

Music and Painting, *A Harmonious Relationship*

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The environment we experience influences our creative process. **When we experience variations in lighting, colors on the walls, different smells, and different types of sounds, they evoke different feelings within us and in turn these sensory experiences invade our creative process.**

The sensory effects of music affect our painting process.

When I need a zap of extra energy in select areas of a painting, I turn on the tunes and see how my brush tangos with my canvas.

I have a personalized [playlist](#) of classical music to jazz me up through an artistic lull – it really helps!

Spotify Playlist Link: here

Interestingly enough, many art forms use similar descriptive terms across art disciplines. **Music, painting, drama and architecture use terms such as repetition, variety, intensity, rhythm, dialogue, balance, unity and so on.** Some people can actually hear color; therefore they are easily influenced by music.

I spoke to a successful musician about the similarities between music and painting. We had an instant connection because we spoke and understood each other's creative language. Whether we were discussing music styles or musical genres such as country, classical, opera, rap and heavy metal or visual arts like folk art, Renaissance paintings, installations, and abstract expressionist work, we respected what the other artist was trying to communicate. **There is much to gain from learning, understanding and accepting differences across the art forms.** (That's why there's both chocolate and vanilla, right?) That pretty much sums up those differences.

I encourage you to explore how music affects your painting process. Try [my playlist](#) to listen to while you work in your art studio. As you listen, think about what the music is telling you. Then react to the music in your color choices and mark making.

Is the music slow, staccato, loud, aggressive or melodious? Fast tempo will encourage fast mark making, calm music may result in calm color choices.

The music will orchestrate your brushes and create artistic sheet music to represent what you felt through that music. You can interpret music through your art.

Just go try it, you get the idea. Watch how the music transforms the marks on your canvas!

How music genres influence art

Classical Music: Causes a happier mood. People usually draw nature scenes, use more variety of color - warmer colors - and include words while listening to classical music. They draw lighter lines, more details and a variety of sized sketches

Rock Music: Causes an intense, angry mood. People usually draw jagged lines and bigger sketches while listening to rock music.

Jazz Music: People usually draw nature scenes and music themes and use less color in their drawings. They also use more details while listening to jazz music.