

Julian Opie

Why study Julian Opie?

Inspired by the world around him, Julian's early work consisted of many different types of sculptures. Julian uses a bold style to record the people he sees, often reducing faces into simple shapes. He uses block colours and thick black lines. His portraits have a pop art feel to them and his most famous piece is the cover of a Blur album.



Key Facts

Full Name	Julian Opie
Year of Birth	1958
Born	London
Education	Julian attended Magdalen College School in Oxford, Chelsea School of Art in London and Goldsmith's College of Art, also in London.

Key Vocabulary

collage	A piece of artwork made from a collection of materials or objects.
portrait	A painting, drawing or photograph of a person, often just showing their head and shoulders.
self portrait	A drawing or painting that the artist makes of their own face.
sculpture	A three dimensional piece of artwork.
mixed media	Using lots of different art materials to make one piece of work.