



# The Style of Alex Janvier

Visual Arts 5

# The Life of Alex Janvier

- Famous painter
  - Member of the Order of Canada
  - *Alberta Order of Excellence*
- Paintings, Murals
- Dene and Saulteaux
  - Cold Lake First Nation, Territory covered by Treaty No. 6
- Works exhibited across Canada, for example:
  - National Gallery of Canada
  - Legislature of Alberta



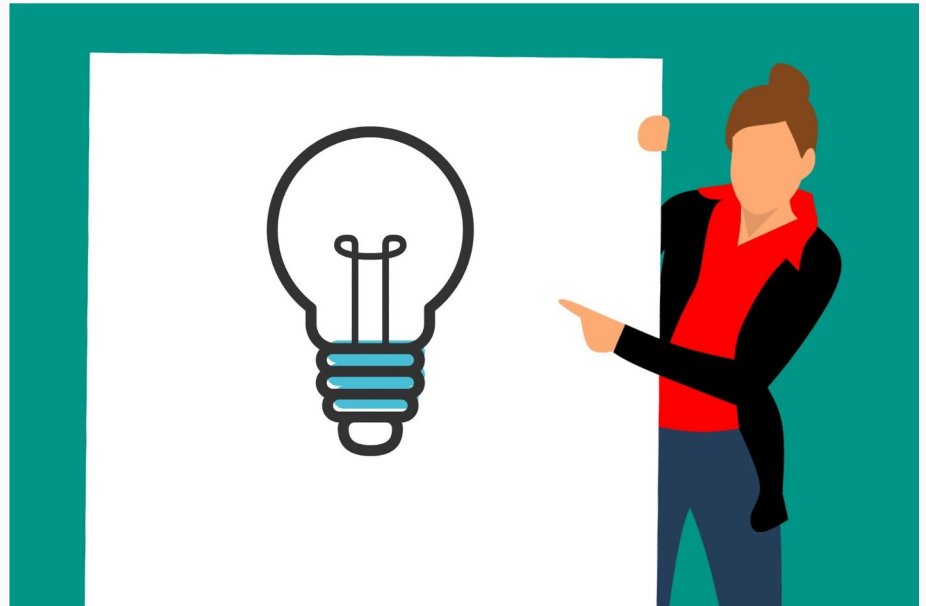
Image Source : [Calgary Herald](#)

# His Inspiration

Alex Janvier describes his source of inspiration, in the form of a poem.

Click the link below to read the poem:

<https://www.alexjanvier.com/inspiration/>



# Interview with Alex Janvier

(Canadian Museum of  
History)

In this interview,  
Alex Janvier speaks  
about the evolution  
of Indigenous art  
and why he applies  
an abstract style to  
his work.



[Click image for video interview](#)



**How Has  
Indigenous Art  
Changed?**

# ***An Introduction to The “Morning Star”***

- The mural, *“Morning Star”* by Alex Janvier, is located in the dome of the ceiling of The Canadian Museum of History.
- Click on the image to see a picture of the mural



# Components

Explore the artwork "*Morning Star*", then reflect on the following components:

- Colors
- Traits (lines)
- Shapes
- Symbols (objects)

[View the "Morning Star"](#)



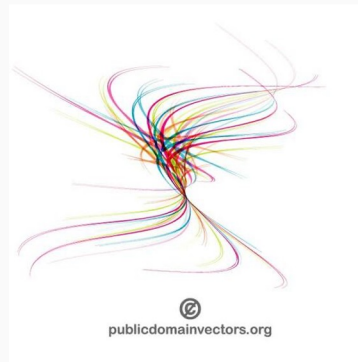
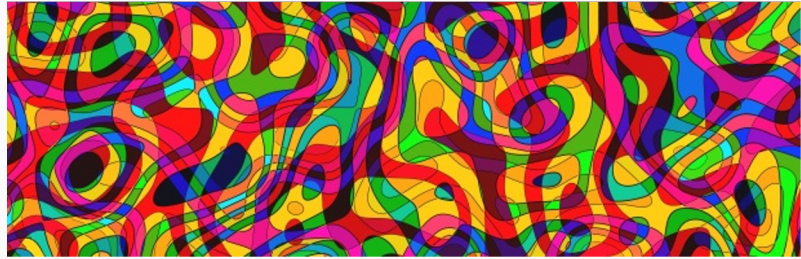
**What Did You  
Notice?**



