

# Alexander Calder

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If you can imagine a thing, conjure it up in space then you can make it... The universe is real but you can't see it. You have to imagine it. Then you can be realistic about reproducing it.

~Alexander Calder

To most people who look at a mobile, it's no more than a series of flat objects that move. To a few, though, it may be poetry.

~Alexander Calder

Just as one can compose colors, or forms, so one can compose motions.

~Alexander Calder

When everything goes right a mobile is a piece of poetry that dances with the joy of life and surprise!

~Alexander Calder

Above all, art should be fun.

~Alexander Calder

To an engineer, good enough means perfect. With an artist, there's no such thing as perfect.

~Alexander Calder

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My fan mail is enormous. Everyone is under six.

~Alexander Calder

About my method of work: first it's the state of mindâ€”Elation (joy).

~Alexander Calder

My whole theory about art is the disparity that exists between form,

masses and movement.

~Alexander Calder

When an artist explains what he is doing, he usually has to do one of two things: either scrap what he has explained, or make his work fit in with the explanation.

~Alexander Calder

The sense of motion in painting and sculpture has long been considered as one of the primary elements of the composition.

~Alexander Calder

I love red so much, I almost want to paint everything red.

~Alexander Calder

The basis of everything I do is the universe.

~Alexander Calder

The first inspiration I ever had was the cosmos, the planetary system.

~Alexander Calder

A mobile is an abstract sculpture made chiefly out of sheet metal, steel rods, wire and wood. Some or all of these elements move, propelled by electric motors, wind, water or by hand.

~Alexander Calder

That others grasp what I have in mind seems unessential, at least as long as they have something else in theirs.

~Alexander Calder

The next step in sculpture is motion.

~Alexander Calder

The underlying sense of form in my work has been the system of the

Universe, or part thereof. For that is a rather large model to work from.

~Alexander Calder

My fingers always seem busier than my mind.

~Alexander Calder

You see nature and then you try to emulate it.

~Alexander Calder

I have been making wire jewelry - and think I'll really do something with it, eventually.

~Alexander Calder

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