO Staff Coop Non Solo Orli.

Italian table and kitchen linen from Emilia Romagna

Thai handicraft, pashmina

Handicraft and hand embroidered products from Salento region/Artigianata salentino

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Silk scarves, Indian handicraft, miniature ikebana creations



Contemporary Art Exhibitions Staff Lounge, Ground Floor Building D in Casa Bar

First week 9 to 13 December 2013

Dario Leone – Artist from Matino, Lecce

He mainly paints on wood and his preferred subjects are landscapes of the Salento region. He prefers medium and smaller tablets (tavolette).



Teresa Stankiewicz – Polish artist, living and working in Tor Vaianica, Roman coastal village between Ostia Lido and Anzio. Her paintings in the past decade featured mainly the ocean in all its moments, calm, in tempest in Oregon, at sunset and at night and in all seasons. She has now begun including other topics like the flower covered dunes in spring and summer, autumn and wuter scenes and horses. The dimensions of the paintings range from medium to large with a few small ones.





Second Week 16 to 20 December

Roberta Imperatori has already exhibited in FAO a year ago. She is Roman and has always been interested in fashion. In some of her paintings she has accosted this interest to the familiar monuments of her city where you find slender elegant models standing beside the Bocca della Verita or walking down the Spanish steps at Trinita dei Monti like in some fashion shows organized there with famous designers and coutourists exhibiting their latest creations.





Raissa Tabakova is of Bulgarian origin, she came to Rome in 2000 to study at the Accademia delle Belle Arti, and has settled down here. She mainly does very colourful abstract oil paintings using mixed techniques and in large dimensions.



Felt Handicraft by Natsuki Suzuki:



Solutions to this month's SUDOKU

1	2	7	6	9	4	3	8	5
5	3	6	2	8	7	1	9	4
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7	6	2	8	4	9	5	3	1
8	1	5	7	3	6	4	2	9
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Effective Communication and Personal Development Course

by Dr.ssa Valentina Pajer

y name is Valentina Pajer and I am the teaher of the "Effective Communication and Personal Development" course, organized last June by the FAO-Staff-Coop in Rome. I use the occasion to thank all the attendees of the first session who attended the course with such interest. So, it's with great pleasure that I will start this course again early next year to update with new observation points.

I imagine that you could ask me: "Why should I participate in this course? Everyone knows how to communicate"....This is a valid question, we live immersed in communication, we use very advanced technological instruments, everything is within a click, but the point is "Are we able to communicate in an effective way?" We speak, we discuss, we laugh...we enter into relations with different people, of different cultures, every day we test how our way of speaking makes the difference whether in private or in professional life. The course at issue defines the limits between communication and information, it identifies the elements of the communication, the different manners of communicating (oral language and nonverbal communication), public speaking, and many other topics divided into different modules so that we could test all together the world of communication through exercises and videos.

The "Effective Communication and Personal Development" course is composed of two parts. The first "Effective Communication" where we focus on the key-concepts of communication. The skilful use of the language, nowadays, the choice of one word rather than another to express oneself in a way rather than in another, defines our success in all daily activities. The charm of words is really powerful! The second session, concerns "the Personal Development" that is the awareness of our behaviour. What's the point of this awareness? When I know myself, my strengths and weaknesses, I know my reactions to other people's behaviour, then I have "a big power", I can choose how to behave with myself. Had you ever thought about it? I can choose. I can choose if I want to change or continue to think in the same way, in that case yet I cannot think to achieve different results in my life, if I behave in the same way... this is impossible!

The course at issue emphasizes these aspects and wants to be a useful hint/tool for all the participants to compare themselves with these subjects so that they can know themselves and enter into relations with others in an authentic way. This is a good opportunity not only to learn something new and always present but also to observe how our manner to express ourselves and to get in touch with other people changes. Try and see! This course is in Italian.

I look forward to meeting all of you at the "Effective Communication and Personal Development" course.

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For information, please call the FAO Staff Coop 06-57055753



Erdäpfelplattlan con crauti, salsiccia e burro alla senape Le tipiche frittelle di patate dell'Alto Adige

Ingredienti per 4 persone Erdäpfelplattlan / Frittelle di patate 300 g di <u>patate Alto Adige farinose</u>	Burro alla senape 40 g di senape di Digione 120 g di brodo vegetale 240 g di burro freddo sale Crauti 500 g di <u>crauti</u>
1 cucchiaio di burro 1 tuorlo sale	3 bacche di ginepro 5 grani di pepe 1 cucchiaino di cumino 1 foglia di alloro
100 g di farina 1 cucchiaino di anice olio sale	 100 g di cipolla tritata fine 2 spicchi di aglio tritato fine 50 g di burro 1 cucchiaio di farina Altro 2 salsicce Bauernwurst o Hauswurst cotte

Preparazione

Tagliare le patate a pezzi e cuocerle. Schiacciarle ancora calde con lo schiacciapatate e lasciarle raffreddare un poco. Sciogliere il burro e versarlo sulle patate assieme al tuorlo e al sale, mescolare bene fino ad ottenere un composto omogeneo. Lasciare raffreddare completamente. Unire poi la farina e l'anice, impastare e stendere la pasta con 1-2 mm di spessore. Ricavarne dei dischi e friggerli in olio bollente. Portare a ebollizione il brodo vegetale, sciogliervi il burro e insaporire la con senape e sale. Tenere al caldo. Lavare i crauti, aggiungere le bacche di ginepro, i grani di pepe, il cumino e la foglia di alloro, salare e cuocere per 1,5 ore. Scaldare il burro, rosolarvi la cipolla e l'aglio, spolverare di farina senza farla abbrustolire. Unire il soffritto di farina ai crauti. Disporre nei piatti gli Erdäpfelplattlan, distribuire sui crauti le salsicce tagliate a fette e irrorare con il burro alla senape.



Torta di Pere

Ingredienti

100 gr di farina
80 gr zucchero
50 gr di burro
2 uova
1 cucchiaino di lievito in polvere
2 pere mature
1 bustina zucchero vanigliato
1 pizzico di sale
Cacao in polvere (facoltativo)



Metodo: Imburrate una tortiera di 24 cm. In una terrina lavorate il burro con lo zucchero fino ad ottenere una crema. Unite le uova una per volta, la farina, il lievito. Mescolate bene e versate l'impasto nella tortiera.

Sbucciate le pere, tagliatele a fettine levando tutto il torsolo da ogni fetta e ponetele sopra la torta . Cospargetele con lo zucchero vanigliato.

Cuocete in forno pre-riscaldato a 180°C per circa 30 minuti. Alla fine la superficie dovrà essere dorata.

Variante: Aggiungete all'impasto della polvere di cacao a vostro piacere così da ottenera una torta di cioccolato e pere.

Cocoa and Pear Cake

Ingredients

100 gr flour 80 gr sugar 50 gr butter 2 eggs 1 teaspoon baking powder 2 ripe pears 1 sachet vaniulla sugar(?) 1 pinch of salt Cocoa powder (optional)



Method: Grease a 24-cm cake tin. In a bowl mixtogether the butter and sugar to obtain a smooth cream. Add the eggs one by one, then the flour and baking powder and cocoa powder if desired for chocolate cake.. Mix thoroughly and then pour into greased cake tin.

Peel the pears then cut into slices being careful to remove all the bits of core. Distribute on top ofcake in tin. Bake in a pre-heated oven at 180°C for 30 minutes. If not using cocoa powder the top should be golden – with the addition of abundant cocoa powder t the batter you get a striking contrast of rich brown cake and white pear. Both versions are quite delicious.









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