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Portraits & Profiles

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The arts, whether it be painting, sculpture, dance or music has shaped and moved us all. Discover why Picasso painted, Rodin sculpted and Bill T. Jones danced in these fascinating award-winning profiles of artists we have come to know and love.

Norman Rockwell: An American Portrait – Narrated by 3-time Emmy Award nominee Mason Adams, this classic PBS special features the art of Rockwell, commentary and remembrances from art historians, close friends and the artist himself. This entertaining celebration of Rockwell's American legacy chronicles the unique love affair between the artist and the American public, which spanned five decades, during which Rockwell produced over 300 magazine covers and many more acclaimed works.

Picasso: The Man & His Work Part 1 (1881 – 1937) – This Cannes Film Festival selection takes a comprehensive and fascinating look at the life and art of the legendary Pablo Picasso. During the last 22 years of Picasso's life, film maker Edward Quinn had complete access to the artist. Through a combination of exclusive home movies and intimate photos, as well as over 600 of the artist's works (many never seen in public), a living, breathing scrapbook of Picasso is realized. The film follows the parallel development of the artist's life and work, giving insight into his creative processes. Among other highlights are some of the last pictures ever taken of him. Starting in 1896, when he was only 15, we trace Picasso's artistic development, exploring his work as a youth, from the Blue period to the Pink period and his first steps into Cubism in 1906. Then we discover the Chrysteline period where he went from analytical to synthetic Cubism until entering his Neoclassical period in 1918. Part 1 culminates with the painting of his masterpiece "Guernica" in 1937. *"...of exemplary honesty and objectivity and puts Picasso in true perspective..the painter completely devoted to his destiny as a painter."* – Jacqueline Picasso

Picasso: The Man & His Work Part 2 (1938 – 1973) - This Cannes Film Festival selection takes a comprehensive and fascinating look at the life and art of the legendary Pablo Picasso. During the last 22 years of Picasso's life, film maker Edward Quinn had complete access to the artist. Through a combination of exclusive home movies and intimate photos, as well as over 600 of the artist's works (many never seen in public), a living, breathing scrapbook of Picasso is realized. The film follows the parallel development of the artist's life and work, giving insight into his creative processes. Among other highlights are some of the last pictures ever taken of him. Through the war years and life on the French Riviera, Picasso's work moves on to include ceramics, sculpture, pottery and graphics. The period from 1946 to 1973 is made up primarily of home movies, showing his relationships with his children and the women in his life, and emphasizing the enormous amount of work accomplished by Picasso during his last 20 years. We observe Picasso, 90 years old, working on a copper plate engraving as we follow the progress and changes made through 6 different stages.

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Joan Miro – Constellations: the Color Of Poetry - A Master Painter of the Twentieth Century, Joan Miró was at the same time distinctly modern and a lover of history. Granted exclusive access to the Miró Museum of Barcelona, this DVD is a rich tapestry of art, history and personality, interweaving documentary footage of Miró's work as well as a performance at La Calca Theatre featuring costumes Miró designed and a tour of his legendary studio.

Auguste Rodin: Hands Of Genius - Auguste Rodin, known to many as the last artist before the start of the Abstract Movement, was one of France's finest artists in the late nineteenth and beginning of the twentieth centuries. This film captures both Rodin's greatest achievements as an artist, as well as his struggles with the critics and within his personal life. Rodin's success and devotion to his fellow countrymen made him a symbol of pride for all of France.

Bill T. Jones: Dancing To The Promised Land - Bill T. Jones is one of the most powerful forces in Modern Dance. His influences range from Alvin Ailey to Martha Graham, however his dances are completely unique, provocative and contemporary. Take a look at his life, work and creative process in this multiple award-winning DVD. Jones himself hosts this BBC production which unveils penetrating insight of one of today's most brilliant artists. Contains nudity. *"...a fascinating study of art, philosophy and politics..."*- Billboard Magazine

Oscar Peterson: The Life Of A Legend - In this insightful documentary, which includes interviews with Quincy Jones, Dizzy Gillespie, Norman Granz and Ella Fitzgerald, Peterson tells his life story, including everything from his musical triumphs to his clashes with racism. A candid look at a jazz legend whose life has been shaped by the ambition to honor his father's credo: "Be the best." (2 parts)

June Anderson: The Passion of Bel Canto - An enticing glimpse into the life and music of a modern-day diva. June Anderson rehearses and performs classic bel canto roles from the operas of Donizetti, Rossini and Bellini. Follow her through Europe in a string of brilliant performances from the stages of the great opera houses. "She is well on her way to International Herald Tribune.

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