

Arshile Gorky

Quotes

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I seek a form of language which will express my ideas for our time.

~Arshile Gorky

The secret is to throw yourself into the water of life again and again, not to hang back, no reservations, risk everything, but above all strike out boldly with all you have.

~Arshile Gorky

Abstraction allows man to see with his mind what he cannot see physically with his eyes.

~Arshile Gorky

The eyes of the Armenians speak long before the lips move and long after they cease to.

~Arshile Gorky

When something is finished, that means it's dead, doesn't it? I believe in everlastingness. I never finish a painting - I just stop working on it for a while.

~Arshile Gorky

Art must always remain earnest... Art must be serious, no sarcasm, comedy. One does not laugh at a loved one.

~Arshile Gorky

Movement is the translation of life, and if art depicts life, movement should come into art, since we are only aware of living because it moves.

~Arshile Gorky

Dreams form the bristles of the artist's brush.

~Arshile Gorky

Drawing is the basis of art. A bad painter cannot draw. But one who

draws well can always paint.

~Arshile Gorky

If Picasso drips, I drip... For a long while I was with Cezanne, and now I am with Picasso.

~Arshile Gorky

I do not paint in front of but from within nature.

~Arshile Gorky

I communicate my innermost perceptions through art.

~Arshile Gorky

You know how fussy and particular I am in painting. I am ever removing the paint and repainting the spot until I am completely exhausted.

~Arshile Gorky

If a painting of mine suits me, it is right. If it does not please me, I care not if all the great masters should approve it or the dealers buy it. They would be wrong.

~Arshile Gorky

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