



# Andy Warhol Prints Stolen in Clumsy Dutch Gallery Heist

## Description

In a daring act of theft, robbers forced open the door of an art gallery in southern Netherlands in a botched attempt to steal four screen prints from Andy Warhol's renowned series. While they did escape with two pieces, they heavily damaged the others during the heist.

Gallery owner Mark Peet Visser explained that the targeted prints were part of Warhol's 1985 series, known as Reigning Queens, which features iconic portraits of the reigning monarchs of the UK, the Netherlands, Denmark, and Swaziland—now known as Eswatini.

The incident occurred early Friday morning at MPV Gallery in Oisterwijk and was captured on security cameras. Visser described the thieves' tactics as amateurish, stating, "Their explosive entry was so intense that it caused damage to my entire building and several nearby shops."

Despite the chaos, the criminals discovered that the artwork did not fit into their getaway vehicle. In their haste, they tore two works from their frames, resulting in irreparable damage. The remaining pieces were left on the street, also marred.

While Visser declined to specify the value of the stolen works, he noted he intended to present them as a set at an upcoming art fair in Amsterdam. The thieves successfully made off with portraits of Queen Elizabeth II and former Queen Margrethe II of Denmark, while the prints featuring former Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands and the Queen Mother of Eswatini were abandoned.

Dutch art detective Arthur Brand remarked on the unusual use of explosives, a rare occurrence in art thefts. He emphasized the need for public assistance as police continue their investigation into the incident.

## Vocabulary List:

1. **Daring** /'dɛrɪŋ/ (adjective): Showing a willingness to take risks; bold.
2. **Renowned** /rɪ'naʊnd/ (adjective): Known or talked about by many people; famous.
3. **Botched** /bɒtʃt/ (adjective): Carried out badly or carelessly.
4. **Amateurish** /,æmə'tɔːrɪʃ/ (adjective): Lacking professional skill or expertise.
5. **Irreparable** /ɪ'repərəbəl/ (adjective): Not able to be repaired or remedied.
6. **Explosive** /ɪk'splɒʊsɪv/ (adjective): Able or likely to shatter violently or burst apart.

## Comprehension Questions



### Multiple Choice

1. Where did the art gallery theft involving Andy Warhol prints take place?  
Option: Southern Netherlands  
Option: Eastern Germany  
Option: Northern France  
Option: Western Spain
  
2. Which monarchs were featured in the stolen Andy Warhol prints?  
Option: UK, Netherlands, Denmark, Swaziland  
Option: France, Italy, Germany, Spain  
Option: China, Japan, India, Brazil  
Option: Russia, Australia, Canada, South Africa
  
3. What did the thieves manage to escape with from the art gallery heist?  
Option: Two screen prints  
Option: One sculpture  
Option: Three oil paintings  
Option: Four ceramic vases
  
4. Which queen's portrait was successfully stolen by the thieves?  
Option: Queen Elizabeth II  
Option: Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands  
Option: Queen Margrethe II of Denmark  
Option: Queen Mother of Eswatini
  
5. What was the title of the Andy Warhol series from which the prints were stolen?  
Option: Reigning Queens  
Option: Night Sky  
Option: Urban Landscapes  
Option: Abstract Shapes
  
6. Who described the tactics of the thieves as amateurish?  
Option: Mark Peet Visser  
Option: Andy Warhol  
Option: Arthur Brand  
Option: Queen Elizabeth II



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### True-False

7. The stolen Andy Warhol prints were part of a 1990 series.
8. The thieves damaged the stolen prints while trying to fit them into their getaway vehicle.
9. The targeted art gallery was located in Oisterwijk, Netherlands.
10. The stolen prints included portraits of the monarchs of Spain and Australia.
11. Dutch art detective Arthur Brand highlighted the frequent use of explosives in art theft cases.
12. Mark Peet Visser intended to showcase the stolen prints at an art fair in Rotterdam.

### Gap-Fill

13. The stolen prints featured portraits of the reigning monarchs of the UK, the Netherlands, Denmark, and Swaziland, now known as \_\_\_\_\_.
14. Gallery owner Mark Peet Visser described the thieves' entry as so intense that it caused damage to his entire building and several nearby \_\_\_\_\_.
15. The thieves successfully stole prints of Queen Elizabeth II and former Queen Margrethe II of \_\_\_\_\_.
16. The remaining pieces of artwork were left on the street, also \_\_\_\_\_.
17. Arthur Brand emphasized the need for \_\_\_\_\_ assistance as police continue their investigation.
18. The incident occurred early Friday morning at MPV Gallery in \_\_\_\_\_.

### Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Southern Netherlands 2. UK, Netherlands, Denmark, Swaziland 3. Two screen prints  
4. Queen Elizabeth II



5. Reigning Queens 6. Mark Peet Visser

**True-False:** 7. False 8. True 9. True 10. False 11. False 12. False

**Gap-Fill:** 13. Eswatini 14. shops 15. Denmark 16. marred 17. public 18. Oisterwijk

## Vocabulary quizzes

### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. Which adjective describes something that is intended to provoke a strong reaction or emotion?

Option: Asserted

Option: Support

Option: Provocative

Option: Daring

2. Which adverb means to do something with great attention to detail and careful precision?

Option: Aggravated

Option: Optimistically

Option: Meticulously

Option: Cherished

3. Which term is used to describe when someone has been admitted to the hospital for medical treatment?

Option: Renowned

Option: Engage

Option: Hospitalized

Option: Proposed

4. Which term is related to the colon and rectum in medical contexts?

Option: Engagement

Option: Colorectal

Option: Botched

Option: Investigate

5. Which word refers to a physical attack on someone?

Option: Admiration

Option: Assault

Option: Explosive

Option: Legacy

6. Which adjective describes something that is not done by a professional or lacks skill and expertise?

Option: Illustrious

Option: Amateurish



Option: Irreparable

Option: Ruse

7. Which term refers to something handed down from the past or left behind by a predecessor?

Option: Investigate

Option: Legacy

Option: Cherished

Option: Support

8. Which adjective describes something that has been ruined or spoiled because of a mistake?

Option: Nonsense

Option: Botched

Option: Asserted

Option: Monumental

9. Which verb means to suggest or put forward an idea or plan for consideration?

Option: Aggravated

Option: Proposed

Option: Atmosphere

Option: Confessed

10. Which noun refers to a trick or deceitful scheme used to deceive someone?

Option: Daring

Option: Securities

Option: Ruse

Option: Investigate

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. The police were called to \_\_\_\_\_ the crime scene.

12. The old lady \_\_\_\_\_ the time spent with her grandchildren.

13. The damage to the ancient artifact was \_\_\_\_\_ and could not be fixed.

14. The soldiers found a cache of \_\_\_\_\_ devices in the abandoned building.

15. After hours of interrogation the suspect finally \_\_\_\_\_ to the crime.

16. The noisy neighbors \_\_\_\_\_ the rest of the residents with their constant parties.

17. The team received overwhelming \_\_\_\_\_ from their fans during the championship



game.

18. She viewed the upcoming project \_\_\_\_\_ and believed it would be a great success.

19. The chef was \_\_\_\_\_ for his signature dish that attracted food critics from around the world.

20. They \_\_\_\_\_ he was guilty without any evidence to support their claim.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

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| 21. Her bold outfit choice was seen as _____ and sparked a debate at the party.               |
| 22. The speaker that climate change is the most pressing issue of our time.                   |
| 23. The conspiracy theory was quickly debunked as pure _____ with no factual basis.           |
| 24. The construction of the skyscraper was a task that required years of planning.            |
| 25. Their _____ was announced at a glamorous party attended by friends and family.            |
| 26. He had an _____ career in the film industry winning multiple awards for his performances. |
| 27. The artist was _____ for his unique style and innovative use of colors.                   |
| 28. She _____ a new strategy to improve efficiency in the company.                            |
| 29. His charitable work left a lasting _____ of helping those in need.                        |
| 30. Investors were advised to diversify their portfolios to include different types of _____. |

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Provocative 2. Meticulously 3. Hospitalized 4. Colorectal 5. Assault 6. Amateurish 7. Legacy 8. Botched 9. Proposed 10. Ruse

**Gap-Fill:** 11. Investigate 12. Cherished 13. Irreparable 14. Explosive 15. Confessed 16. Aggravated 17. Support 18. Optimistically 19. Renowned 20. Assumed

**Matching sentence:** 1. Provocative 2. Asserted 3. Nonsense 4. Monumental 5. Engagement 6. Illustrious 7. Renowned 8. Proposed 9. Legacy 10. Securities



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