

## *Frida Kahlo*

Frida Kahlo was a Mexican painter. She was born on July 6, 1907 and died July 15, 1954 at the age of 47. She grew up in "La Casa Azul" which is found in Coyoacan, Mexico. At the age of six she struck with polio which cause her right leg to be thinner than her other one. In 1922, she began classes at the National Preparatory School and became a member of "Los Cachuchas" a political group. Later in life she spend some time helping her dad with his photography studio.

As she took the bus from school in 1925, it was struck broadside by a tram. Frida sustained multiple injuries, a broken spinal column, a pelvic bone, and other severe injuries. Doctors doubted she would survive. Frida spend months in the hospital recovering and learned she wouldn't be able to have any children. While in recovery she started to take painting seriously and started painting with watercolor and then oils. She had a mirror hung above her hospital bed and started painting herself. In 1928, Frida was introduced to Diego Rivera and from then on they started a relationship. Diego taught Frida painting techniques so her paintings could come out better. One unique thing about Frida was that she painted painted what she thought was her reality. Frida died due to lung embolism a few days after her birthday. Her most famous works express her feeling. Her paintings almost always showed her suffering. She has now become a cultural icon to many people and that is why she was a famous painter. Here is a famous quote she once said, ' I've done my paintings well... and they have a message of pain in them, but I think they'll interest a few people. They're not revolutionary, so why do I keep on believing they're combative?'