

Barbara Hepworth

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I rarely draw what I see. I draw what I feel in my body.

~Barbara Hepworth

It is easy now to communicate with people through abstraction, and particularly so in sculpture. Since the whole body reacts to its presence, people become themselves a living part of the whole.

~Barbara Hepworth

The naturalness of life... the sense of community is, I think, a very important factor in an artist's life.

~Barbara Hepworth

At no point do I wish to be in conflict with any man or masculine thought. It doesn't enter my consciousness. Art is anonymous. It's not competitive with men. It's a complementary contribution.

~Barbara Hepworth

I am the form and I am the hollow, the thrust and the contour

~Barbara Hepworth

I found one had to do some work every day, even at midnight, because either you're professional or you're not.

~Barbara Hepworth

[My works are] an imitation of my own past and present and of my own creative vitality as I experience them in one particular instant of my emotional and imaginative life. . .

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I must always have a clear image of the form of a work before I begin. Otherwise there is no impulse to create.

~Barbara Hepworth

Halfway through any work, one is often tempted to go off on a tangent. Once you have yielded, you will be tempted to yield again and again... Finally, you would only produce something hybrid.

~Barbara Hepworth

The sculptor must search with passionate intensity for the underlying principle of the organisation of mass and tension - the meaning of gesture and the structure of rhythm.

~Barbara Hepworth

I love my blocks of marble, always piling up in the yard like a flock of sheep.

~Barbara Hepworth

My left hand is my thinking hand (image), my right hand my doing hand (sequence).

~Barbara Hepworth

Body experience... is the centre of creation.

~Barbara Hepworth

The United Nations is our conscience. If it succeeds it is our success. If it fails it is our failure.

~Barbara Hepworth

I felt the most intense pleasure in piercing the stone in order to make an abstract form and space; quite a different sensation from that of doing it for the purpose of realism.

~Barbara Hepworth

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