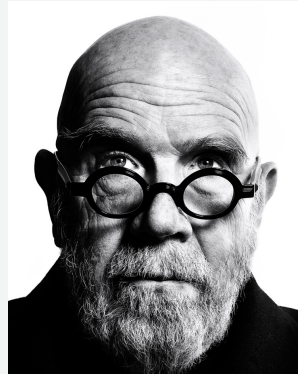


Self-Portrait by Chuck Close

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Chuck Close

1940-2021

Chuck Close is an artist known for large-scale Photorealist portraits created from gridded photographs. His subjects included himself, family members, and fellow artists. Ironically, the artist suffers from prosopagnosia (or "face blindness," an impairment in the ability to recognize or differentiate between human faces). In addition, he also struggled with dyslexia and partial paralysis resulting from a spinal stroke in 1988.

His disabilities played a large role in his art making. For example, when he faced partial paralysis he taught himself to paint with a brush strapped to his wrist. He used a chair lift and motorized easel to continue his large-scale paintings.

Questions:

- Close's work on the left is reminiscent of other types of art forms. Can you name other art forms this artwork reminds you of?
- Why do you think Close was drawn to paint faces?
- What obstacles do you face when creating art? How might you overcome them?