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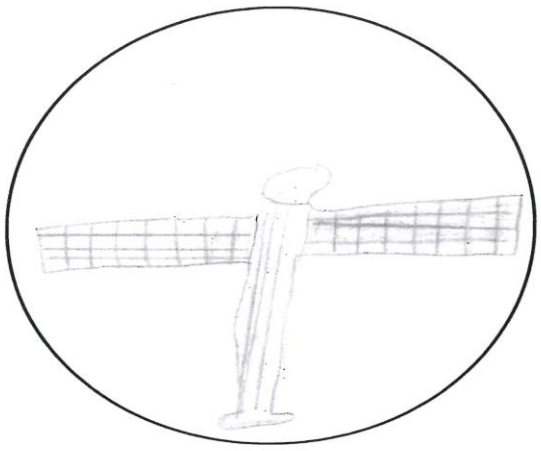
Antony Gormley



Have you ever seen thought provoking structures such as The Angel of the North? What about statues gazing out to sea near Liverpool? These are just some of the powerful structures created by the artist Anthony Gormley. If you'd like to know more about the life of Anthony Gormley, read on.

Early Life

Antony Gormley was born on August 30th, 1950, in London, England. He was brought up by strict but wealthy parents and his mother was German and his father was Irish. Gormley attended a Yorkshire Catholic boarding school where he first discovered his love for art which began from school age. Antony painted a mural in the playground when he was just 13.

Career

Antony Gormley is renowned as a British sculptor. His breakthrough came in 1981 with 'Bed' in which 8,640 slices of bread to create the masterpiece. The Angle of the North (1998, in Gateshead, England) is an astonishing, proud sculpture that stands quietly on the hill. Antony's art work is unique because he uses a range of unusual materials, such as bread. Many years later, in 1994, he won the Turner prize for a contemporary art for a group.

Conclusion

Gormley was recognised for his sculptures, he won many prizes and now became famous. He has inspired people with his artwork and sculptures to create art and to enjoy making and relaxing while making art. He was made OBE in 1997.

Did you know The Angle of the North is 20 metres high and has a 54 metre wing span?