

Western Classical Tradition since 1910

EXPRESSIONISM & SERIALISM





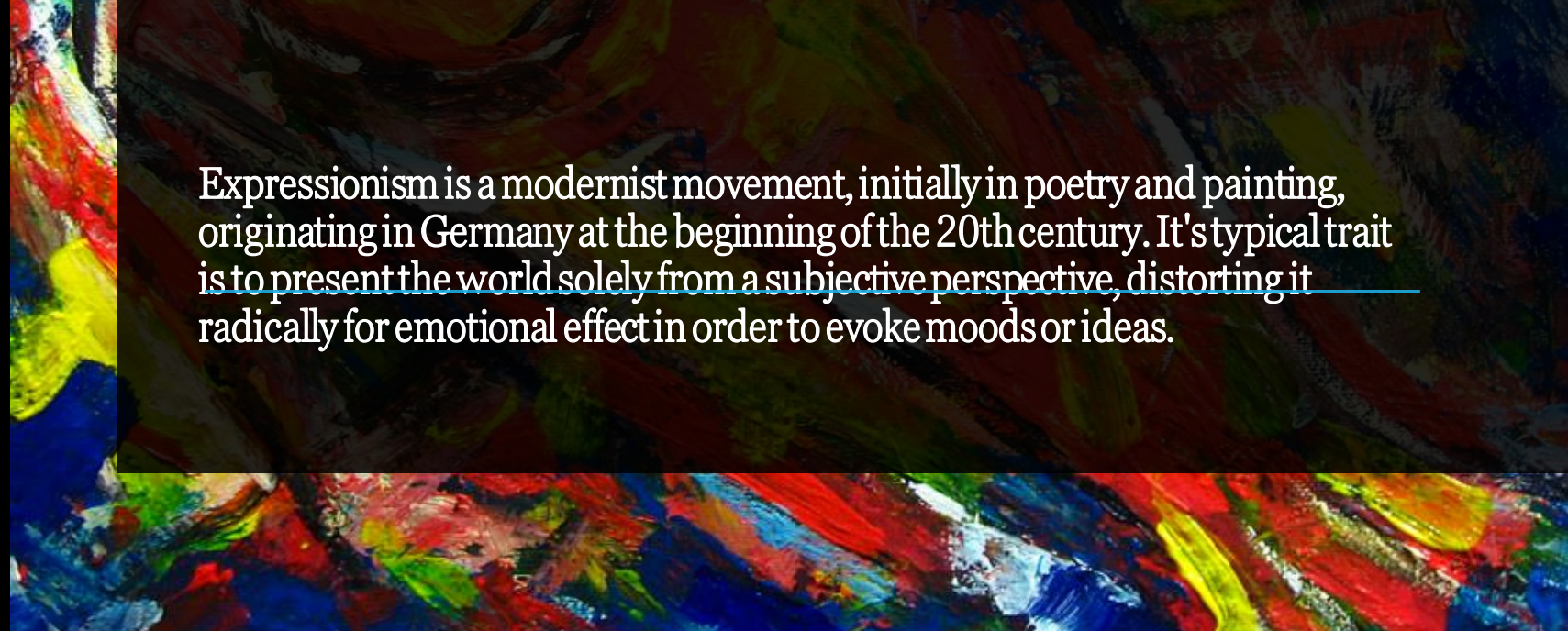
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Expressionism is a modernist movement, initially in poetry and painting, originating in Germany at the beginning of the 20th century. It's typical trait is to present the world solely from a subjective perspective, distorting it radically for emotional effect in order to evoke moods or ideas.



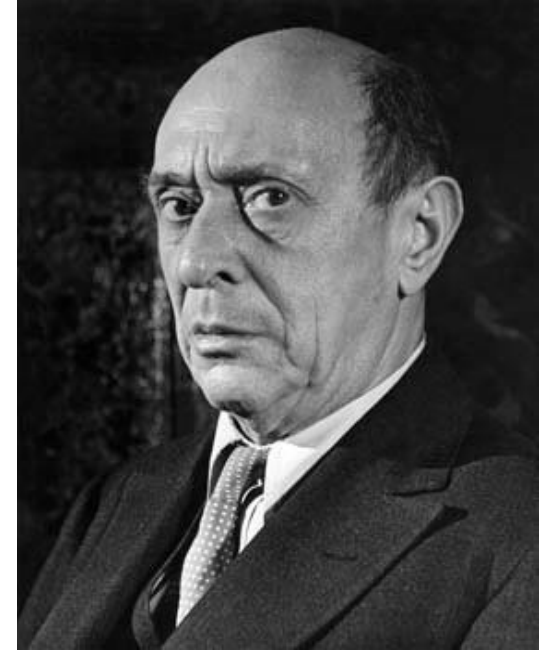
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- An influential composer was Arnold Schoenberg (1874-1951)
- 12-tone system - a system of using all 12 chromatic notes.
- The notes of a chromatic scale are arranged into a set order called a tone row

4 arrangements:

1) Original 2) Retrograde 3) Inversion 4) Retrograde Inversion

- The result is Atonal (not in a clear key)



Schoenberg



Similarities	Differences



Expression developed from the music of the Romantic period. Listen carefully to 5 pieces for orchestra: Movement IV by Schoenberg.



Identify some differences and similarities between this extract and late Romantic music.



How does this differ from Copeland's orchestral music ?

Schoenberg: Erwartung (Monodrama)
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