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Andy Warhol's Biography

Andrew Warhola was born on 6th August, 1928 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA. He was a successful artist who led the movement of 'Pop Art'. Also he worked for magazines and designed adverts. Despite being named Andrew Warhola when born, he changed it to a shorter, Andy Warhol when he moved to New York.

Although his parents (Orej Warhola and Julia Warhola) were Slovakian, Andy was American because they had moved to USA just before he was born. Andy Warhol had ~~two~~ two older brothers: John and Paul. They tried to influence him into becoming a famous artist. They succeeded.

Andy Warhol attended Schenly High School, however, he dropped out for a while after being contaminated with a disease called Sydenham's chorea, nevertheless, he carried on drawing. Despite the interruptions Andy graduated and decided to study pictorial design at Carnegie Institute of Technology.

After graduating from University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, he decided to pursue his career in New York as a commercial artist. As quick as a flash, Warhol gained fame in the 1950's for his ink drawings in advertisement and his designs for the covers of albums. His work was well liked throughout the world, on the other hand, some people

called it lazy. Despite the criticism, a decade later Andy devoted more on paintings and in 1961 debuted the concept of 'Pop Art' - paintings that focused on mass produced commercial goods. Not easy!

Coca Cola bottles, dollar bills and hamburgers as well as portraits of Mick Jagger and other celebrities are just a few of his widely known paintings that have still not ceased to amaze the world. Not only did Andy make paintings but also about sixty experimental films such as: Chelsea girls, Eat, Sleep and Kiss. Did his career stop here No it didn't. Having made paintings and films Andy moved on and started to write books in the 1970's; his first book was called Andy Warhol's Index.

Sadly, Andy Warhol's life came to an end on February 22nd 1987 - at the age of 58. He will always be remembered as an artistic and talented man. Only one word can be used to express his very successful life: stupendous!

A very interesting biography, Jamie.



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