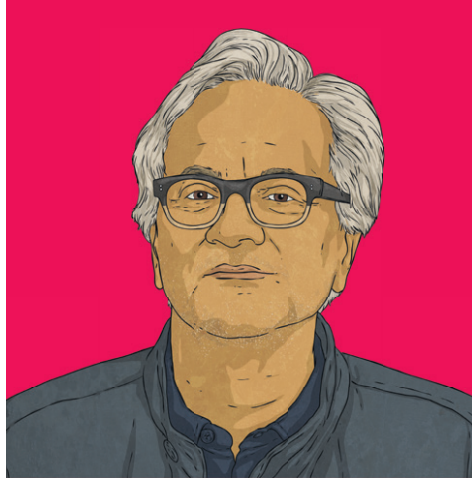


# Anish Kapoor

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Anish Kapoor was born on 12<sup>th</sup> March, 1954 in Mumbai (previously Bombay), India. In 1973, Kapoor moved to London to study at the Hornsey College of Art and then at the Chelsea School of Art. Kapoor is famous for creating abstract sculptures that reflect living, natural elements such as plants and the human body. He sculpts with materials such as stone, aluminium and resin and has a love of rich colours.

In 1991, Kapoor was awarded with the Turner Prize (the highest award given to a British artist).

In the early 21<sup>st</sup> century, Kapoor started to create increasingly large and ambitious sculptures. For example, for his 2002 installation (Marsyas) at the Tate Modern gallery, Kapoor created

a trumpet-like form by erecting three massive steel rings joined by a 155m span of red plastic membrane that stretched the length of the museum's Turbine Hall.

In 2011, Kapoor was commissioned by the city of London to build the ArcelorMittal Orbit in London's Olympic Park. This is a 115m tall tower surrounded by a looping lattice of red tubular steel with an observation deck at the top which was opened to the public for the 2012 Olympic Games.

Kapoor was awarded with a CBE in 2003 and received the Japan Art Association's Praemium Imperiale prize for sculpture in 2011.