

Keith Haring was an amazing artist who lived in New York City in the 1980s. He was really famous for his cool, cartoon-like drawings that were full of energy and bold lines.

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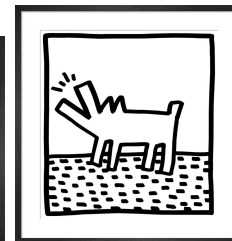
- ★ He believed that art should be for *everyone*, not just for people who go to art galleries. That's why he started drawing in public places, like the New York City subway stations. He would use white chalk on the black paper that covered old advertisements.
- ★ Even though he started on the streets, Keith Haring's art became really popular, and he had exhibitions in big art galleries around the world. But he still wanted his art to be accessible. He even opened a shop called the "Pop Shop" where people could buy his designs on things like t-shirts, badges, and posters, so everyone could own a piece of his art
- ★ Even though his art looks fun and simple, Keith Haring often used it to talk about important issues happening in the world. He was an activist who used his art to raise awareness.

A **mural** is a piece of art painted or applied directly onto a large surface, usually a wall, ceiling, or even a floor.

The **subway** is an underground railway.

His Signature Style: Doodles and Movement You can spot a Keith Haring artwork easily! He used:

- **Bold, thick black outlines:** These make his figures really stand out.
- **Bright, vibrant colours:** Yellow, red, blue, green – his art is full of life!
- **Simple, cartoon-like figures:** He drew people, animals (especially barking dogs and crawling babies he called "radiant babies"), and other symbols.
- **Action lines:** You'll often see little lines around his figures, like the ones in comic books, which make it look like they're moving, dancing, or even glowing!



Inspired by His Surroundings Keith Haring was influenced by the exciting culture of New York City in the 1980s, especially hip-hop music and breakdancing. You can often see the rhythm and energy of dancing in his artwork.

KEY WORDS

Stylisation
(having a unique look)
cartoon
Subway
graffiti
Design
Mural
Colourful
Bold
Graphic outline
Motion marks
Storyboard
Hip Hop
Street art
Pop artist
Collage
Composition
movement

