

Great Artists of the Renaissance

During the 14th-17th century, many great artists were born. Here is a list of the most famous Renaissance artists:

1. Donatello (1386-1466)

Donatello was a sculptor and one of the most important figures of Renaissance. He lived in Florence (Italy), and his main interest was Greek and Roman sculpture. He wanted to give depth to his work, and some of his most popular creations are “David”, “The Gattamelata”, and “Magdalene”.



2. Jan van Eyck (1395-1441)

He is often presented as the “father of oil painting”, as he introduced new techniques and elevated it to a new level. His paintings, such as “The Arnolfini Portrait” and “Lucca Madonna”, are known for their amazing details.

3. Botticelli (1445-1510)

Botticelli lived in Florence (Italy) and he was a ward of the Medici family. Many of his works depict either the aforementioned family or religious elements. His paintings are famous worldwide. Some of them are: “The Birth of Venus”, and “The Temptation of Christ”. Many of his paintings are located in the Sistine Chapel, Vatican, Rome.



4. Leonardo da Vinci (1452-1510)

He is often called the true “Renaissance Man”. Da Vinci was an artist, a scientist (he created the prototype of a flying machine that resembles what we nowadays call “the airplane”), a sculptor, and an architect. Some of his most famous paintings are the “Mona Lisa” and “The Last Supper”.



5. Michelangelo (1475-1564)

Michelangelo was a sculptor, an artist, and an architect. He is considered to be one of the greatest artists of his time. His most famous sculptures are “Pietà” and “David”, while his breathtaking paintings, like “The Creation of Adam”, decorate the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel.



6. Raphael (1483-1520)

Raphael was a painter during the 2nd century of Renaissance, during the period that is called "High Renaissance". His paintings are characterized by perfection and many of them depict angels and "Madonna" (ie Virgin Mary)/ Some of his most famous paintings are "The School of Athens", "The Disputation of the Holy Sacrament", and "The Portrait of Pope Julius II".



PAINTINGS:



"David" by Donatello



"The Arnolfini Portrait"



"The Birth of Venus"



"Mona Lisa"



"The School of Athens"



"The Creation of Adam"