

**The expressiveness of "Shot Marilyns"**

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Art is the key to the mysteries of history as a whole. The correct analysis of important works of art will lead to an understanding of all aspects of the formation and changes of the historical path of art. "Shot Marilyns" by Andy Warhol is a vivid example of how meaningfully and deeply a work of art can reflect not only the peculiarities of cultural social life, but also the course of art in 1964 in general.

In the last century, there was a certain cult of celebrity. The public and fans treated them with a sense of sanctity and immortality, Marilyn Monroe became one of the key figures of such fanaticism. She was an icon of the 20th century, and everything associated with her personality automatically became iconic and materially valuable. After her death in 1962, Andy Warhol immortalized her image in a characteristic pop art style, showing the characteristic exaltation of stars.

A series of contrasting silkscreen paintings by Andy Warhol illustrates the peculiarity of the culture of the 20th century, and also reproduces the uniqueness of Monroe herself. When creating, the artist was inspired by a 1952 photo of the actress that was used to promote Henry Hathaway's film "Niagara". And they got their peculiarity when one of the visitors shot them in the artist's studio. In this way, the work of art began to reflect not only the fanatical admiration for the pinnacle of pop culture, but also the expressiveness of American society.

Having connected his creativity with the starry top of pop culture, Andy Warhol himself became a part of it. After the "shooting", the paintings brought the author not only popularity, but also material profit. The revolutionary nature of Andy Warhol's "Shot Marilyns" lies in its simplicity, down-to-earthness and at the same time innovation and expressiveness.

The connection between culture and art is undeniable. "Shot Marilyns" is a

combination of the cult of stars and innovative art.