



Claude Monet

So, this is Claude Monet's Water Lily Pond. He was a keen gardener and he created this pond in his garden in Giverny, France. He painted over twenty pictures of this scene and some of them are vast wall-size paintings. Water lilies are one of the most famous themes by this impressionist artist. He was fascinated by light dancing on the water and the reflections cast in the water...willows, reeds, clouds...things that move and change constantly. For Monet, the reflection was the subject of the painting - he tried to capture a fleeting moment, an impression, working outdoors, 'en plein air', a new idea in art.