

*I call everybody to this dance
pope, emperor and all creatures,
poor, rich, great and small.
Step forward, because grieving doesn't
help you!*

*But consider well, at all times,
that you bring good works with you,
and become free of your sins,
because you must dance to my pipe.*

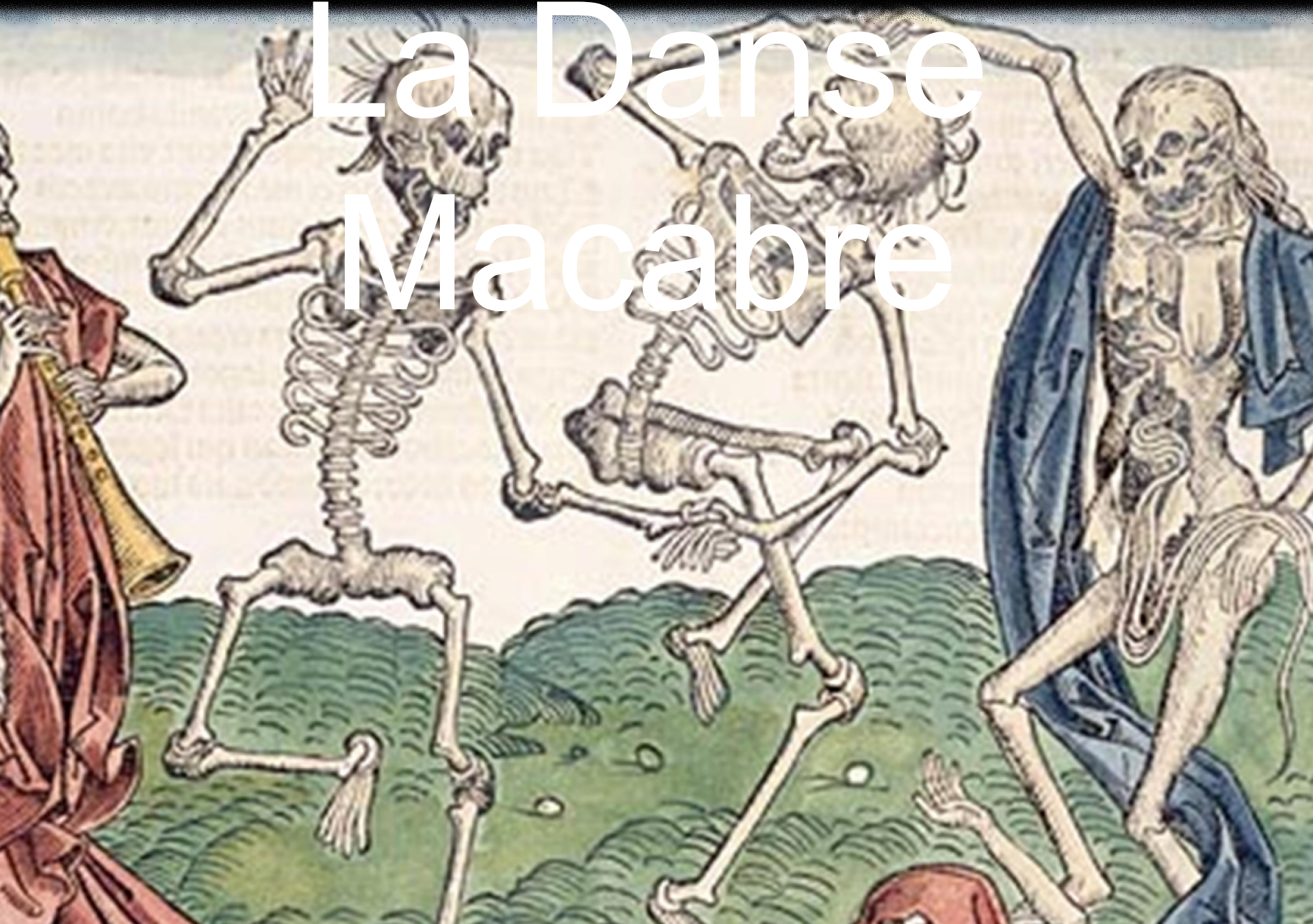


The Middle Ages

- ✓ *Medieval days (5th century-16th century)*
- ✓ *War*
- ✓ *Famine*
- ✓ *Plague*
- ✓ *Corruption in power/Christianity*
- ✓ *Crusades*



La Danse Macabre



La Naissance de la Danse Macabre

- ✓ *Illustrate corruption*
- ✓ *Brought counterviews*
- ✓ *Instigated revolution..*



The Allegory

- ✓ *Clever figurative analogy*
- ✓ *Universality of death*
- ✓ *Destroys social class status*
- ✓ *Lively skeletons represent death*
 - ✓ *Ironic*
- ✓ *People represent vain earthly, empty lives*



The Nobleman



Death Figure 10

*Now step forward, no lament
will help you,
you must bear your fate
yourself.*

It will be difficult for you.

