

PETER V.

Peter was born in Amsterdam, Netherlands, on September 23, 1940. He was an only child. His father was a violinist and his mother a housewife. Peter's father was captured in Berlin in 1942 and imprisoned until the end of the war. Peter was put into hiding with a schoolteacher's family when he was two-and-a-half years old. His mother's older sister, who worked for the Dutch underground, delivered him to the family. Peter would later learn that his mother was transported to Westerbork and then sent to Sobibór, where she was killed.

After the war, Peter's father returned from Germany, picked him up and returned to Amsterdam. Peter stayed with his paternal grandmother until the age of 12 and attended a Catholic school. When his grandmother passed away, Peter moved in with his father and stepmother until he was 17. He attended a special school for gifted children and then entered university in Adelaide, Australia. In 1965, Peter went to Montreal where he completed his Master's degree in fine arts. He married in Montreal and had three daughters. He has taught painting at colleges and universities in New York, the Netherlands and Canada.

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