

# Banksy British Graffiti Artist

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Banksy, an artist (1) from England (2), is famous for his provocative artwork displayed in public places. Despite his widespread recognition, his true identity (3) remains a mystery (4), adding to the intrigue surrounding his work. Banksy's art often challenges authority (5) and societal (6) norms, carrying messages of dissent and critique.

Starting his artistic journey in 1993, Banksy initially practiced freehand graffiti (7) before adopting stencils in 2000 to expedite his work process. His use of stencils enabled him to create highly recognizable images, such as policemen and rats, which have become iconic symbols of his anti-establishment stance. Banksy's art frequently appears unexpectedly (8) in public spaces, causing a stir and garnering significant media attention.

Throughout his career, Banksy has engaged in audacious artistic endeavors, including painting on live pigs and releasing rats in galleries, showcasing his penchant for unconventional (9) expression. In 2005, Banksy covertly installed his artworks in major museums across New York City and London, further blurring the lines between street art and institutional spaces.

Apart from his street art interventions, Banksy has authored books documenting his projects and contributed to films exploring the world of graffiti artists. His most notable project to date is "Dismaland," a temporary amusement park and art exhibition in England, which satirized societal issues with dark humor (10).

Despite his fame, Banksy remains elusive, granting few interviews and preferring to communicate through his art. However, his popularity has also led to legal battles over unauthorized use of his work, highlighting the complexities surrounding street art and intellectual property rights.