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n.

1. A dramatic, artistic, literary, or musical piece openly imitating the previous works of other artists, often with satirical intent.
2. A pasticcio of incongruous parts; a hodgepodge: *"In ... a city of splendid Victorian architecture ... there is a rather pointless pastiche of Dickensian London down on the waterfront" (Economist).*

[French, from Italian *pasticcio*; see [PASTICCIO](#).]

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