

Eugene Delacroix

Quotes

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If one considered life as a simple loan, one would perhaps be less exacting. We possess actually nothing; everything goes through us.

~Eugene Delacroix

Everyone knows that yellow, orange, and red suggest ideas of joy and plenty. I can paint you the skin of Venus with mud, provided you let me surround it as I will.

~Eugene Delacroix

A picture is nothing but a bridge between the soul of the artist and that of the spectator.

~Eugene Delacroix

The artist who aims at perfection in everything achieves it in nothing.

~Eugene Delacroix

We work not only to produce, but to give value to time.

~Eugene Delacroix

Talent does whatever it wants to do. Genius does only what it can.

~Eugene Delacroix

One never paints violently enough.

~Eugene Delacroix

Seeing artistically does not happen automatically. We must constantly develop our powers of observation.

~Eugene Delacroix

Nourish yourself with grand and austere ideas of beauty that feed the soul. Seek solitude.

~Eugene Delacroix

A fine suggestion, a sketch with great feeling, can be as expressive as

the most finished product.

~Eugene Delacroix

What moves those of genius, what inspires their work is not new ideas, but their obsession with the idea that what has already been said is still not enough.

~Eugene Delacroix

Experience has two things to teach. The first is that we must correct a great deal and the second, that we must not correct too much.

~Eugene Delacroix

To be understood a writer has to explain almost everything.

~Eugene Delacroix

Always, at the back of your soul, there is something that says to you, 'Mortal, drawn from eternal life for a short time, think how precious these moments are.

~Eugene Delacroix

I live in company with a body, a silent companion, exacting and eternal.

~Eugene Delacroix

Do not be troubled for a language, cultivate your soul and she will show herself.

~Eugene Delacroix

One must learn to be grateful for one's own findings.

~Eugene Delacroix

The more an object is polished or brilliant, the less you see its own color and the more it becomes a mirror reflecting the color of its surroundings.

~Eugene Delacroix

Nature is a dictionary; one draws words from it.

~Eugene Delacroix

If you are not skillful enough to sketch a man jumping out of a window in the time it takes him to fall from the fourth storey to the ground, you will never be able to produce great works.

~Eugene Delacroix

God is that inner presence which makes us admire the beautiful and consoles us for not sharing the happiness of the wicked.

~Eugene Delacroix

Of which beauty will you speak? There are many: there are a thousand: there is one for every look, for every spirit, adapted to each taste, to each particular constitution.

~Eugene Delacroix

The first virtue of a painting is to be a feast for the eyes.

~Eugene Delacroix

I believe it safe to say that all progress must lead, not to further progress, but finally to the negation of progress, a return to the point of departure.

~Eugene Delacroix

The source of genius is imagination alone, the refinement of the senses that sees what others do not see, or sees them differently.

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The so-called conscientiousness of the majority of painters is only perfection applied to the art of boring.

~Eugene Delacroix

It is only possible to speak in the language and in the spirit of one's time.

~Eugene Delacroix

A taste for simplicity cannot last for long.

~Eugene Delacroix

Artists who seek perfection in everything are those who can't attain it in anything.

~Eugene Delacroix

When a thing bores you, do not do it.

~Eugene Delacroix

Give me some mud, and I will paint you a woman's flesh.

~Eugene Delacroix

Remember the enemy of all painting is gray: a painting will almost always appear grayer than it is, on account of its oblique position under the light.

~Eugene Delacroix

What is real for me are the illusions I create with my paintings. Everything else is quicksand.

~Eugene Delacroix

I have told myself a hundred times that painting - that is, the material thing called a painting - is no more than a pretext, the bridge between the mind of the painter and the mind of the spectator.

~Eugene Delacroix

Mythological subjects always new. Modern subjects difficult because of the absence of the nude and the wretchedness of modern costume.

~Eugene Delacroix

[Photography is] in some ways false just because it is so exact.

~Eugene Delacroix

At a distance this fine oak seems to be of ordinary size. But if I place myself under its branches, the impression changes completely: I see it as big, and even terrifying in its bigness.

~Eugene Delacroix

Not only can color, which is under fixed laws, be taught like music, but it is easier to learn than drawing, whose elaborate principles cannot be taught.

~Eugene Delacroix

What I have done cannot be taken from me.

~Eugene Delacroix

Painters who are not colorists produce illumination, not painting.

~Eugene Delacroix

The only ones who can really benefit by consulting the model are those who can produce their effect without a model.

~Eugene Delacroix

Draughtsmen may be made, but colourists are born.

~Eugene Delacroix

Finishing a painting demands a heart of steel: everything requires a decision, and I find difficulties where I least expect them... It is at such moments that one fully realizes one's own weaknesses.

~Eugene Delacroix

Every time I await a model, even when I am most pressed to time, I am overjoyed when the time comes and I tremble when I hear the key turn in the door.

~Eugene Delacroix

Experience alone can give, even to the greatest talent, that confidence in having done all that could be done.

~Eugene Delacroix

One should not be too difficult. An artist should not treat himself like an enemy.

~Eugene Delacroix

Perhaps the sketch of a work is so pleasing because everyone can finish it as he chooses.

~Eugene Delacroix

The things one experiences alone with oneself are very much stronger and purer.

~Eugene Delacroix

What makes sovereign ugliness are our conventions.

~Eugene Delacroix

Criticism is like many other things, it drags along after what has already been said and doesn't get out of its rut.

~Eugene Delacroix

One always has to spoil a picture a little bit, in order to finish it.

~Eugene Delacroix

If I haven't fought for my country at least I'll paint for her.

~Eugene Delacroix

Nature creates unity even in the parts of a whole.

~Eugene Delacroix

Even when we look at nature, our imagination constructs the picture.

~Eugene Delacroix

How can this world, which is so beautiful, include so much horror?

~Eugene Delacroix

The contour should come last, only a very experienced eye can place it rightly.

~Eugene Delacroix

A wife of your own stature is the greatest of all blessings.

~Eugene Delacroix

Cold exactitude is not art; ingenious artifice, when it pleases or when it expresses, is art itself.

~Eugene Delacroix

The secret of not having worries, for me at least, is to have ideas.

~Eugene Delacroix

Do all the work you can; that is the whole philosophy of the good way of life.

~Eugene Delacroix

Curiously enough, the Sublime is generally achieved through want of proportion.

~Eugene Delacroix

Let a man of genius make use [of photography] as it should be used, and he will raise himself to a height that we do not know.

~Eugene Delacroix

Glory to that Homer of painting, to that father of warmth and enthusiasm... he really paints men.

~Eugene Delacroix

In abandoning the vagueness of the sketch the artist shows more of his personality by revealing the range but also the limitations of his talent.

~Eugene Delacroix

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