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Internet Users Honor Mexican Painter Frida Kahlo

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Thousands of Internet users share photos, videos, pictures and phrases of the Mexican painter Frida Kahlo paying homage to her on the 65th anniversary of her death.

The controversial artist was praised worldwide for her expressive self-portraits, a reflection of feminism, freedom, physical and emotional ailments derived from her own life story.

Kahlo took the brush and the oil as an aid, after having suffered a polio when she was six years old and a traffic accident twelve years later, which left her in bed and subjected her to over 30 surgeries.

Painting was then her way of escape from misfortune, and both her innate talent and her husband's influence, the Mexican muralist Diego Rivera, made her climb in the world of plastic arts.

Such marriage meant her sparkling entrance and maturation of her leftist political beliefs that had begun a little earlier, when she visited meetings along with her partner Tina Modotti.

Frida painted over 200 designs and was presented to the world, fitted to the authentic Mexican dress, with pre-Columbian baroque costumes that showed off her mestizo attributes in defense of her culture.

'Self-portrait as Tehuana', 'Self-portrait with monkeys' and 'My nana and I', are some of the paintings that reflect Kahlo's popular imagination and authentic nationalism that she defended

at the stroke of a brush.

Born on July 6, 1907 in Coyoacan, Mexico, some describe her as the stamp of the Renaissance of her time; while others value her work as a portrait of tenacity.

Currently, praised or criticized, Frida Kahlo remains alive in the heart of her followers who strive to perpetuate her legacy and see in her work inspiration.

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