

Andrew Wyeth

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I search for the realness, the real feeling of a subject, all the texture around it... I always want to see the third dimension of something... I want to come alive with the object.

~Andrew Wyeth

Believe in yourself and believe in love. Love something.

~Andrew Wyeth

Most artists look for something fresh to paint; frankly I find that quite boring. For me it is much more exciting to find fresh meaning in something familiar.

~Andrew Wyeth

I think one's art goes as far and as deep as one's love goes.

~Andrew Wyeth

I don't think that there is anything that is really magical unless it has a terrifying quality.

~Andrew Wyeth

If you clean it up, get analytical, all the subtle joy and emotion you felt in the first place goes flying out the window.

~Andrew Wyeth

I prefer winter and fall, when you feel the bone structure of the landscape. Something waits beneath it; the whole story doesn't show.

~Andrew Wyeth

When you lose your simplicity, you lose your drama.

~Andrew Wyeth

I think you have to use your eyes as well as your emotion, and one without the other just doesn't work

~Andrew Wyeth

What you have to do is break all the rules.

~Andrew Wyeth

My aim is not to exhibit craft, but rather to submerge it, and make it rightfully the handmaiden of beauty, power and emotional content.

~Andrew Wyeth

I dream a lot. I do more painting when I'm not painting. It's in the subconscious.

~Andrew Wyeth

I'm not at all interested in painting the object just as it is in nature. Certainly I'm much more interested in the mood of a thing than the truth of a thing.

~Andrew Wyeth

I think a person permeates a spot, and a lost presence makes the environment timeless to me, keeps an area alive. It pulsates because of that.

~Andrew Wyeth

It's a moment that I'm after, a fleeting moment, but not a frozen moment.

~Andrew Wyeth

At 18 I began painting steadily fulltime and at age 20 had my first New York show at the Macbeth Gallery.

~Andrew Wyeth

I don't really have studios. I wander around - around people's attics, out in fields, in cellars, anyplace I find that invites me.

~Andrew Wyeth

Artists today think of everything they do as a work of art. It is important

to forget about what you are doing - then a work of art may happen.

~Andrew Wyeth

I can't work completely out of my imagination-I must put my foot in a bit of truth-and then I can fly free.

~Andrew Wyeth

Don't overdo it, don't underdo it. Do it just on the line.

~Andrew Wyeth

It's all in how you arrange the thing... the careful balance of the design is the motion.

~Andrew Wyeth

The most irritating experience for an artist is to have his work criticized before it is finished.

~Andrew Wyeth

To be interested solely in technique would be a very superficial thing to me.

~Andrew Wyeth

You think you're developing and getting better and then you see something you did years ago. Looking at your early work.. sometimes it has a depth that surprises you.

~Andrew Wyeth

If it [talent] isn't strong enough to take the gaff of real training, then it's not worth much.

~Andrew Wyeth

I've never studied the Japanese. That's something that must have crept in there. But the Japanese are my biggest clients. They seem to like the elemental quality.

~Andrew Wyeth

I've tried never to be easily satisfied, and I've been painting like fury now for forty years.... I have a feeling. You paint about as far as your emotions go, and that's about it.

~Andrew Wyeth

I surrender to the world of my imagination, reenacting all those wonderful tales my father would read aloud to me. I became a very active reader, especially history and Shakespeare.

~Andrew Wyeth

If somehow I can, before I leave this earth, combine my absolutely mad freedom and excitement with truth, then I will have done something.

~Andrew Wyeth

It's a shock for me to go through and see all those years of painting my life, which is very personal for me. It's a very difficult thing for an artist to look back at his work.

~Andrew Wyeth

To have all your life's work and to have them along the wall, it's like walking in with no clothes on. It's terrible.

~Andrew Wyeth

Well, being the youngest child and frail, I was left alone a great deal of the time.

~Andrew Wyeth

I do an awful lot of thinking and dreaming about things in the past and the future - the timelessness of the rocks and the hills - all the people who have existed there.

~Andrew Wyeth

There's a quote from Hamlet that is my guide... He tells the players not to exaggerate but to hold a mirror up to nature. Don't overdo it, don't underdo it. Do it just on the line.

~Andrew Wyeth

I wanted to get it all down, maybe out of my system. I wanted to be able to say, Everything's possible-if you believe and can get excited.

~Andrew Wyeth

My pencil is like a fencer's foil.

~Andrew Wyeth

And, of course, I began drawing so much - wild, undisciplined pencil drawings and watercolors of knights battling and such.

~Andrew Wyeth

God, I've frozen my ass off painting snow scenes!

~Andrew Wyeth

I am not a juicy painter.

~Andrew Wyeth

My aim is to escape from the medium with which I work.

~Andrew Wyeth

My struggle is to preserve that abstract flash - like something you caught out of the corner of your eye, but in the picture you can look at it directly.

~Andrew Wyeth

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