

ANDY WARHOL

August 6, 1928 – February 22, 1987

- Andy Warhol was a famous American painter, printmaker, illustrator, and filmmaker.
- He was a leader in the Visual Art Movement known as Pop Art.
- His artwork was different from anything ever created before.



- He was born as Andrew Warhola in 1928 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. His parents immigrated to the United States from part of the former Austro-Hungarian Empire.
- When Warhol was eight years old, he had a nervous system disease, called Sydenham's chorea, that caused involuntary movements of his limbs.
- Warhol became an outcast at school and often had to stay home. He listened to the radio and drew and collected pictures of movie stars. Warhol described this time as critical in the development of his personality and skills.

Warhol studied commercial art at the Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburg.



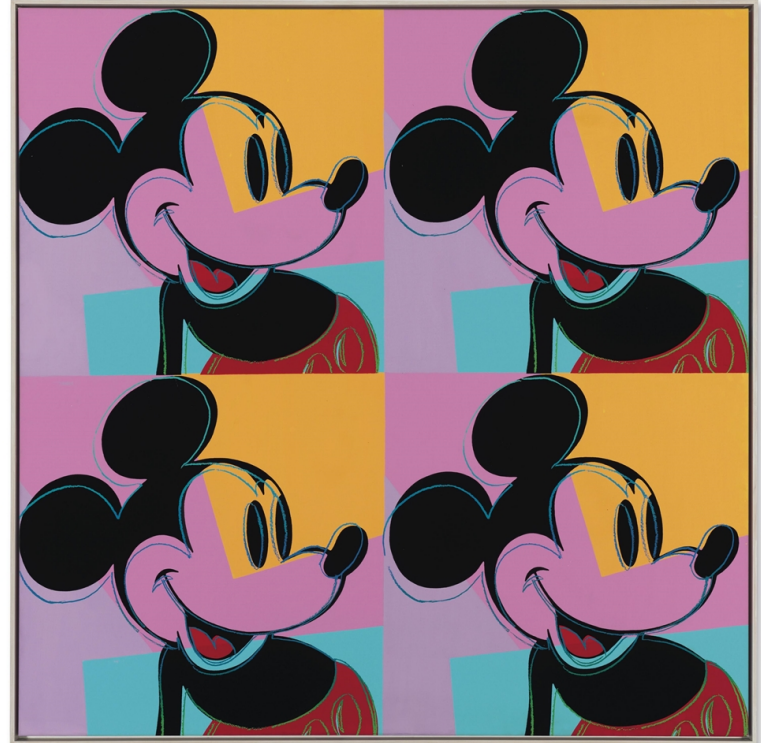
He moved to New York City after he graduated to begin his career as a commercial artist.

Some critics thought of him as merely a magazine illustrator and not a real artist.





Warhol began creating pop art in the 1960s. He specialized in printing and could make multiple copies.



He printed pictures of ordinary objects, celebrities, and other subjects from popular culture. Repetition was a key element in his work.



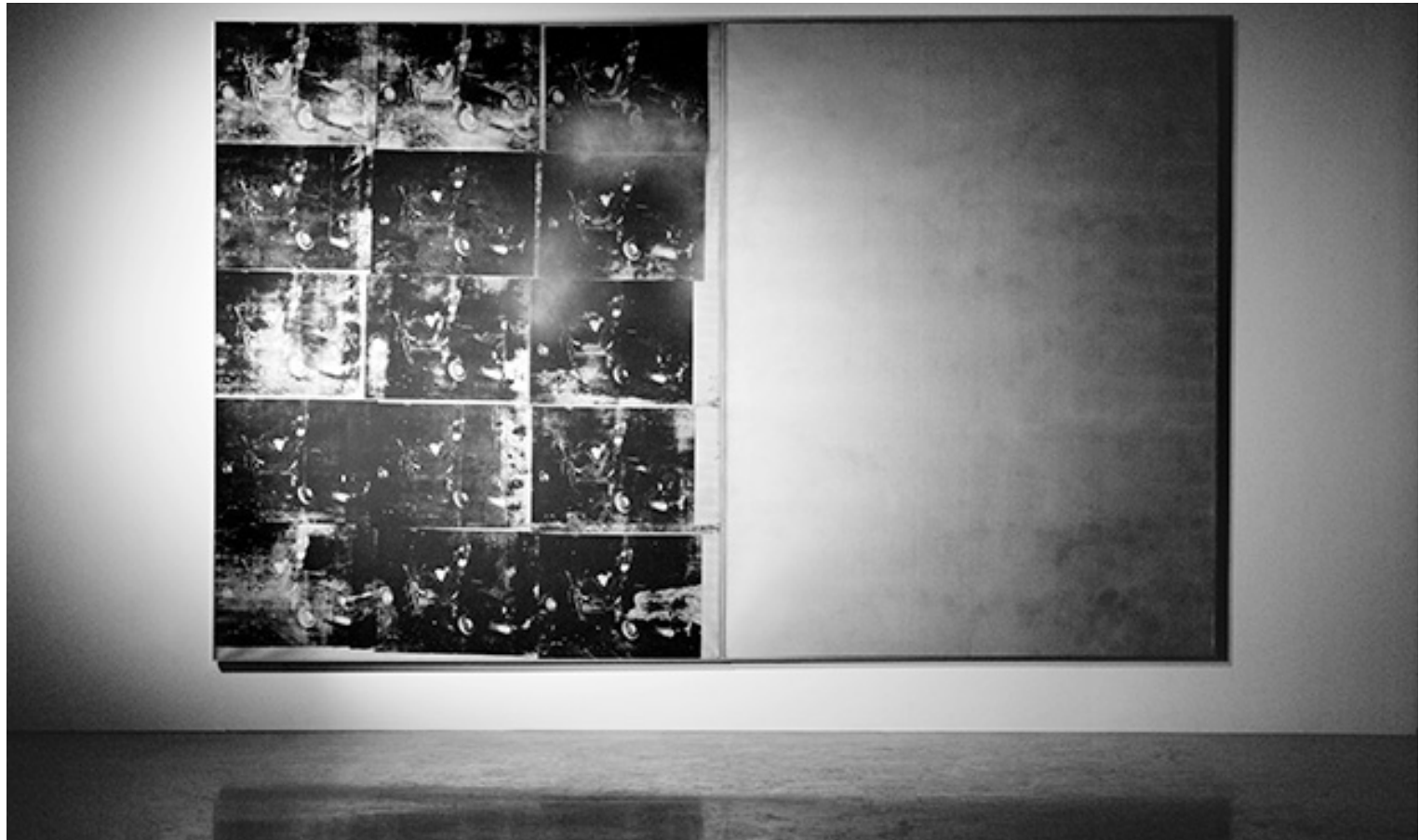
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- The Andy Warhol Museum is the largest museum in the country that is devoted to one single artist.





Many of his pieces are extremely valuable. The painting “Silver Car Crash (Double Disaster)” sold for \$105 million.