

# JOSEPH WRIGHT

## 1734 - 1797



## English Artist

Joseph Wright of Derby was a landscape and portrait artist interested in the industrial and scientific achievements of his time which gave the traditional painting a new expression. Known for his vivid expressions of the Chiaroscuro effect, he demonstrated great contrast between light and dark in his work.

His paintings show a delightful connection between realism and mysticism.

Many of Wright's paintings and drawings are owned by Derby City Council, and are on display at the Derby Museum and Art Gallery.

## Periods

Romanticism, Rococo, Baroque, Neoclassicism, Renaissance

## Influences

Thomas Hudson. Joshua Reynolds, Alexander Cozens.

## Famous Works

- An Experiment on a bird in ... (1768)
- A Philosopher Lecturing on... (1766)
- The Blacksmith's Job (1771)
- The Alchemist Discovering... (1771)
- The Iron Forge (1772)
- A Philosopher by Lamplight (1769)
- Indian Widow (1784)
- The Dead Soldier (1790)
- The Orrery (1766)
- A Cottage on Fire (1787)