

art·ist S3 W2

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noun [countable]

1 ART/CULTURE someone who produces art, especially paintings or drawings:

an exhibition of paintings by local artists

→ **make-up artist** AT MAKE-UP (1)

2 PERFORM a professional performer, especially a singer, dancer, or actor:

Many of the artists in the show donated their fee to charity.

3 (informal) GOOD/EXCELLENT someone who is extremely good at something:

He's an artist in the kitchen.

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artist someone who produces art, especially paintings or drawings: *an exhibition of paintings by 50 contemporary artists | a wildlife artist who specializes in drawing birds*

painter someone who paints pictures: *the Dutch painter, Johannes Vermeer | Sisley was principally a landscape painter.*

photographer someone who takes photographs, as an art or as a job: *Cartier-Bresson was one of the greatest photographers of all time. | a fashion photographer*

potter someone who makes pots or other objects from clay: *In Spain, local potters produce ceramics with beautiful brightly-coloured designs.*

sculptor someone who makes SCULPTURES (= a work of art that is made from stone, metal, or wood): *The museum has several pieces by the great English sculptor, Sir Henry Moore.*

performance artist someone who uses acting, dance and other actions to create art that expresses an idea: *a one-man show by the French performance artist, Orlan*

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