

Supervisor's Report on B. A. Thesis  
ABSTRACT EXPRESSIONISM AND RAYMOND ROUSSEL  
IN THE POETRY OF JOHN ASHBERY  
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I recommend the grade of excellent for this work (**výborně**) as the student displays a knowledge, judiciousness and depth of insight that is quite unusual for this level.

First, knowledge. The choice of subject matter covers three more or less disparate subject areas and required substantial research (two of which are beyond the bourne of her studies). This the student has carried out with flair and diligence.

Second, judiciousness and depth of insight. Much of the criticism on Ashbery is tendentious and unhelpful. The student has chosen well among these works (mostly without guidance), but more importantly she has proven able to calibrate her findings against the textures of Ashbery's poetry in a way that avoids the usual traps for the critics. It is a pleasure to witness her intelligence and sensitivity at work when dealing with his poems, always alert to their delights and arguments.

In sum, the work is so outstanding that I only hope the student will pursue postgraduate work at another institution, hopefully in the US; she should receive our full support in this.

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