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FAMOUS ARTISTS SERIES: ANDY WARHOL (1928 – 1987)

“Soup Can Pepper Pot ”

Andy Warhol Museum, Pittsburgh, PA

Supplies Needed:

- * Framed Warhol print “Soup Can Pepper Pot”
- * 8 ½” x 11” white construction paper for each student from teachers’ workroom
- * Cans of Campbell’s tomato soup from supply box
- * Laminated examples for presentation from supply box (12 Total)
- * Students will need their colored markers
- * Project sample
- * **Warhol**, by Honnef in supply box for reference

Reference Books

- * Getting to Know the World’s Greatest Artists: Warhol M. Venezia
- * Warhol David Bourdon
- * Andy Warhol A Retrospective K. McShine
- * Warhol Carter Ratcliff

AHEAD OF TIME NOTE: If you have time, mount white paper on red construction paper. Please photocopy master note “Famous Artist Series” for each student.

Present laminated picture #1 of Andy Warhol. Ask the students if all art is the same – who likes art? What are some different kinds of art? (realistic , modern, impressionist, pointillism, cubism, etc.)

Today we are going to learn about a Pop artist. His name is Andy Warhol. Warhol is an American artist. He was a little weird...as you can see. He wore wigs, crazy glasses, and even painted his fingernails. Warhol was unique! He was born in 1928 He grew up in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in a very poor family. His mom, dad and the three kids all all lived in two rooms. As a child, Warhol was very sickly. He spent a lot of time in bed and began to use all of his time drawing. His mother encouraged him to develop his art. Both of his parents worked very hard to make enough money to send him to art school. When he went to art school, he wanted to become an artist, but Warhol had a bigger goal. He wanted to become rich and famous. This became Warhol’s biggest goal. ***Ask the students: “What did Andy Warhol want to be? _____ and _____. (rich and famous)***

Present laminated picture #2 of Andy Warhol.

Warhol always did strange things so people would notice him. For example, when he had his first art show, Warhol invited everyone to come. When they arrived, he had on a mask and a wig. He wouldn't say a word the whole night and played the same weird song over and over again.

Another strange thing he did was when he put his first painting in an art show, he named his picture "The Broad Gave Me My Face, But I Can Pick My Own Nose". Weird!

When he graduated from college, he went to New York City to find a job. Warhol was so poor that he had to carry samples of his work around in a paper sack. But he got lucky. He got his first job at Glamour magazine. His first assignment was to draw pictures of shoes. Warhol was thrilled! He loved drawing shoes. Sometimes if someone was sitting with him, he would start drawing pictures of their shoes.

Present laminated picture #3 of Andy Warhol's shoe prints. Point out how bright and colorful the shoes are. He makes them look so fun! They make you feel good. They kind of make it seem like it would be fun to own these shoes!

People began to see Warhol's great work and he began to get more and more jobs. He started drawing record album covers, book covers, and even began to decorate famous department store windows. Part of his dream was coming true. ***Ask the students: What was his goal? He wanted to be what? _____ and _____ (rich and famous).*** He was becoming rich. Now he wanted to become famous!

This is when Warhol decided to make a different kind of art – a type that no artists had ever done. He began to make "Pop Art". Pop Art is an art that portrays pictures or sculptures of popular things. Warhol started painting pictures of things that everyone uses and loves. No one had ever done this before! He painted soup cans.

Present laminated pictures #4 and #5 of soup cans and the framed Warhol print "Pepper Pot".

He painted pictures of money, coke bottles and even mouths.

Present laminated pictures #6, #7 and #8 of money, coke bottles and mouths.

A lot of people loved this new kind of art, but there were a lot of people who didn't like it. Warhol didn't care, because he was getting famous! Do you remember what Warhol's goal was? He wanted to be____and ____ (rich and famous). His dream was coming true. Warhol's picture was always in newspapers and magazines. The whole world wanted to know who Andy Warhol was. Soon, he bought an apartment in New York and called it The Loft. Everyday hundreds of people would come to visit. It was crazy.

There would be artists, poets, singers, hippies, drug addicts, famous athletes...all kinds of people. Warhol loved this! He would work on his paintings in the middle of all of this chaos.

Present laminated picture #9 of The Loft.

Sometimes he would even let strangers help him with his work. He would ask for their advice on what his next project might be. One time a visitor told him that he should paint a cow and he did!

Present laminated picture #10 of a cow.

Then something terrible happened. Someone was visiting The Loft and they shot Warhol. The bullet went all the way through him and caused a lot of damage. He was in the hospital for a long time. After the shooting, Warhol was afraid to be around anyone he didn't know. He decided that he only wanted to hang around famous people. He started painting pictures of movie stars, famous musicians, and even politicians. Everyone wanted Warhol to paint their picture.

Present laminated pictures #11 and #12 of Marilyn Monroe and Elvis Presley. Talk about how these pictures are so different than most portraits. They are colorful and crazy- just like Andy Warhol!

Warhol inspired a well-known saying, that everyone has their 15 minutes of fame. Did his dream come true? YES! He became very rich and very famous!

PROJECT:

We are going to make a huge replica of one of Andy Warhol's pictures. Show the picture of the soup cans. Now show them the sample art project and the photo of the artwork after it was hung in the hall. With a sheet of white paper, show the students how big you want the soup can to be by making 4 dots on the page to mark the 4 corners of the soup can. Tell them to leave about 1 inch around the edge for the frame. They should fill the rest of the page with the soup can. Tell the students to make the sidelines straight and to make slight smiles (a curved line) between the top two dots and the bottom two dots.

Now they can copy the soup can as closely as possible.

For a real Warhol effect, mount the pictures on a bulletin board very close together.

PLEASE LEAVE AT LEAST FIVE MINUTES AT THE END OF THE PRESENTATION FOR THE STUDENTS TO PRESENT THEIR WORK.

Famous Artist Series

Warhol

Today in class a volunteer parent presented the works of American Pop artist Andy Warhol to your child's class. They learned about his life. Ask your child what his ultimate goal was – to "become ___ and _____" -- (rich and famous!). They made an art project in the style of his work.

The Art Institute of Chicago owns two Warhol paintings: "Mao", and "Diamond Dust Joseph Bueys". In addition, the children's counting book 1,2,3 Pop! by Isadora features Warhol's artwork.

Sincerely yours,

Art Volunteer