

Gold Soundz

A students guide to works by Rob Matre



Who is the artist, and what is the exhibition?

Rob Matre is an artist from Albany, Georgia. He is showing his art at the Albany Museum of Art. The exhibition is called Gold Soundz and has paintings and photos from the last 20 years.

What inspires Matre?

Matre loves Albany and South Georgia; his art shows scenes from there and other places. He also likes golf and has pictures from golf tournaments around the world. His lifelong interest in art started with his passion for music, specifically with album art, which was his first source of inspiration. The title of this exhibition comes from the opening line of a song by Pavement, one of his favorite bands, which beckons to the listener: "Go back to those gold soundz."



Why is this exhibition important?

The exhibition is like coming home for Matre. His multi-media artwork (a work of art using more than one material) looks back at things from the past and makes connections to the present. It tells stories about Georgia's history, places, and how people live. The pictures and paintings help us feel and understand Georgia's past. It's a great opportunity for us to learn about art, history, and culture. We can explore Matre's paintings and photos to think critically and understand Georgia's local and regional context.



Q&A | Examine the above text to answer the following questions:

- Who is the artist, and what is the exhibition titled?
- What materials does Matre use to make art?
- What city and state is Matre from?
- Name 3 things Matre likes and gets inspiration from:
- What does Matre want us to learn from his artwork?

Rob Matre's Nostalgic Art

Rob Matre's art makes people remember and miss happy times from the past. When you look at his paintings and photos, you feel a warm and happy feeling, like when you see an old toy or hear a song from a long time ago. **Nostalgia** is that happy-sad feeling about good times!

Here are some ideas to make nostalgic artwork, just like Rob Matre:

- Make pictures of well-known buildings or special things in your town.
- Make pictures of everyday things in your town, like the park, streets, or stores.
- Make pictures of celebrations that happen in your town, like parades or festivals.
- Draw moments from your town's History.
- Make a collage of newspaper clippings and photos from your town.
- Make pictures of the people who live in your town.
- Illustrate pictures that tell stories about the town. You can ask people in the town to share their stories and then draw them.

Sketch a statue or fountain in your town:

Sketch a building in your town:

Sketch a sign or billboard in your town;