



Self-Portrait (detail), 1963-1964
 Andy Warhol (American, 1928-1987)
 Photobooth photograph | 7 7/8 x 1 5/8 in.
 Courtesy the Andy Warhol Museum

“They always say time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself.”
 — **Andy Warhol**

Born: August 6, 1928

Died: February 22, 1987 (age 58)

Education: Carnegie Institute for Technology in Pictorial Design Program

5 Random Facts:

1. During his career as an illustrator Andy Warhol employed his mother to do the unique handwriting.
2. His fame as an artist came with the debut of his Campbell's Soup Can series.
3. He created over 600 time capsules filled with everyday items.
4. There was an assassination attempt on Warhol and during his hospital stay he began using the Kodak Instamatic camera.
5. He produce 100,000 photographs—black and white gelatin silver prints—in the last ten years of his life.

SNAP! WARHOL

In the Photobooth with Andy Warhol & Friends

Biography: Andy Warhol

Early Life

Andy Warhol was born Andrew Warhola to Slovakian emigrants who settled in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In the 1930s, when Andy was growing up, Massillon would have looked very similar to Pittsburgh. Both cities had booming industries, like steel mills. Life in a working class neighborhood, surrounded by factories, would have been much different than the glamorous lifestyles of the celebrities Andy so admired. As a young man, he attended art school and learned how to create designs and advertisements for department stores. In 1948, he drops the “a” from Warhola. He moved to New York City in 1949, where he worked as an illustrator for more than 10 years.

Pop Art Movement

Around 1960, he became an important figure in the Pop Art movement. His prior work in advertisement became foundation for his iconic style and memorable paintings and prints that appropriated imagery of consumer goods and famous celebrities.

Warhol's silkscreen technique made it easy for him to manipulate and reproduce images repeatedly and frequently.

He created a space, The Factory, where many artists, musicians, and writers collaborated and influenced the subject matter of Warhol's work.

Later Life

Warhol continues creating art, focusing a lot of time on photography using Polaroid and Kodak Instamatic cameras. He publishes books and exhibits his photographs in the United States.

He collaborates with many young artists, musicians, and celebrities and hosts MTV's *Fifteen Minutes*.

After nearly four decades as an artist, Warhol died in 1987 after complications from gallbladder surgery. He is buried in a Pittsburgh suburb near his parents.