

## ***Painting # 27***

Guggenheim Museum, New York, NY

**Title: *Untitled (Scull 1981)***

**Artist: *Jean-Michel Basquiat***

(United States, New York City (Brooklyn), New York)

**Date of Painting: 1981**

(Style, Neo Expressionism)

Jean-Michel Basquiat painted a series of untitled paintings referred to as Scull. The 1982 version sold for \$110,500,000.00 at a Sotheby's auction in 2017.

At an early age he demonstrated characteristics of a gifted child with artistic talent. He enjoyed going to art museums starting at age 4. Jean-Michel remained with his father after his parents divorced and became homeless when his father asked him to leave home after dropping out of school in the 10th grade.

While homeless he and a friend (Al Diaz) illegally painted (graffiti) on buildings. To hide their identify they signed their work, SAMO. As a graffiti artist Jean-Michel was featured in newspaper articles, television shows, and art magazines. He met Andy Wharhol and the two shared art projects. He went from being homeless to rich almost overnight.