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Andy Warhol webcam will broadcast from the artist's grave

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Andy Warhol, the pop artist who would have turned 85 on Tuesday, died in 1987, so he never lived to experience the Internet.

To celebrate his birthday, the Andy Warhol Museum in Pittsburgh is presenting live-streaming around-the-clock video of two key venues: the church where Warhol was baptized and the grave where he is buried, both in Pennsylvania.

For the venture, the Warhol museum is teaming up with Earthcam, a company that specializes in live-streaming.

Starting on Tuesday at midnight, there will be continuous streaming video of both venues at earthcam.com/warhol.

Warhol -- who was born Andrew Warhola -- hailed from a Catholic family of Eastern European immigrants who settled in Pittsburgh.

He died in New York City in February 1987 after gallbladder surgery and was buried in Bethel Park, Penn., just outside Pittsburgh. His grave site will be live streamed with sound.



The grave is scheduled to be visited by the artist's nephew, Donald, and museum director Eric Shiner at noon Pacific Time on Tuesday.

Warhol was baptized in St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church in the city's Greenfield neighborhood. The streaming video of the church will include a liturgy with the artist's family members, scheduled to be performed Tuesday at 3 p.m. Pacific Time.

Warhol himself made ample use of the long, unbroken camera take in his art work. His movie "Empire" features an eight-hour fixed shot of the Empire State Building in New York. The artist's "Sleep" is a five-hour shot of a man snoozing.