

Marc Quinn

1964 - present



Marc Quinn is a British artist who was born in London in 1964. He is married with two children. Quinn studied History and History of Art at the University of Cambridge. He worked as an assistant to a sculptor called Barry Flanagan. Quinn is a member of the Young British Artists, a group that includes famous artists Damien Hirst and Tracey Emin. The group is noted for using shock tactics and unusual materials.

His sculptures, paintings and drawings explore the link between art and science. Quinn became famous in 1991 when he made a sculpture called *Self*, which was a cast of the artist's head made from eight pints of his own frozen blood. He often uses unusual materials in his sculptures, such as ice and bread. In 2000 he created a whole garden of frozen plants that could never grow.

Quinn often makes work that relates to the human body. He has made lots of sculptures

of people with disabilities or who have had limbs amputated. In 2010 he created a series of sculptures of new models, including 'Catman', which depicts a man who has been tattooed to look like a cat.

Quinn has exhibited his work all over the world, from Milan to Istanbul. His most recent exhibitions include a show at London's White Cube gallery, featuring two large-scale orchid sculptures in painted bronze installed in Hoxton Square.

In 2014, Producer and Director Gerry Fox made a film capturing the life of artist Marc Quinn. It was shown as part of The London Film Festival. Marc Quinn has also had his work featured on the catwalk for designer Alexander McQueen during Paris Fashion Week.