Mexican Modern Art

Frida Kahlo

Although Kahlo's work is sometimes classified as surrealist she herself disputed the label. Frida Kahlo became known as a feminist icon and one of Mexico's most famous artists, best known for her daring paintings depicting the suffering she experienced in her personal life. As a child she had polio, and at the age of 18 she broke her right leg and pelvis in a bus accident, resulting in a lifetime of chronic pain.

Partially immobile after the accident, Kahlo began painting in the late 1920s. Drawing on her personal experiences, her works are often shocking in their stark portrayal of pain and the harsh lives of women. 55 of her 143 paintings are self-portraits.

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