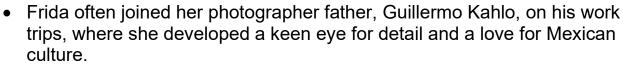
Frida Kahlo

What They Created

Frida Kahlo is known for her deeply personal and symbolic paintings, often exploring themes of identity, pain, love, and Mexican culture. She painted selfportraits and vibrant artworks filled with symbolism and surreal elements.

👶 Childhood

- Frida Kahlo was born on July 6, 1907, in Coyoacán, Mexico City, in her family home known as La Casa Azul (The Blue House).
- She contracted polio at age 6, which left her right leg thinner and weaker than her left, giving her a lifelong limp.
- As a child, Frida enjoyed playing sports, which was unusual for girls at the time. She loved swimming, boxing, and wrestling.



Education

- Frida attended the prestigious National Preparatory School in Mexico City, where she was one of only 35 girls among 2,000 students.
- She planned to become a doctor and studied medicine before a severe bus accident changed the course of her life.
- Frida learned painting while bedridden, using a special easel her mother built for her, allowing her to paint while lying flat.
- She developed her distinctive style by studying classical European painters and Mexican folk art.





💼 Career

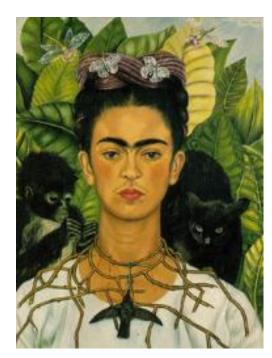
- Frida's first solo exhibition took place in New York at the Julien Levy Gallery in 1938.
- She became an iconic figure in the Surrealist movement, although she famously rejected being labelled as a surrealist.
- Frida taught at La Esmeralda, a prestigious art school in Mexico City, inspiring many young Mexican artists.
- In 1953, she held her first and only solo exhibition in Mexico, attending the opening in a four-poster bed due to her declining health.

○ Quotes from the Artist

- "I am my own muse. I am the subject I know best. The subject I want to know better."
- "Feet, what do I need you for when I have wings to fly?"
- "I paint myself because I am so often alone and because I am the subject I know best."
- "At the end of the day, we can endure much more than we think we can."

Artwork They Created

Self-Portrait with Thorn Necklace and Hummingbird



Girl with Death Mask



Viva la Vida, Watermelons





Self-portrait with monkey