

# Banksy Who? No one really knows.....



<https://streetartnews.net/2013/10/banksy-tagging-robot-new-street-piece.html>

## ‘Tagging Robot’

Banksy is a graffiti artist who remained anonymous. Which means he kept his identity hidden from everyone. He does not speak to anyone, not even the newspapers or have television interviews. Banksy will never reveal his real name, and copies or photos of his work will never be sold. People often felt Banksy’s graffiti art was vandalism and should not be encouraged. Other people say he should be able to express himself through his art.

## What is Graffiti?

Graffiti used to be thought of as vandalism. Vandals can be punished for drawings scribbled, scratched or sprayed on walls in public places. The idea of being a graffiti artist is not to be seen and to remain anonymous.

## So do we finally find out who Banksy is?



Banksy started working free hand as a graffiti artist in 1990. He was originally part of the Bristol underground art scene. Banksy was inspired “3D” a graffiti artist. Graffiti artists have a “tag” which is like their signature.

Banksy’s artwork is to express his opinions about things that are happening in this world. How he paints is how he thinks. Greed, poverty, despair and obsession with celebrities are his main themes. Banksy uses stencils in this work. He draws the outline onto card or acetate and cuts the shape out.

He applies spray paint to create his work. He uses stencils to speed up his work to refrain from getting caught whilst he was working leaving paintings unfinished. Most artists prefer to paint freehand.