# Alex Janvier's Style

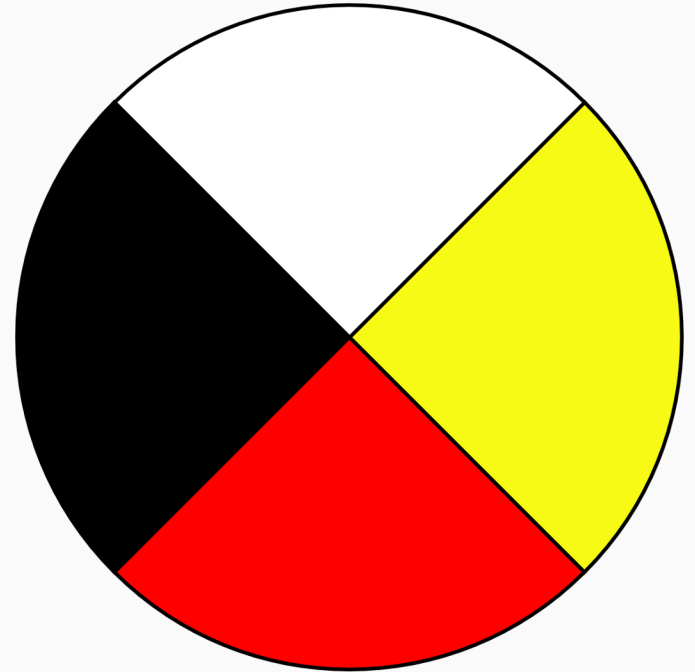
Alex Janvier is well known for his use of:

- Vibrant colors
- Curved lines
- Abstract shapes
- Indigenous symbols



# The Symbolism in The *"Morning Star"*

- Have you seen a medicine wheel before?
- What do you notice about the *"Morning Star"*?
- Have you seen any other symbols? Which ones?



# Symbols in The "Morning Star"

Click the link, then  
select "texts" to  
discover the  
symbolism of the  
"Morning Star".

<https://www.historymuseum.ca/morningstar/accessible-version/>

## Accessible version

VIDEOS

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TEXTS

THE ARCHITECT TALKS ABOUT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF  
THE SITE IN WHICH THE WORK IS PRESENTED



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# Critique of The *"Morning Star"*

Click the link below to learn more about the artwork and what it represents.

<https://youtu.be/xM84-EkVtCA?si=ULBdzUxtL3bHGzBd>

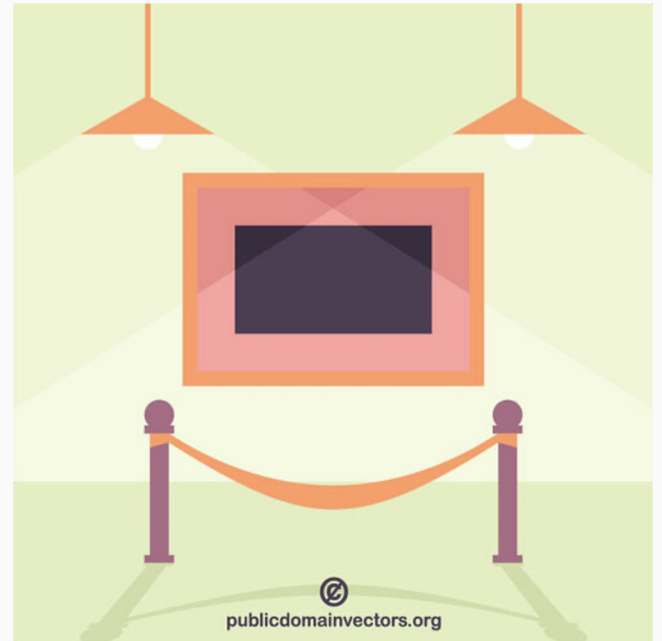


**What Have You  
Learned About  
The *“Morning  
Star”*?**

# Other Artworks

Explore other artworks by visiting Alex Janvier's official website.

<https://www.alexjanvier.com/available-originals-alex-janvier/>



# Your Turn!

Inspired by the artwork of Alex Janvier, create a piece of artwork that reflects his style:

- Vibrant colors
- Curved lines
- Abstract shapes
- Indigenous symbols

Remember to explain your project in one paragraph.

