

Jim Dine is an American artist. He was born in the state of Ohio in 1935. He is still alive today – he’s 78 years old, and he is still actively making art.

He studied art at several universities, and then he moved to New York City in 1958. He first captured the interest of the art world a year later with performance art pieces he called “Happenings” that he performed with two other artists. Three years later, his paintings were included in an art show with many very important emerging artists who were working in a style of art called Pop Art. (examples of some Pop Art from Warhol, Lichtenstein, Thiebaud). Pop Artists were trying to surprise people and make them think about “what is art?” Pop Artists included all kinds of every day things from the news, comic books, advertising, in their art. And they changed the world of art forever.

Jim Dine’s work is sometimes classified as Pop Art, even though his art is a little different than most Pop Art. He wanted his art to have a sense of humor. In many of his early paintings, he would take personal objects, such as a pair of shoes, or a shirt or something that belonged to him, and he would glue it on to the painting. Here are some paintings where he attaches objects as part of the artwork:

Five Feet of Colorful Tools  
Blue Clamp

He is best known for painting everyday objects, over and over again in his art – he uses bathrobes, tools and hearts very often in his work.

ART PROJECT:

<http://www.deepspacesparkle.com/2009/02/10/valentines-day-heart-collage/>