

Timeline of Famous Artists From Around the World

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c. 1267: Giotto di Bondone is born near Florence, Italy. Giotto is remembered as the most important painter of the 1300s and as the father of European painting because of the great influence his work had on the Italian Renaissance painters who came after him.

1377: Brunelleschi is born in Florence, Italy. Brunelleschi was a sculptor and architect. He is best remembered for designing the Dome of the Cathedral of Florence and inventing the machines needed to construct it.

c. 1380: Jan van Eyck is born in what is now Belgium. Van Eyck is known for his extreme attention to detail and his many religiously-themed paintings and church altarpieces as well as several famous portraits.

c. 1400: Fra Angelico is born in Italy. He is known for his Biblically-themed paintings that combined elements of medieval painting with elements of the new Renaissance style.

c. 1444-45: Sandro Botticelli is born in Florence, Italy. Botticelli is known for the abundant and detailed decorations in his paintings, many of which are based on the Bible and other books.

c. 1450: Hieronymus Bosch is born in Hertogenbosch, Netherlands. Bosch is remembered for intense paintings of good vs. evil and often included multiple scenes of a story in one painting.

April 15, 1452: da Vinci is born in Italy, probably near Florence. He is remembered as a great painter and inventor, and he excelled in multiple fields. Two of his best-known paintings are the *Mona Lisa* and *The Last Supper*.

May 21, 1471: Albrecht Dürer is born in Nürnberg, Germany. Dürer created highly detailed brush drawings, woodcuts, etchings, and other artworks that included exceptional detail, such as *Praying Hands* and pictures of a hare.

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