

The Process of an Art Commission

Colin Davidson is a contemporary artist, living and working near Belfast, Northern Ireland.

He graduated in 1991 from the University of Ulster with a first-class honours degree. He is currently best known for his large scale portraits. He has won widespread recognition and many international awards for these paintings.

In December 2015 he was commissioned by TIME Magazine to paint the German Chancellor, Angela Merkel, for the cover for its 'Person of the Year' issue.



Angela Merkel (In Absentia)

127 x 117 cm
oil on canvas
2015

Commissioned by TIME Magazine

The collection of Stiftung Haus der Geschichte der Bundesrepublik Deutschland, Berlin

Task:

You are to watch: <https://www.dw.com/en/painting-the-person-of-the-year/av-18929520> clip and answer the following questions:

Reason behind the commission	
Response to brief	
Materials, techniques used, Scale	
How he works and the timeframe given	
How he created the painting	
The overall impact of the piece – was it successful? What do you think of it?	