Stephen Wiltshire
1974–

Artist Fact Sheet





Stephen Wiltshire was born in 1974, in London.

His parents were from the Caribbean and moved to England before Stephen was born.

When Stephen was young, he didn't communicate through speech and preferred to communicate with the world through his drawings.

Stephen was diagnosed with autism when he was three. This is a lifelong condition that affects how a person communicates with other people, and how they respond to things around them.



The Human Camera

Stephen is an incredible artist, even more amazing because of his astonishing memory, which allows him to produce accurate and detailed drawings. In 2005, after a 20 minute helicopter ride, Stephen was able to create a 10 metre long drawing of Hong Kong's Victoria Harbour and the surrounding landscape. This was Stephen's largest ever drawing and took him eight days using only a pen.

In 2006, Stephen was awarded the honour of an MBE by the Queen, for his services to the art world.

Stephen's motto is 'Do the best you can, and never stop!'

Stephen is invited to travel all over the world drawing urban landscapes, skylines and buildings. People hire and pay him for drawings, which is called a commission. Thousands of people visit his exhibitions and he has published four books of drawings.

He also gives talks explaining how drawing has helped his life.



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