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The greatest sculptor of all times by [Randy Collins](#)

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On the 6th of March 1475 was born a male child to Ludovico di Leonardo di Buonarotto Simoni and his wife Francesca di Neri del Miniato di Siena who would grow up to become a sculptor par excellence, a painter with extraordinary skill, an architect and engineer with poetic qualities. It was none other than Michelangelo Buonarroti; a versatile person who could probably be compared with only one such other genius was Leonardo da Vinci. This Renaissance man was considered the greatest living artist in his lifetime and of all time. Two of his greatest works of sculpture were Pieta and Statue of David were magnificent specimens of art that are bewitching to this day. At the age of six he lost his mother and went to live with a stone cutter and his wife. Being in close contact and watching the stone cutter at work with his chisel and hammer fascinated the young Michelangelo and inspired him to experiment working on stone and marble.

In 1499 Michelangelo was commissioned to complete an incomplete work that was started 40 years earlier. It was a huge statue of David depicting the symbol of freedom which was to adorn Piazza della Signoria in front of Palazzo Vecchio. Michelangelo's most famous work was completed in the year 1504. It was created out of a single block of marble that was already worked upon and he proved that he possessed extraordinary talent that was displayed in this sculpture. It was in the same year that he also created another masterpiece called Pieta. It was a depiction of the body of Jesus on the lap of his Mother Mary just after the Crucifixion and the pain was portrayed with startling reality. This work was undertaken and completed when Michelangelo was just 24 years old.

The very special work commissioned to Michelangelo was that of a larger than life size statue of Hercules. This statue was smuggled into France and later disappeared from public view. It went on to become part of a collection of a private collector and is presently in Galleria dell'Accademia in the city of Florence. This statue was commissioned in 1501 when he was just 26 years old and completed in 1504. The gallery also houses another great piece of work by the same sculptor that was unfinished and was called "Slaves". It was during this period that Michelangelo painted the Holy Family and St John and the Madonna and Child also known as Manchester Madonna which is now housed in the National Gallery in London in the United Kingdom.

In 1505 Michelangelo was commissioned the work to paint the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel which took him four years to complete. The original order was to paint the 12 Apostles in the backdrop of a starry sky; however he lobbied for a complex theme representing creation depicting the Downfall of Man and Promise of Salvation. It is part of the whole theme of decoration inside the chapel representing the beliefs of the Catholic Church. One of the last works in Rome was the fresco of The Last Judgment on the altar wall of the Sistine Chapel that was commissioned by Pope Clement VII. It took Michelangelo six years to complete the task by which time the Pope had passed away and Paul III has taken over and was keen that the work should be completed. The painting is a depiction of the second coming of Christ where he passes judgments on the souls of humanity. All the paintings of Michelangelo are priceless and need to be well protected by efficient security systems like those of ADT Security Services.

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