*Nothing can follow you
except your works [be they]
good or bad.*

Your reward is after your deed.

No one can take this from you.

*Man, come here, I will sing for
you.*

History and Use



- ✓ *Main origin unknown*
- ✓ *Before 1424*
 - ✓ *Vado Mori-literary genre(Latin)*
 - ✓ *“Remember you shall die”*
 - ✓ *Cemetery of Innocents*
 - ✓ *First mural 1424*
 - ✓ *http://www.abbaye-chaise-dieu.com/anglais/a_danse.htm*

History and Use

- ✓ ***Danse Macabre-Dance of the Macabees***
- ✓ ***Macabees***
 - ✓ ***Book in the bible- 7 sons***
 - ✓ ***Story of grand martyrdom***
- ✓ ***Macchabe- Dead body***
 - ✓ ***Name of Christian martyrs who came up with prayer for purgatory***



The Empress



You were chosen, will you realize that, to protect and preserve the holy churches of Christianity with the sword of justice.

But haughtiness has blinded you, you have not recognized yourself My arrival was not on your mind! Turn here now, Mrs. Empress!

The Youth

*Great work have you done.
God will not disdain you
with your work and toil.
It is right, I'm just saying it,
God will reward you
in His highest hall.
Do not fear for a twinkling.
Step over here, youth.*



Use



- ✓ *Cold comfort*
 - ✓ *Warning for powerful men*
 - ✓ *Comfort for the poor-after life*
- ✓ *Death without exception*
 - ✓ *Sudden painful death anytime*
 - ✓ *No exceptions*
 - ✓ *Age, sex, richness, social status*



The Baby

*You have not done much,
And it is sad to see that
your time has come.*



The Physician



*Great wages shall you receive.
For your work that you have
done,
God will reward you thousand
fold,
and in the eternal life crown
[you].*

*But your fraudulence may also
bring you in great strife.
Will you regret your sins!
Follow after, Master Medicine.*



Results



Death Figure 5
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- ✓ *Lead more Christian lives*
 - ✓ *Penance*
 - ✓ *Believing in after life*
- ✓ *Church/officials corrupt*
 - ✓ *People lose faith in the church-not the religion*

Positive Side

- ✓ Not only to scare people
 - ✓ Entertainment
 - ✓ Self expression
 - ✓ Information
 - ✓ Feeling in control by characterizing death
 - ✓ Answers for-
 - ✓ Sudden deaths, plague, wars, famines



The Canon

*Had you shared your goods
with the poor then you would be
at ease now.*

*The complainers complained
their need,
never would you hear them
speak.*

*You were paid your farm rent.
You did not desire me,
that I once suddenly came here.
Canon, come here to the dance.*



The Peasant



*You may very well dance gladly,
To you belongs the heavenly
kingdom.*

*The work that you have done
shall gladden your soul.*

*If everybody did so, it would be
to much benefit;*

there wouldn't be much evil.

*But it has become sour for many
[people].*

Come into my rank, peasant.

Interpretations

- ✓ ***Not only in France..***
 - ✓ ***Dance of Death-English***
 - ✓ ***Danza Macabra-Spanish***
 - ✓ ***Totentanz-German***



The King



*You were in status equal to
an apostle of God on earth,
in order to strengthen the Christian belief
with words and other good works.
But you have, with great haughtiness,
been riding your high horse.
Therefore you most mourn so much more now!
Now step here in front you too, Mr. King!*

Visual Arts

- ✓ *Paintings*
 - ✓ *Frescoes*
 - ✓ *Canvas*
- ✓ *Woodcuts*
- ✓ *Metal Engravings- Hans Holbein*
- ✓ *Theatre*
- ✓ *Tapestry*
- ✓ *Wooden panels*





Death Figure 1



Das ist mein Kind, mein Allergnädigster Herr, der Tod frängt das Deyts nicht an sich, so der Tod frängt das Deyts nicht an sich, so der Tod frängt das Deyts nicht an sich.

The Merchant



*Had you, from your youth, on
God better
set yourself right
and diligently learned -
where you [instead] have
twisted many [of God's] words -
and brought the people to God,
that would be good! Now you
part [from life] unwillingly.
It must happen without
hesitation.
Merchant, will you too prepare
yourself.*

Literature



✓ *"As we are, so shall you be, and neither your strength nor your piety can provide escape."*

-unknown

«Je fis de Macabre la danse,
Qui tout gent maine à sa trace
E a la fosse les adresse»

"I made of Death a Dance
Who leads everyone in her steps
And guides them to the tomb"

The Pope

*Mr. pope, you are the highest
now,
let us lead the dance, I and
you!*

*Though you have stood in
God's stead,
an earthly father, honour and
dignity received*

*from the whole world, you
must*

*follow me and become, as I
am.*

*Your loosing and binding, that
was firm*



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