



Pablo Picasso (1881-1973) was a Spanish artist, born in Málaga - the link depicts his birthplace, Plaza de la Merced 15 (on the left) - who spent most of his working life in France. He had a very long birth name:

Pablo Diego José Francisco de Paula Juan Nepomuceno María de los Remedios Cipriano de la Santísima Trinidad Ruiz y Picasso

He also had a very long and prolific career (don't miss this BBC video series about his life) during which he developed different styles and techniques. His paintings made him wealthy - unlike, for example, Vincent van Gogh whose works only benefited future owners, not the artist himself.

Picasso spent some time in Perpignan (the site of an infamous prison). Among his best-known works are:

Portrait of Gertrude Stein (1906);

Portrait of Daniel-Henry Kahnweiler (1910);

Dora Maar au Chat (1941);

Garçon à la pipe - Boy with a Pipe (1905);

Three Musicians (1921);

Guernica (1937);

Chicago Picasso (a 50-foot-high Cubist sculpture); and

Baboon and Young (1951).

In 2010, an interesting story surfaced about a previously unknown treasure trove of the artist's works. Picasso's electrician, who also lived in the south of France, claimed that Pablo had paid for services (for the installation of security systems) with artwork - valued at 60 million Euros!

Picasso's works remain some of the most sought-after - and valuable - in the world.

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