

Stephen Wiltshire

ARCHITECTURAL ARTIST

Stephen Wiltshire is an artist who draws detailed cityscapes.

Stephen was born in London in 1974. At the age of 3 he was diagnosed with autism. He wasn't able to talk until he was 9, so he communicated by drawing.

"When I was a young boy, I couldn't speak and drawing was my way of expressing myself. I drew animals, London buses, and sometimes large buildings as well. It helped me to say what I couldn't with words."

Even at the age of 8, Stephen's talent was known all around the world. The Prime Minister, Edward Heath, was one of his first clients, purchasing one of his drawings of Salisbury Cathedral. In 1987, 13-year-old Wiltshire appeared in a BBC program called "The Foolish Wise Ones," in which Hugh Casson, a former president of London's Royal Academy of Arts, referred to him as "possibly the best child artist in Britain."

Have a look at Stephen's incredible art on his website...

<https://www.stephenwiltshire.co.uk/>



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In 2001, Stephen appeared in a BBC documentary, *Fragments of Genius*. He was filmed flying over London in a helicopter and later made a detailed and perfectly scaled aerial drawing of a four-square-mile area of the city. His drawing included 12 historic landmarks and 200 other structures.

He has done this many times since. Click on the YouTube link below to see how Stephen drew a picture of New York in 3 days, completely from memory.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hxVFd51NvWg>

Stephen loves to sketch every single day, always looking for new ways to draw the world. His own personal motto is: "Do the best you can, and never stop."

