KEITH HARING

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What is the artist's background and ethnicity



Keith Haring was an American artist born in Pennsylvania in 1958. He was one of the first openly homosexual artists to work publicly. He died in 1990 from Aids related health complication.

What themes or subjects are explored in their work?



Keith Haring was influenced by cartoons he watched as a child and was connected to the pop art movement. He incorporated heavily simplified cartoon imagery in his work and also referenced graffiti or 'street" in his style. His work often conveyed political and societal themes—anti-crack, anti-apartheid, safe sex, homosexuality and AIDS

What techniques and styles are used by the artist?

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How does the artist express their unique, cultural identity, perspective or voice?



Haring used inspiration from his childhood and the imagery that he saw on the streets growing up to express his own ideas. He identified with street artists more than the artists he saw in galleries. He wanted to communicate in a style that he thought young people would respond to. He worked in a very simple style because he felt that more people could relate to it if they felt that they could make art in a similar style. How can you express your unique perspective or Voice in a similar way? (Of-course your experience, background, ethnicity or perspective is going to be different. Can you find analogous or parallel imagery or strategies to communicate your own perspective?)



I would like to use a similar simple style but use some of the comic book influences of my childhood for imagery.

I would like to make my message about equality and friendship.

Which websites did you use (You don't have to include an image for this one) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Keith_Haring https://www.haring.com/