

# Pablo Picasso

1881 - 1973



Pablo Picasso was born in Malaga, Spain. When he was baptized, his name was 23 words long! Pablo Diego José Francisco de Paula Juan Nepomuceno María de los Remedios Cipriano de la Santísima Trinidad Martyr Patricio Clito Ruiz y Picasso.

Picasso's father was an artist and gave Pablo art lessons. He finished his first painting, *Le Picador*, when he was nine. When he was 13, he was admitted to the School of Fine Arts in Barcelona. At 16, he went to Spain's top art school, Madrid's Royal Academy of San Fernando.

In 1900, Picasso went to Paris where he met Max Jacob, a journalist who helped Picasso learn French. In 1905, some American art collectors bought some of Picasso's paintings and he became famous. Initially, Picasso painted in

a realistic manner but later his work became more abstract.

Picasso co-founded the Cubist movement. Cubism was a new way of painting, in which artists would paint a person or object from different angles using geometric shapes. The artists created a picture of something by breaking it up into different blocks. Picasso (and other artists) began to add other materials, leading to the invention of collage.

Picasso died in France in 1973. Several of his paintings are amongst the most expensive in the world. More of his paintings have been stolen than any other artist's.