



Gustav Klimt (July 14, 1862 – February 6, 1918)

was an Austrian symbolist painter and one of the most prominent members of the Vienna



Secession movement. Klimt is noted for his paintings, murals, sketches, and other objects d'art. Klimt's primary subject was the female body, and his works are marked by a frank eroticism. In addition to his figurative works, which include allegories and portraits, he painted landscapes. Among the artists of the Vienna Secession, Klimt was the most influenced by Japanese art and its methods.

Early in his artistic career, he was a successful painter of architectural decorations in a

conventional manner. As he developed a more personal style, his work was the subject of controversy that culminated when the

paintings he completed around 1900 for the ceiling of the Great Hall of the University of Vienna were criticized as pornographic. He subsequently accepted no more public commissions, but achieved a new success with the paintings of his "golden phase", many of which include gold leaf. Klimt's work was an important

influence on his younger contemporary Egon Schiele.



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