

Bruce Nauman

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If you really want to do it, you do it. There are no excuses.

~Bruce Nauman

A good teacher is like a good artist. They go right to the most difficult part of whatever's going on.

~Bruce Nauman

The true artist helps the world by revealing mystic truths.

~Bruce Nauman

If I was an artist, and I was in the studio, then whatever I was doing in the studio must be art.

~Bruce Nauman

In art, the only one who really knows whether what you've done is honest is the artist.

~Bruce Nauman

What I am really concerned about is what art is supposed to be - and can become.

~Bruce Nauman

Did you stop because it was good enough, or could have done more - but then maybe ruined it too? Sometimes you finish because you've gone too far.

~Bruce Nauman

Learn to recognise when you need to know something.

~Bruce Nauman

If you choose the wrong questions and you proceed, you still get a result, but it's not interesting.

~Bruce Nauman

My videos always involve some idea of a human being in a unusual situation-and what happens.

~Bruce Nauman

It's interesting when you make things or do things that open up the possibilities for making more things, or different kinds of things.

~Bruce Nauman

I'll talk. You'll listen.

~Bruce Nauman

And I don't have any specific steps to take because I don't start the same way every time. But there is a knowing when it's enough and you can leave it alone.

~Bruce Nauman

And sometimes the question that you pose or the project that you start yourself turns into something else, you know, but at least it gets you started.

~Bruce Nauman

I don't like to think about being an influence. It's embarrassing.

~Bruce Nauman

Generalised anger and frustration is something that gets you in the studio, and gets you to work - though it's not necessarily evident in anything that's finished.

~Bruce Nauman

And the part about being a professional artist is that you can tell, and you can do it over again, even if you can't say how you got there exactly.

~Bruce Nauman

But if you can find that spot - I suppose it's like running - I used to be a swimmer and swim laps, and you just have to be there with what you're doing.

~Bruce Nauman

And then what makes the work interesting is if you choose the right questions.

~Bruce Nauman

I thought I might have to give up art, but I couldn't think of anything else to do.

~Bruce Nauman

Pete and Repeat were sitting on a wall. Pete fell off. Who was left? Repeat.

~Bruce Nauman

One of the factors that still keeps me in the studio is that every so often I have to more or less start all over.

~Bruce Nauman

Sometimes I just have a few people over to see the new work, and I think it works better than in a museum situation, where the public is just presented with a large area.

~Bruce Nauman

I like to combine different aspects in my work, to cover different areas, but I do see them as being separate.

~Bruce Nauman

It's just strange to think about...whether I'll be an artist or what I'll be doing.

~Bruce Nauman

I get the feeling that sometimes the ideas work very well when you're doing them in the studio alone.

~Bruce Nauman

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