

Salvador Dalí



🧠 Who Was Salvador Dalí?

Salvador Dalí was a **famous Spanish artist** known for his **surreal and dream-like paintings**. He painted things that looked like they were from a dream – melting clocks, floating elephants, and strange landscapes.

👦 Childhood

- **Born in 1904** in Figueres, Spain, Dalí had an older brother who had died before he was born – and he was named after him!
- He had a **wild imagination** and sometimes acted like a prince or a king, even wearing fancy clothes.
- Dalí was often **daydreaming** and enjoyed being different from other children. He said he had lots of emotions, even as a young boy.
- His parents **believed he was special** and sent him to art lessons when he was very young.
- He loved to **watch and sketch animals**, especially insects, and he was fascinated by nature.
- Dalí threw dramatic tantrums if he didn't get his way – even as a little boy, he loved to stand out!

🏠 Education

- Dalí studied at the **Academy of Fine Arts in Madrid**, where he made friends with future famous artists and filmmakers.
- He was a **mischievous student** who didn't always follow rules and once got expelled before final exams.
- He studied many styles of painting, from **Realism** and **Cubism** to **Impressionism** and **Pointillism**.
- Dalí visited Paris and met **Pablo Picasso**, who became one of his inspirations.
- He loved learning about **Freud and dreams**, which helped him understand Surrealism.

- Even though he was a student, he thought he already knew more than his teachers – and told them so!

Career

- Dalí became a leading **Surrealist artist**, known for his dream-like, weird, and wonderful paintings.
- He painted in many styles but always added his own touch, often showing **melting clocks, elephants on long legs, and floating people**.
- Dalí designed **theatre sets, shop windows, jewellery, clothes, furniture, and even a phone with a lobster on it!**
- He appeared on TV shows and in magazines – he loved being famous and making people say “wow!”
- In the 1940s, he **moved to the USA** and became friends with **Walt Disney** and **Alfred Hitchcock**.
- He returned to Spain later and built the **Dalí Theatre-Museum** – a huge pink building with eggs on top!

Art

The Persistence of Memory



Swans Reflecting Elephants

The Elephants

Galatea of the Spheres



💬 Quotes from Salvador Dalí

- "Have no fear of perfection – you'll never reach it."
- "Surrealism is destructive, but it destroys only what it considers to be shackles limiting our vision."