



For five years, Art League of Hilton Head artists have enlivened Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra's annual concert program book with artwork relating to the concert themes and musical selections. From March 1-April 2, Art League Gallery will celebrate its collaboration with HHSO with the exhibition of "Music as Art." An opening reception on Wednesday, March 2nd from 5-7 pm is free and open to the public.

In 2009, HHSO Executive Director Mary Briggs, with then Art League President Terry Brennan, initiated a collaboration celebrating the mutual inspiration of the two art forms. Conductress Green created "Music and Art", selecting musical compositions that had been inspired by visual art. Then for the concert book and post-concert exhibits, Art League artists based their artwork on either the music or the original masterpieces. For 2010-11, "Music & Dance" led to equally original artworks.

Conductor John Morris Russell's dynamic baton has produced "Growing Excitement," "Dreams and Drama" and "Passion in the Lowcountry," stimulating artistic visions for the past three years.

"Sarah Bergin and Charles Grace from HHSO have been truly a pleasure to work with on



Painting of a string quartet by J.M.W. Turner, titled 'Rain, Steam, and Great Railway Bridge'. The painting depicts four musicians in formal attire playing string instruments (violin, viola, cello, and double bass) in a room with a large window. The background is a vibrant, textured red, suggesting a sunset or a dramatic interior. The style is Impressionist, with visible brushstrokes and a focus on light and color.