

Damien Hirst

What does Damien Hirst create?

Damien Hirst is a British artist who is famous for making surprising and thought-provoking art. He uses **real animals**, **medicine**, **butterflies**, **dots**, and **sparkly objects** in his work. His art often explores life, death, and science.



Childhood

- Damien Hirst was born in **Bristol, England**, in **1965**.
- He grew up in **Leeds**, a city in the north of England.
- He loved **drawing scary things** like monsters and skeletons.
- He often got into trouble at school but was very creative.

Education

- He studied **art at Leeds College of Art**.
- He went to **Goldsmiths College** in London in the 1980s.
- At Goldsmiths, he helped start a new movement called **Young British Artists**
- He once curated a famous student art show called **"Freeze"**, where he and his friends showed their work.

Career

- Damien became famous in the 1990s with art that used **real animals in glass tanks**.
- He was supported by collector **Charles Saatchi**, who helped make him well known.
- He won the **Turner Prize** in 1995.
- His artwork has sold for **millions of pounds** around the world.

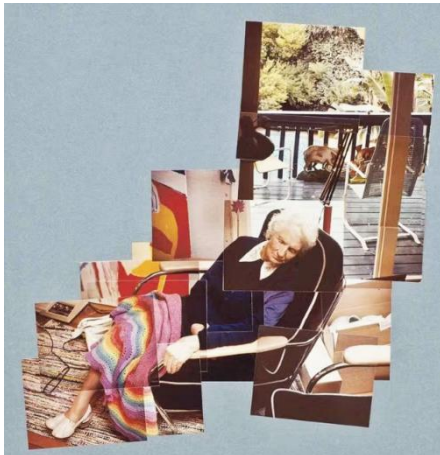
Quotes from Damien Hirst

- "Art's about life and it can't really be about anything else."
- "Great art is clear thinking about mixed feelings."
- "I can't wait to get into a studio and paint."
- "I always think it's important to be excited about something."

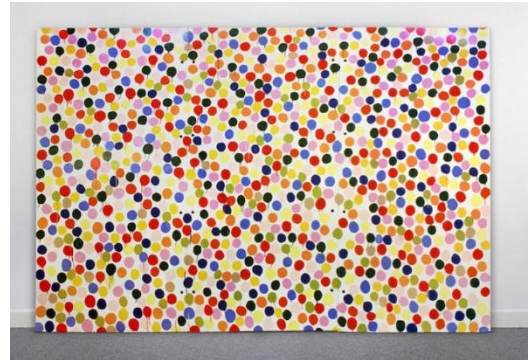
Artworks




The Physical Impossibility of Death in the Mind of Someone Living



Spot
Paintings
Joiner
photographs



The void

For the Love of God 



Butterfly Paintings – real butterfly wings arranged in patterns

