

Nanopublication — Étude as Research Unit

by Arnaud Quercy [2] · G Minor - Research on Harmony - Variation 3 · 2024

Claim 2: Étude as Research Unit

This painting is a visual étude — a focused study of a single harmonic structure, where each variation in the series isolates a different voicing or register arrangement of the G minor triad, building research [1] through systematic repetition.

CONTEXT

The étude tradition in music serves a specific function: focused, repetitive work within deliberate constraints, building understanding through sustained engagement with limited material. I apply the same principle to painting. Each variation is not a finished statement or a standalone expressive work — it is a working-through, an exercise that holds value as one unit within a larger investigative series.

Meaning accumulates not in any single piece but across the body of variations. Variation 3 explores one particular voicing spread of G minor; other variations in the series explore the same triad in different registers, spacings, and compositional arrangements. The series resists overinterpretation of individual works — each étude is deliberately modest, a node in a research program rather than a destination.

REFERENCES

- [1] Quercy, A. (2024). G Minor - Research on Harmony - Variation 3 (AQC0739). Synesthetic Explorations collection. <https://arnaudquercy.art/media/2024/01/g-minor-research-on-harmony-variation-3-acrylic-by-arnaud-quercy-aqc0739-87g.webp>
- [2] Quercy, A. ORCID: <https://orcid.org/0009-0000-2662-7790>
- [3] Quercy, A. Synesthetic Explorations — Collection Overview. [URL to be added]

EPISTEMIC PROFILE

Claim type artistic statement

Voice first person

Epistemic status reflective practice

Methodology serial variation

Certainty high

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