

Text of radio broadcast dedication to “Liceo Artistico”, Lanusei,

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It is Knight in the afternoon with you right the way through until 4 and then of course Kayleigh Stewart is here with “Sweet Saturday” from 4 pm, so stay tuned for that. But I was mentioning this mural. Now, when David Bowie passed away the English teacher and the students got together and thought “How can we possibly pay a tribute to the man, the myth, the legend that is David Bowie?”. They came up with the idea of *The Art of the Alien*. They have done a big mural on the school wall, inside the school, not outside obviously, inside the school. Similarly, it took a lot of arguments, a lot of discussions for this to go ahead but the school itself - now forgive me, I’m not very good at Italian, but forgive me if I get some of the names slightly wrong - the school is the “Liceo Artistico”, Lanusei, that is in Italy, and the headmaster Antonio Piroddi, gave permission for this to go ahead, eventually, but he did give permission which is the main thing, and the English teacher Maria Antonietta Fiera got some of the students together and came up with this great big idea for the mural. It’s got the lightning strikes and the whirls and the planets and everything on it.

The students are:

Barroi Giorgia Alessia, Brendas Fabrizio, Calisi Lorenzo, Careddu Davide, Dal Mas Francesca, Fara Samuele, Franceschi Stefano, Lai Martina, Ligas Alessandro, Loddo Davide, Olla Angelica, Pisu Eleonora, Sagheddu Emanuele, Sulis Marina.

A fantastic well done to you. I’ve got one of David Bowie’s favourite comments written on there:

*If you feel safe in the area you’re working in, you’re not working in the right area. Always go a little further into the water than you feel you’re capable of being in. Go a little bit out of your depth. And when you don’t feel that your feet are quite touching the bottom, you’re just about in the right place to do something exciting.*

Brilliant, brilliant comment and a massive well done to everyone that took part in that, and that will be there for ever, for ever and ever. I’m sure that David Bowie is looking down and going “I like that, that’s brilliant”. So well done to everyone at the “Liceo Artistico” of Lanusei School and of course to Antonio Piroddi, the headmaster, for allowing it to happen and to the English teacher Maria Antonietta Fiera for getting the students together to do it.

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David Bowie of course and *Space Oddity*, a fitting tribute to the mural I think. A fantastic job! Well done!