



KEITH HARING: GRAFFITI ARTIST AND ACTIVIST

Born: 4th May 1958 in Reading, Pennsylvania, USA

Died: 16th February 1990 (aged 31), New York City, USA

Family: He had three younger sisters. His parents were Joan and Allen Haring.

Education: He went to Kutztown Area Senior High School. Then, he studied at the Ivy School of Professional Art in Pittsburgh, but he did not finish. He also studied at Pittsburgh Centre for the Arts and the School of Visual Arts in New York City.

Jobs: He worked at Pittsburgh Centre for the Arts in maintenance. At the same time, he focused on his own art. Later, he became a full-time artist. In 1978, he moved to New York. There, he became very interested in graffiti art while studying at the School of Visual Arts.

New York

New York was a busy and exciting city. Haring loved graffiti art. He saw empty black spaces in the subway and started drawing his own graffiti there. Sometimes, graffiti is not allowed. He was arrested a few times because of this.

Rest of the World

In the 1980s, Haring became famous in other countries. He traveled and painted murals in Australia, Rio de Janeiro, and Paris. He was even asked to paint part of the Berlin Wall in Germany, near Checkpoint Charlie.

The Pop Shop

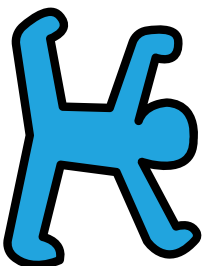
He said, "The Pop Shop makes my work accessible. It's about participation for everyone." The original shops are now closed. Pop Shop items are still sold online by the Keith Haring Foundation.

Activism

During his life, Keith Haring helped children, especially those in poor areas. He also worked to educate people about HIV and AIDS. In 1989, he started the Keith Haring Foundation. This foundation continues his work today. Keith Haring wanted art to be for everyone, not just in galleries.



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