born in Austria Studied drawings of children

# VIKTOR LOWENFELD

FATHER OF ART EDUCATION

five stages of artistic development



Study period : 1940"s and 1950"s.

Switzerland

combined bio<mark>logy,</mark> cogniti<mark>o</mark>n, and artistic development

indicators for growth

# JEAN PIAGET

INFLUENTIAL PSYCHOLOGIST AND EDUCATOR

# four stages of artistic development

SENSORIMOTOR (BIRTH - 2YRS)

PREOPERATIONAL STAGE (2-7)

- CIRCULAR HUMAN
FORMS IN FRONTAL
POSITIONS.
- BUILDINGS, ANIMALS,
AND PLANT LIFE.

FORMAL OPERATIONS (11-15)

- FINAL STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT
- ABSTRACT THINKING

- SYMBOLIC ACTIVITY

AND REPETITIVE

RESPONSES

- FANTASY & PLAY

- REALISTIC
REPRESENTATIONS
- HUMAN FORMS
- VISUAL AND VERBAL
COMMUNICATION

CONCRETE

**OPERATIONS** 

# LEV YYGOTSKY

Core Focus: social aspects

Russian psychologist 1920's & early 1030's

interpersonal, social, and cultural dimensions of learning and

creative action of play by children

Zone of Proximal Development (ZPD)

distance between the child needing adult guidance /peer collaboration to completing the task independently

relationship between learning and development can only be accessed by social interactions with other people

Vygotsky believes that learning occurs in ZPD

# **PROJECT**

### HOWARD GARDNER

American Psychlogist
Professor at Havard University

1967

HIS THEORIES HAVE A
DEVELOPMENTAL FOCUS
AND CAN APPLY TO
DIVERSE SUBJECTS
INCLUDING DRAWING,
NARRATIVE, MUSIC,
SENSITIVITY, AND

STYLE

music (notes)

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OF

The preschool and adult drawings contained more expressive qualities than middle childhood sketches.

SYMBOL SYSTEM

language (words)

graphic symbols of drawing (images).

young children draw with energy and playfulness without inhibition or selfconsciousness to express their feelings. He suggests that active interventions o artistic development by adults are unnecessary during the preschool years

# Bernard Darras and Anna Kindler.

# PICTORAL IMAGERY



Theoratical adaptation from C.S. Peirce's (1955)
semiotic theory.



"all pictorial representational activity shares communication potential" (p. 148). Darras and Kindler (1994)

development of pictorial imagery cannot be explained by a linear progression



social environment



PICTORAL IMAGERY

cultural aspects

artistic development in three stages

GESTATION



EARLY CHILDHOOD YEAR



### FIVE ICONICITIES

ICONITY 1

movements and their traces ICONITY 2

regularity of marks. ICONITY 3

mimicking the gestures and sounds of others ICONITY 4

sort, classify, and represent ICONITY 5

extensive exploration

# Mariappe 1998 Lerlandge holistic stage theory

# Six developmental stages

Mark Making (2-4)

manipulation of tools, uncontrolled marking, controlled marking, and planned marking.

Early Symbol Making (4-7)

visual vocabulary, stories about drawings

Symbol Making (7-9)

identifiable characteristics, colors, and problem solving with spatial issues

Emerging Expertise (9-11)

cartoon-like drawings, stick-figures, and V-birds.

Artistic Challenges (11-13)

Strong interest in creating art but least confident to do so.

Artistic Thinking

Social issues and emotional outlets serve as motivation for producing a wide variety of images.

### COMPARISON COLUMBIA C

- possible universal stages
- stage and age boundaries
- importance of social interactions
- self-criticism in middle childhood
- the childhood search for symbols and their meanings.

YOUNG CHILDREN'S

POSSIBLY UNIVERSAL

SOCIAL INTERACTIONS

DARRAS AND KINDLER (1997), PIAGET (1956), LOWENFELD (1982), AND VYGOTSKY (1978)

> DISCOVERY OF SYMBOLS AND EXPLORATION OF REPRESENTATIONS

OVERLAPPING FACTORS

# RELATED CHARACTERISTICS

FIRST STAGES OF LOWENFELD'S (1982), PIAGET'S (1956), DARRAS AND KINDLER'S (1997), AND KERLAVAGE'S

LOWENFELD'S FIRST THREE STAGES
"ARE UNIVERSAL IN THE SENSE THAT
CHILDREN ALL OVER THE WORLD
WILL PASS THROUGH THESE STAGES
REGARDLESS OF THE PARTICULAR
ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS THAT
PREVAIL OR THE TECHNOLOGIES
AVAILABLE TO THEM

SELF-CONSCIOUSNESS
AND SELF-CRITICISM

LOWENFELD (1982), GARDNER (1980), AND KERLAVAGE (1998)

- DARRAS AND KINDLER'S (<mark>19</mark>97) ICONICITIES 2 AND 3 - KERLAVAGE'S (1998) EAR<mark>L</mark>Y SYMBOL MAKING

### WESTERN PERSPECTIVE

KINDLER (2000 & 2004)

LOSS OF EXPRESSION OR IMAGINATION IN ARTWORK OF CHILDREN IN 7-12 YEARS AGE GROUP IS NOT EVIDENT

FOUND ONLY IN WESTERN CULTURES OR IF IT IS UNIVERSAL?

COMPARISON OF CHILDREN WITH SKILLED ADULTS

**WOHLWILL (1985)** 

U-CURVE OF DEVELOPMENT **HOWARD GARDNER** 

### PIAGET'S THEORY

Freedman -> age

Lowenfeld

Pearson -> theory related to early childhood and not applicable to middle childhood

may not be an important factor

KERLAVAGE

Hardiman & Zernich -> less cultural similarities

LINEAR AND COMBINE EARLY THEORISTS" VIEWS ON ARTISTIC

ALTER-MURI (2002) CULTURALLY INSENSITIVE SOCIAL INFLUENCES

THOMPSON (2003) CULTURAL & SECONDARY SOURCES WERE BEING NEGLECTED

# CULTURE & SOCIETY'S IMPACT

PATTERNS OF VALUES, BELIEFS, AND IDEAS THAT INFLUENCE HUMAN BEHAVIOR AS WELL AS THE OBJECTS PRODUCED FROM THE BEHAVIOR

LANGUAGE, ARTS, RELIGION, AND MORAL PRACTICES

### **ACTIVE AND IS ALWAYS CHANGING.**

MOLTERIOL CULTURE

HUMAN-MADE OBJECTS VOLLRATH (2006), THOMPSON (2003), GAROIAN (2004), AND RAMPLEY (2005)

TOYS
ARE A
PART OF
VISUAL
CULTURE

SUBJECTS THEY
FIND VALUABLE
AND IMPORTANT
WHICH MAY
REFLECT IDEAS IN
POPULAR
CULTURE

CHILDREN ARE CONSUMERS OF MEDIA IN THEIR DAILY LIVES

> POTENTIAL FOR STUDENTS TO UNDERSTAN D THEIR EVERYDAY EXPERIENCE

## **MANGA**

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"CORPORATE CAPITALISM
TO MANUFACTURE OUR
DESIRES AND
DETERMINE OUR
CHOICES" (GAROIAN,
2004, P. 299)

CHILDREN'S
SPONTANEOUS
DRAWINGS RELY ON
MANY DIFFERENT
GRAPHIC MEDIA
FORMS, SC THE
POPULAR CULTURE
WAGES MAY BE A
TOOL FOR
EXPLORATION OR AN
AVENUE FOR