Stonewall

SPOTLIGHT ON

KEITH HARING

Who are Stonewall?

This resource is produced by Stonewall, a UK-based charity that stands for the freedom, equity and potential of all lesbian, gay, bi, trans, queer, questioning and ace (LGBTQ+) people. At Stonewall, we imagine a world where LGBTQ+ people everywhere can live our lives to the full. Founded in London in 1989, we now work in each nation of the UK and have established partnerships across the globe. Over the last three decades, we have created transformative change in the lives of LGBTQ+ people in the UK, helping win equal rights around marriage, having children and inclusive education.

Our campaigns drive positive change for our communities, and our sustained change and empowerment programmes ensure that LGBTQ+ people can thrive throughout our lives. We make sure that the world hears and learns from our communities, and our work is grounded in evidence and expertise.

Stonewall is proud to provide information, support and guidance on LGBTQ+ inclusion; working towards a world where we're all free to be. This does not constitute legal advice, and is not intended to be a substitute for legal counsel on any subject matter. To find out more about our work, visit us at www.stonewall.org.uk.

Keith Haring (he/him)

Keith Haring was born in the USA in 1958.

He had always loved drawing.

From Pittsburgh to New York

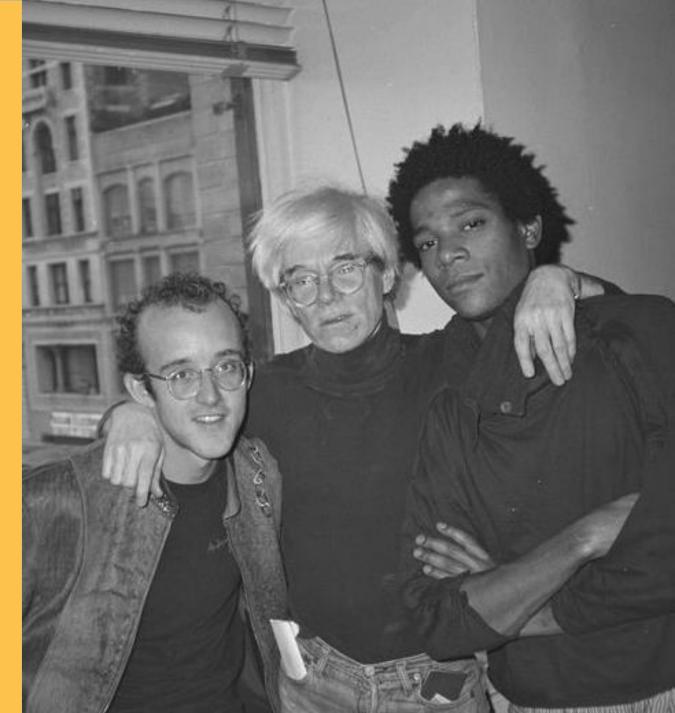When he was 19, Keith had his own show in a gallery in Pittsburgh.

He moved to New York quite soon after that.

New friends

In New York, Keith quickly made friends with other artists. Two of his famous friends were Jean-Michel Basquiat and Andy Warhol.

Keith met his boyfriend Juan when he lived in New York.

Art outside

Keith often worked listening to hip hop music.

Keith made lots of chalk drawings in train stations. Sometimes he drew 40 of them in one day!

Colourful messages

Keith is best known for his colourful, simple art.

A lot of his art also had a message.

Art for all

Keith became popular all around the world. He loved making art that everyone could enjoy.

He even created a mural on the Berlin Wall, which was a very big wall in the German city of Berlin.

Keith's illness

In 1988 Keith became ill. He died in 1990 due to his illness.

Keith's work is still very popular.