

All About

# Keith Haring

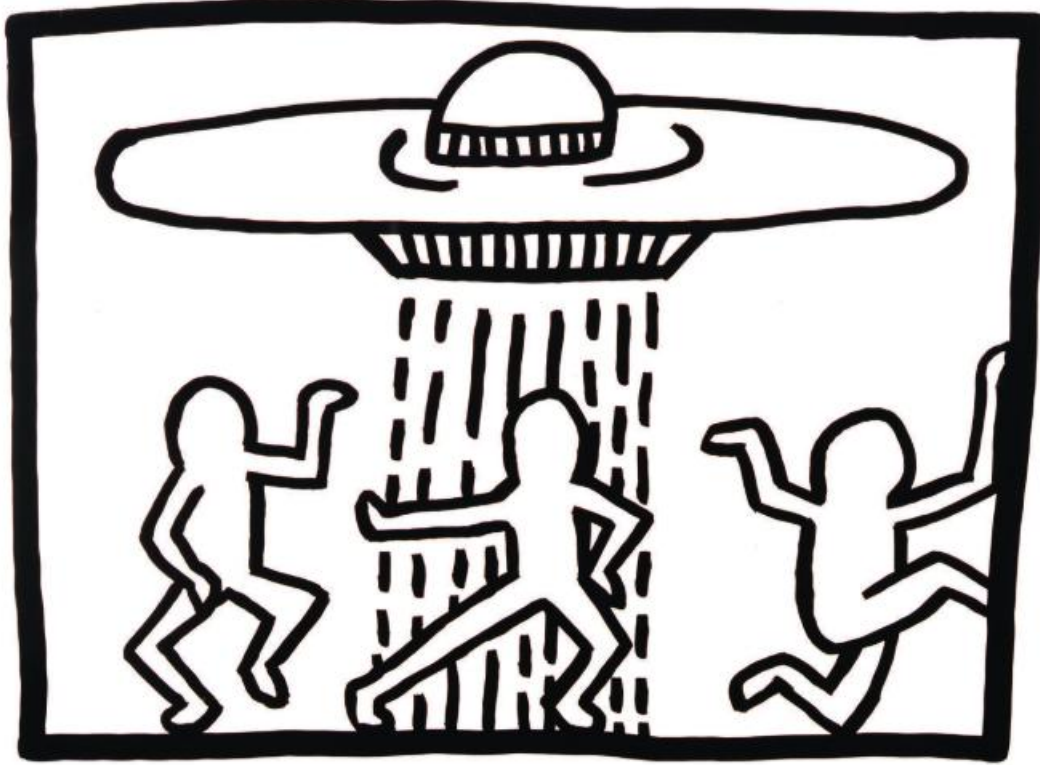
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Keith Haring was born in 1958, in Pennsylvania, USA. He loved drawing cartoons and visiting museums.

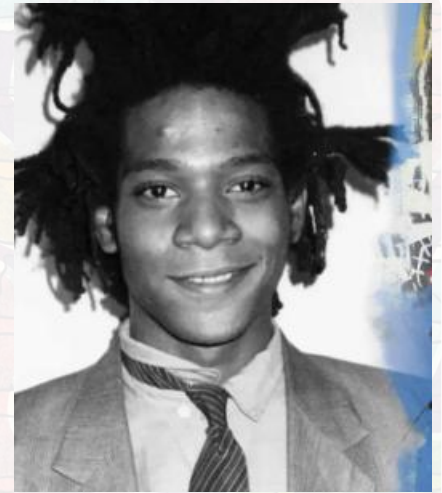


Keith Haring is known for colourful, cartoon artworks and certain characters such as crawling babies, barking dogs and spaceships.

In the 1980s, New York was very exciting place and there were many artists working in the same neighbourhood as Haring, such as Andy Warhol and Jean Michel Basquiat.



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# Keith Haring's Art

Keith Haring's style of art is well known for bold, bright colours with thick outlines and a cartoon-like style.



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He used thick black outlines and filled with one colour.



Keith Haring was inspired by graffiti artists. He drew hundreds of drawings on New York's subway. He used chalk to make his art, like these images.



People walked past his art every day. Imagine walking past artworks on your way to school every day! He got in trouble sometimes for drawing on the subway, but many people loved his art. He carried on drawing because he wanted everyone to experience art.



Keith Haring started becoming famous and had exhibitions in galleries. When the paintings were sold, he often gave the money to children's charities.

Haring, painted art with and for kids. He made murals in lots of children's hospitals and schools. He even painted a massive artwork of the Statue of Liberty with over 1000 kids!

He often listened to hip-hop music. Break-dancers used his pavement drawings as a surface for their performances.



# The Rest of the World



# Arty Task - Have a Go

Keith Haring was passionate about taking art to the people (all people of all levels) rather than keeping it in galleries.

Why not have a go at creating your own artwork in the style of Keith Haring?

Bold colours, cartoon people shapes, black outlines and some movement lines.



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