

Edouard Manet

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There are no lines in nature, only areas of colour, one against another.

~Edouard Manet

It is not enough to know your craft - you have to have feeling. Science is all very well, but for us imagination is worth far more.

~Edouard Manet

Every new painting is like throwing myself into the water without knowing how to swim.

~Edouard Manet

You would hardly believe how difficult it is to place a figure alone on a canvas, and to concentrate all the interest on this single and universal figure and still keep it living and real.

~Edouard Manet

I paint what I see and not what others like to see.

~Edouard Manet

There is no symmetry in nature. One eye is never exactly the same as the other.

~Edouard Manet

There is only one true thing: Instantly paint what you see.

~Edouard Manet

Who is this Monet whose name sounds just like mine and who is taking advantage of my notoriety?

~Edouard Manet

Conciseness in art is essential and a refinement. The concise man makes one think; the verbose bores. Always work towards conciseness.

~Edouard Manet

Insults are pouring down on me as thick as hail.

~Edouard Manet

The principal person in a picture is light.

~Edouard Manet

The latest fashion is absolutely necessary for a painting. It's what matters most.

~Edouard Manet

The country only has charms for those not obliged to stay there.

~Edouard Manet

Every time I paint, I throw myself into the water in order to learn how to swim.

~Edouard Manet

Color is a matter of taste and sensitivity.

~Edouard Manet

I paint as I feel like painting; to hell with all their studies.

~Edouard Manet

One must be of one's time and paint what one sees.

~Edouard Manet

If I'm lucky, when I paint, first my patrons leave the room, then my dealers, and if I'm really lucky I leave too.

~Edouard Manet

Black is not a color.

~Edouard Manet

Concision in art is a necessity and an elegance. The verbose painter

bores: who will get rid of all these trimmings?

~Edouard Manet

Above all, keep your colors fresh!

~Edouard Manet

There's no symmetry in nature. One eye is never exactly the same as the other. There's always a difference. We all have a more or less crooked nose and an irregular mouth.

~Edouard Manet

I would kiss you, had I the courage.

~Edouard Manet

There is only one true thing: instantly paint what you see. When you've got it, you've got it. When you haven't, you begin again. All the rest is humbug.

~Edouard Manet

The attacks of which I have been the object have broken the spring of life in me... People don't realize what it feels like to be constantly insulted.

~Edouard Manet

I need to work to feel well.

~Edouard Manet

This woman's work is exceptional. Too bad she's not a man.

~Edouard Manet

You must always remain master of the situation and do what you please. No school tasks, ah, no! no tasks!

~Edouard Manet

No one can be a painter unless he cares for painting above all else.

~Edouard Manet

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