

The Works of Gustav Klimt

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Introduction

Gustav Klimt was one of Austria's most famous painters. His early works show his talent for traditional art. His later works show his personality and creativity.

A photo of
Gustav Klimt →



The flag of Austria

Vienna



An artist painting a mural on a wall



If you visit Vienna, you can see Klimt's large murals on the walls and ceilings of many of Vienna's important buildings. You can also find his oil paintings and portraits in museums.





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Early Life

Gustav Klimt was born on July 14, 1862, in Baumgarten. This is near the city of Vienna in Austria. He was born into a large family. They were 9 in total: his parents, 3 boys, and 4 girls. He was the second-oldest child.

Experts believe Klimt's *Annerl* (1885) is a drawing of his sister Anna.



A map of Austria with Vienna in red



Klimt's father was a gold engraver.
However, there was not much work
available for him. This meant
that Klimt's family was poor
and often moved around
when he was young.

A modern-day
gold engraver

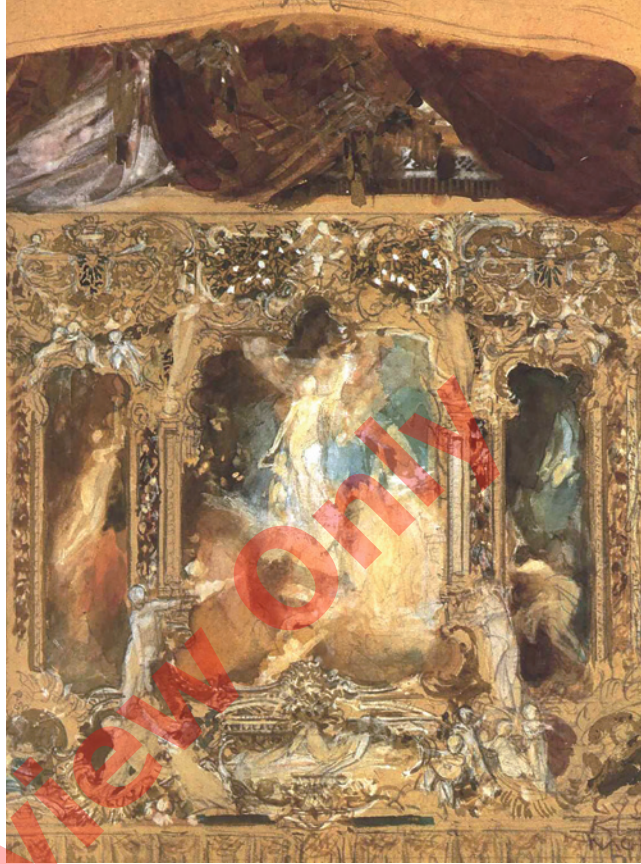


A family unhappy to
be moving again





Portrait of a Man with a Beard by Klimt (1879)



Design for a Theater Curtain by Klimt (1883)

From a young age, Klimt showed a talent for art. At 14 years old, he started attending the Vienna School of Applied Arts. He studied there for 7 years. Klimt's brother, Ernst, also studied at this school.

Female Organ Player by Klimt (1885)

