

Alex Katz

Quotes

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I like to make an image that is so simple you can't avoid it, and so complicated you can't figure it out.

~Alex Katz

If you know what you're doing, you're doing dull stuff.

~Alex Katz

You have to be a little scared of what you're doing. Otherwise, you just paint the same masterpiece a little worse.

~Alex Katz

Part of what I'm about is seeing how I can paint the same thing differently instead of different things the same way.

~Alex Katz

Paint faster than you can think.

~Alex Katz

What's in front of me is what's most interesting.

~Alex Katz

If you're going to go for 'it' you have a common thing you share with other artists; that's desperation. You jump out a window style-wise. Try to put it together before you hit the ground.

~Alex Katz

You usually want to get something out of a painting other than the ideas that you had in your head.

~Alex Katz

Sometimes it takes me days or weeks to get something clear in my head on what I want to do. Everything is in steps. One thing leads to another.

~Alex Katz

I know people can be a little nervous about swimsuits, but have some fun with it. Believe you can hold it down. If you believe you can hold it down, you can wear it.

~Alex Katz

Painting seems an old man's business. After a certain time you're out of it, and you just paint masterpieces.

~Alex Katz

Most important, for openers, work six hours a day, seven days a week for six years. Then if you like it you can get serious about it.

~Alex Katz

Actually, you want to go into an area where you're frightened. Otherwise, you're just going to be repainting beautiful paintings, but a little duller each time.

~Alex Katz

Make a painting you can work on for a long period, and make it look like it doesn't show any effort.

~Alex Katz

What makes everything one is the style.

~Alex Katz

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