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Artist Biography

Andy Warhol (1928 - 1987)

Andy Warhol was an American artist, director and producer who was a leading figure in the visual art movement known as pop art. His works explore the relationship between artistic expression, celebrity culture, and advertising that flourished by the 1960s, and span a variety of media, including painting, silkscreening, photography, film, and sculpture. Some of his best known works include the silkscreen paintings Campbell's Soup Cans (1962) and Marilyn Diptych (1962), the experimental film Chelsea Girls (1966), and the multimedia events known as the Exploding Plastic Inevitable (1966–67).

Born and raised in Pittsburgh, Warhol initially pursued a successful career as a commercial illustrator. After exhibiting his work in several galleries in the late 1950s, he began to receive recognition as an influential and controversial artist. His New York studio, The Factory, became a well-known gathering place that brought together distinguished intellectuals, drag queens, playwrights, Bohemian street people, Hollywood celebrities, and wealthy patrons. He promoted a collection of personalities known as Warhol superstars, and is credited with coining the widely used expression "15 minutes of fame." In the late 1960s, he managed and produced the experimental rock band The Velvet Underground and founded Interview magazine. He authored numerous books, including *The Philosophy of Andy Warhol* and *Popism: The Warhol Sixties*.

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2018 *An Exhibition of Early Illustrations by Andy Warhol*, Halcyon Gallery, London, UK
- 2017 *Andy Warhol: Stars of the Silver Screen*, The Andy Warhol Museum, Pittsburgh, USA
Adman: Warhol Before Pop, Art Gallery NSF, Sydney, Australia
Sixty Last Suppers, Museo del Novecento, Milano, Italy
- 2016 *Andy Warhol / Ai Weiwei*, The Andy Warhol Museum, Pittsburgh, USA
Andy Warhol: Shadows, Guggenheim Bilbao, Spain
- 2015 *Warhol by the Book*, The Andy Warhol Museum, Pittsburgh, USA
Yes! Yes! Yes! Warholmania in Munich, Museum Brandhorst, Munich, Germany
- 2014 *Andy Warhol's 13 Most Wanted Men and the 1964 World's Fair*, Queens Museum of Art, New York, USA
- 2013 *Pop, Power, and Politics*, The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, Scotland
- 2010 *Warhol After Munch*, Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Humlebæk, Denmark
- 2009 *Warhol Live*, The Andy Warhol Museum, Pittsburgh, USA
The Museum Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall, Taipei, Taiwan, China

- 2008 *Warhol Live*, Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, Montreal, Canada
Andy Warhol Retrospective, Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane, Australia
- 2007 Taipei Fine Arts Museum, Japan
Andy Warhol's Dream America, Toledo Museum of Art, Ohio, USA
- 2005 Museum of Modern Art, Sao Paulo, Brazil
Museum of Modern Art, Lyon, France
Self Portraits, Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Edinburgh, Scotland
- 2001 Neue Nationalgalerie, Berlin, Germany; Tate Modern, London, UK; Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, USA

SELECTED PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

- DE Daimler Art Collection, Stuttgart
- UK The Tate, London, UK
- USA The Guggenheim, New York
The Met, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York
Walker Art Center, Minneapolis
MoMA, Museum of Modern Art, New York
The Andy Warhol Museum, Pittsburgh
The Whitney Museum of American Art, New York
Museum Brandhorst, Munich, Germany