

EUROPEAN RENAISSANCE

Artistic Movements & Evolution Timeline

1300 - 1400

Proto-Renaissance

Transition from Byzantine formality to naturalism. Early exploration of three-dimensional space and human emotion.

Key Artists: Giotto, Duccio, Cimabue

1400 - 1490

Early Renaissance

Development of linear perspective and anatomical correctness. Centered primarily in Florence under Medici patronage.

Key Artists: Masaccio, Donatello, Botticelli, Brunelleschi

1490 - 1527

High Renaissance

The pinnacle of classical balance, harmony, and technical mastery. Focus on idealized proportions and complex compositions.

Key Artists: Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Raphael

1430 - 1550

Northern Renaissance

Occurring in Flanders and Germany; characterized by intense detail, oil painting refinement, and domestic realism.

Key Artists: Jan van Eyck, Albrecht Dürer, Hieronymus Bosch

1520 - 1580

Mannerism

Late Renaissance style favoring artificiality over realism. Features elongated limbs, stylized poses, and dissonant colors.

Key Artists: Pontormo, Parmigianino, El Greco