

AP Famous Photographer/Artist

Hannah Hoch is a German artist who specializes in photo montage. She was born November 1, 1889 in Gotha, Thuringia, Germany. She attended the School of Applied Arts in Berlin-Charlottenburg where she studied graphic design and painting. She used these skills to start experimenting with works that essentially didn't represent anything. Around this time, she started to use collage and photomontage in her works. Using images in newspapers and magazines she started her artistic career. She was one of the first to start experimenting with photomontage, inspiring others to also go down the path of photomontage. She used her work to bring light to the racial and gender stereotypes that were prominent during the time. I'm drawn to her work as the concepts and images she uses are interesting to look at. Her art gives the viewer room to interpret the piece as they please. Her artwork relates to mine as I often like to experiment with photomontage. I take multiple photos and turn them into one piece like she has done over and over again.



Takashi Murakami is a Japanese artist who interprets pop culture into traditional art. Takashi Murakami studied traditional Japanese art at the Tokyo National University of Fine Arts and Music. After he graduated, he took his art to Europe, which started his journey as a well-known artist. After studying traditional Japanese art, he realized the comparison between traditional art and pop culture, specifically anime and manga. He used this comparison and started integrating it into his art. His first pop culture exhibit was in 2002 at the Cartier Foundation for Contemporary Art in Paris. With this exhibit he collaborated with a Louis Vuitton director to develop a line of fashion accessories introducing him to the fashion industry. I'm drawn to Murakami's work as I admire the bright colors and interesting composition of his works. I feel that the way he integrates traditional Japanese art into pop culture is very interesting and he does it in a way that works. His works are inspiring to me as it encourages me to incorporate different styles into one when I'm taking/editing photos. I also like his use of intense colors in order to make his art stand out, which is something I want to incorporate into my own.



Francis Bacon is an artist best known for his post- World War II paintings.

Francis Bacon is a self-taught artist who traveled Germany and France as a young man. His paintings depict the violence and suffering that surrounded the world during the 1940s-1960s. He also expanded his art to the form of furniture where he designed furniture such as rugs. Some consider his works as surrealism. Most of his works capture the universal experiences of suffering and alienation. I'm drawn to Francis Bacon's work as it's intriguing to look at and makes me stop and think about what he is trying to express through his paintings. I feel that his works are very emotional and interesting to look at. His works inspire me as it makes me want to dig deeper when taking photo shoots. I want to make art that causes people to stop and think about the deeper meaning behind the photos. I also enjoy the composition of his art. He often uses a bright background color in order to make the subject pop. I hope to use this method in later photoshoots.



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