INTERMEDIATE UNIT 1

1A Look at the photos. Which of the styles of art in the box does each one show?

abstract	cubism	impressionism	landscape
pop art	portrait	realism	

B Work in pairs. Discuss the questions.

1 What do you know about the styles of art in Exercise 1A?
2 Which of the styles do you like the most?
3 What other types of art do you like?





2A Watch the DVD and number the topics in the order they are mentioned.

a) How Sargy Mann uses Blu-Tack and cardboard tubes.
b) How he went blind.
c) How he uses his experience to paint.
d) Who buys his paintings.
e) The first time he painted in total blindness.

B Work in pairs. Can you remember what was said about each topic in Exercise 2A?

3A Decide if the statements are true (T) or false (F).

1 Sargy Mann lives in a small town.
2 He's been blind for twenty-five years.
3 He developed cataracts when he was in his seventies.
4 When he first went blind he didn't know what to do.
5 His first painting after he went blind was a picture of his daughter.
6 His style of painting didn't change when he went blind.
7 He uses bits of Blu-Tack to find things on the canvas.
8 Cadogan Contemporary Art Gallery has had one exhibition of his work.
9 Famous people have bought his paintings.
10 One of his paintings is for sale for £5,000.

B Watch the DVD again to check.

4 Match 1–6 with the endings a)–f).

1 Sargy Mann sees his paintings as visual
2 He has been registered
3 The idea of painting when blind seemed a total
4 He had all his equipment ready and decided to just give it
5 Sargy Mann was a landscape
6 Christopher Burness says Sargy Mann doesn't produce conventional

a) nonsense to him at first.
b) metaphors for his experience of reality.
c) blind for twenty-five years.
d) painter before he went blind.
e) paintings – his work is edgy and dangerous.
f) a go.

5A EITHER choose an artist you know OR choose one of the artists below and find out as much as you can about him/her. Use questions 1–3 to help you.

- Van Gogh
- Rembrandt
- Da Vinci
- Frida Kahlo
- Toulouse Lautrec

1 Where was he/she born?
2 What were the key events in her/her life?
3 What is his/her most famous work?

B Work in groups. Ask and answer questions about the artist you chose.

A: I chose Frida Kahlo.
B: Where is she from?
A: She was born in Coyoacán, near Mexico City.

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