

Asger Jorn Quotes

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Everything is in constant flux, from state to state, from good to bad and back again... only in transmutation, perpetual motion, lies truth.

~Asger Jorn

A creative train of thought is set off by: the unexpected, the unknown, the accidental, the disorderly, the absurd, the impossible.

~Asger Jorn

We are not disillusioned because we have no illusions... What we have and what is our strength, is our joy in life... in all its amoral aspects. That is also the basis of our contemporary art.

~Asger Jorn

Beautiful, ugly, impressive, disgusting, meaningless, grim, contradictory etc â€¦ It makes no difference, as long as it is life, vigorously pouring forth.

~Asger Jorn

We are sparks that must glow as brightly as possible.

~Asger Jorn

To break and be able to grow together again in a better way: that is the difficult art.

~Asger Jorn

The significance of something lies in its presence here and now. I don't care what it has been or what it will become. It is the experience of things that matters, the confrontation with things.

~Asger Jorn

Being an artist is being an isolated individual.

~Asger Jorn

To make the material speak to man in the name of man, this is the aim

and reality of art.

~Asger Jorn

The artist's interest cannot be restricted to a single field; he must seek the highest perception of everything, of the whole and its details.

~Asger Jorn

I act with full responsibility and after extensive reflection.

~Asger Jorn

Anything really new is repulsive, because it is abnormal and unreasonable.

~Asger Jorn

To understand the magic way of thinking you have to know non-magic thinking. If you see that clearly, you will see how many magic thoughts are necessary elements even of natural science today.

~Asger Jorn

During every really creative act, the artist finds himself homeless. To overcome this state he has to call up his last reserves of strength.

~Asger Jorn

The act of expressing oneself is a physical one. It materializes the thought.

~Asger Jorn

We are not talking about a new cognition in relation to abstract art, rather a new area of cognition.

~Asger Jorn

We like to learn all we need from earlier generations, but we have to find out for ourselves what we need; nobody else can do that for us.

~Asger Jorn

Form and substance are one and the same. Form is the life expression and substance the living painting.

~Asger Jorn

True realism, materialist realism lies in the search for the expression of forms faithful to their content. But there is no content detached from human interest.

~Asger Jorn

If a symbolic language dies, it tortures us like a nightmare, like a thousand piece orchestra grating on our nerves and tearing our mind to pieces.. .It is a corpse with no symbolic power or strength.

~Asger Jorn

We cannot inherit a fixed, unmoving view of life and of art from the past generation.

~Asger Jorn

Only my current situation has enabled me to accomplish the expensive task of demonstrating that the preferred sustenance of painting is painting.

~Asger Jorn

To get anywhere, one must choose one's mistakes, I chose experimental acts.

~Asger Jorn

The goal changes from the general to the individual from need to wish, from ethics to aesthetics.

~Asger Jorn

Those who try to combat the production of shoddy pictures are enemies of the best art today... It always feels tragic to see people labouring to saw off the branch they are sitting on.

~Asger Jorn

If you add something to a painting, never let it be for aesthetic reasons. Only let it be for reasons of expression.

~Asger Jorn

In the beginning was the image.

~Asger Jorn

This is what aesthetics, development and progress depend upon: that we go out on thin ice.

~Asger Jorn

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