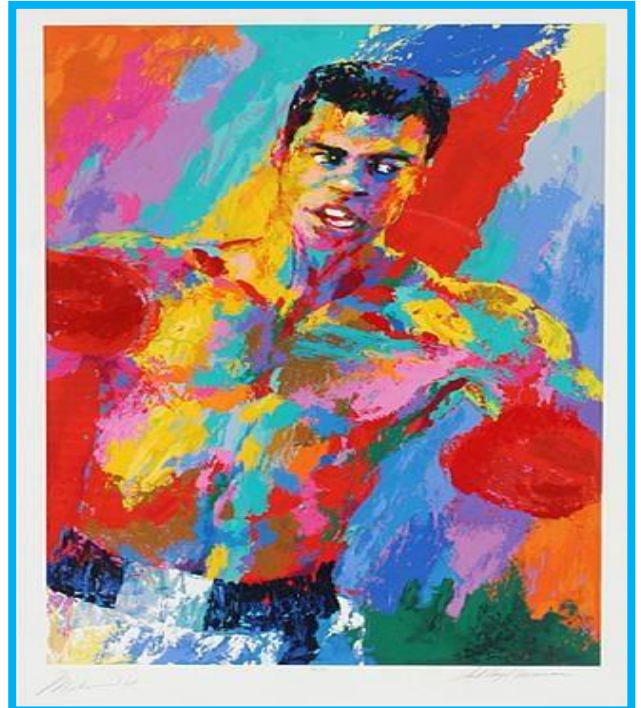


Leroy Neiman



Born :8th June 1921, Minnesota, USA.

Died: 20th June 2012, New York, USA



Leroy Neiman was an American artist known for his brilliantly coloured, expressionist paintings and screen prints of athletes, musicians and sporting events.

Neiman served in the US Army during WWII. He worked as a cook until the end of the war. After this, his art skills began to be recognised. Beginning in 1960, he travelled the world observing and painting leisure life, social activities and athletic competitions such as the Olympics. His works have been displayed in museums, sold at auctions and displayed in galleries. He is considered by many to be the first major sports artist in the world.

Expressionist art tried to convey emotion and meaning rather than reality. Artists had their own way of 'expressing' their emotions in their art. In order to express emotion, the subjects are often distorted or exaggerated. At the same time colours are often vivid and bold.



Can you research Neiman and name the sporting person on the previous page?

Which sports person would you paint?

Which sporting event would you choose to attend if you could paint it? Why?

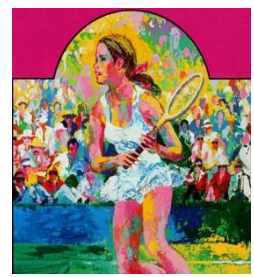
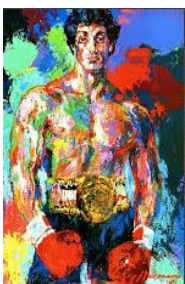
What would you hear if you were at that event?

How would you feel?

Below are some other famous Neiman paintings.

Which is your favourite? Why?

What is similar about all these paintings?



Can you name the sports in the above paintings?

Leroy Neiman also painted musicians such as Frank Sinatra.

This is Leroy Neiman's painting of him



Frank Sinatra's musical career began in the swing era in 1935 and ended in 1995.