Andy Warhol 1928 – 1987



Andy Warhol was born on 6th August 1928 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in the USA. His real name was Andrew Warhola, Jr but he dropped the 'a' from the end of his name as his success as an artist began to grow. Warhol's mother taught him to draw when he was recovering from a disease that caused his limbs to spasm uncontrollably.

After graduating from art school, Warhol moved to New York to work as an artist. He produced a wide range of art work using many forms of media including: printmaking, photography, drawing, sculpture and film. He named his studio 'The Factory' and welcomed celebrities and artists to spend time there.

Warhol is probably most famous for his pop art. In the 1960s, he painted iconic American objects such as Campbell's soup cans and Coca-Cola bottles, and people, such as Marilyn Monroe. He also produced work for popular celebrities such as Mick Jagger and John Lennon.

In 1979, Warhol founded the New York Academy of Art. He died six years later aged 60 due to complications after stomach surgery.

