

Record Piece

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Untitled 5 displays musicians who have influenced my life and the way that I live it. The artist that had influenced my work is Daniel Edlen, an American painter who paints portraits of musicians onto their own records. This highly inspired my pieces as I liked the idea of painting musicians onto records, then choosing the musicians who I listen to most frequently and those who have most influenced me and had a positive effect on my life. Along with being inspired by Edlen, I have been influenced by the trend of painting onto records. Some popular designers paint clouds or sunsets onto the entire record with the soft pretty aesthetic for them to be hung onto a wall. Displaying vinyls on walls as decor is also a large visual trend right now. It has influenced me to start creating my own vinyl collection.

My work includes several layers of depth and meaning to it, including the importance of music on society, how musicians are seen in societies as role models, the importance of these artists on my life and synesthesia. Painting onto the vinyls is one way to highlight the importance of vinyls. Painting onto vinyls help me symbolize that the musician and the artist can be one together and to respect all the dedication they have to put into their music. The background of each portrait is an acrylic pour with the colour palette chosen from my experiments with synesthesia. By listening to my favourite songs I experimented with a number of artists and then the final 5 artist were chosen. The artist chosen all had songs that I had listened to through thick and thin, the songs have helped me when I was in need. These colours were not necessarily picked but were listening to as the painting for each one progressed the song as the synesthesia allows me to associate colours with sounds.

Musicians (artists) have an intense effect on society as they can gather large fan-bases and become idols for many of the younger generation and even some of the older generations. They inspire and virtually care for people with not only their music and what their music stands for. How they treat people and the impact their words have on social media. For me the most influential musicians are Josh Dun and Tyler Joseph from Twenty One Pilots as they focus on mental illness and the dull times in peoples life, their music has saved thousands of lives and their message in their music along with how they explain themselves in interviews translates with fans who are suffering. This is just one example of a band or artist being entirely inspirational focusing on being role models for those in society who look up to them.

My piece is inspired by the artists who have inspired me, the artists whose music have kept me going for 18 years.#