

Antoni Tapies

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Art should startle the viewer into thinking about the meaning of life.

~Antoni Tapies

The artist has to make the viewer understand that his world is too narrow, he has to open up to new perspectives.

~Antoni Tapies

When I talk of reality, I am always thinking of essentials. Profundity is not located in some remote, inaccessible region. It is rooted in everyday life.

~Antoni Tapies

They were wrestling with canvases, using violent colors and huge brush strokes. I arrived with gray, silent, sober, oppressed paintings. One critic said they were paintings that thought.

~Antoni Tapies

The highest wisdom adopts the humblest of bodies.

~Antoni Tapies

I am interested in study, reflection, philosophy - but always as a dilettante. I also consider myself a dilettante as a painter.

~Antoni Tapies

Painting quickly is a calculated act to block out rational thought.

~Antoni Tapies

The tattoo can only exist as part of the skin, as a drawing always is an incision in the material and therefore cannot be parted from it.

~Antoni Tapies

A cross could be a shape for expressing something spacious; such as the coordinators of space. That could be called its first significance or its first relevance.

~Antoni Tapies

I never view aesthetic ideas as having an existence purely of their own but as a function they have in connection with political or moral values.

~Antoni Tapies

The material presence of the work only serves as a conveyer launching an invitation to the observer to take part of the comprehensive game of the thousand and one emotions and visions.

~Antoni Tapies

My illusion is to have something to transmit. If I can't change the world, at least I want to change the way people look at it.

~Antoni Tapies

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