

Jackson Pollock

Quotes

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Painting is self-discovery. Every good artist paints what he is.

~Jackson Pollock

The secret of success is to be fully awake to everything about you.

~Jackson Pollock

If people would just look at the paintings, I don't think they would have any trouble enjoying them. It's like looking at a bed of flowers, you don't tear your hair out over what it means.

~Jackson Pollock

Abstract painting is abstract. It confronts you. There was a reviewer a while back who wrote that my pictures didn't have any beginning or any end. He didn't mean it as a compliment, but it was.

~Jackson Pollock

Art is coming face to face with yourself.

~Jackson Pollock

There is no accident, just as there is no beginning and no end.

~Jackson Pollock

Painting is no problem. The problem is what to do when you're not painting.

~Jackson Pollock

It doesn't matter how the paint is put on, as long as something is said.

~Jackson Pollock

The modern artist is working with space and time, and expressing his feelings rather than illustrating.

~Jackson Pollock

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~Jackson Pollock

You can't learn techniques and then try to become a painter.
Techniques are a result.

~Jackson Pollock

A real friend is someone you say a sentence to and they know ten thousand words behind that sentence.

~Jackson Pollock

I want to express my feelings rather than illustrate them.

~Jackson Pollock

I have no fear of making changes, destroying the image, etc., because the painting has a life of its own.

~Jackson Pollock

It doesn't make much difference how the paint is put on as long as something has been said. Technique is just a means of arriving at a statement.

~Jackson Pollock

A canvas is an arena in which to act.

~Jackson Pollock

Love is friendship set to music.

~Jackson Pollock

My concern is with the rhythms of nature I work inside out, like nature.

~Jackson Pollock

The painting has a life of its own

~Jackson Pollock

In response to the question, 'How do you know when you're finished?' Pollock replied, 'How do you know when you're finished making love?'

~Jackson Pollock

It is only when I lose contact with the painting that the result is a mess. Otherwise there is pure harmony, an easy give and take, and the painting comes out well.

~Jackson Pollock

Every good painter paints what he is.

~Jackson Pollock

On the floor I am more at ease. I feel nearer, more part of the painting, since this way I can walk around it, work from the four sides and literally be in the painting.

~Jackson Pollock

The modern artist... is working and expressing an inner world - in other words - expressing the energy, the motion, and other inner forces.

~Jackson Pollock

When I am in my painting, I'm not aware of what I'm doing.

~Jackson Pollock

The strangeness will wear off and I think we will discover the deeper meanings in modern art.

~Jackson Pollock

It [abstract art] should be enjoyed just as music is enjoyed after a while you may like it or you may not.

~Jackson Pollock

Today painters do not have to go to a subject matter outside of themselves. Most modern painters work from a different source. They

work from within.

~Jackson Pollock

Modern art to me is nothing more than the expression of contemporary aims of the age that we're living in.

~Jackson Pollock

He drove his kind of realism at me so hard I bounced right into nonobjective painting.

~Jackson Pollock

People have always frightened and bored me consequently I have been within my own shell.

~Jackson Pollock

My painting does not come from the easel.

~Jackson Pollock

I'm very representational some of the time, and a little all of the time. But when you're painting out of your unconscious, figures are bound to emerge.

~Jackson Pollock

The painter locks himself out of his own studio. And then has to break in like a thief.

~Jackson Pollock

My paintings do not have a center, but depend on the same amount of interest throughout.

~Jackson Pollock

When I'm painting, I'm not aware of what I'm doing. It's only after a get acquainted period that I see what I've been about. I've no fears about making changes for the painting has a life of its own.

~Jackson Pollock

Something in me knows where I'm going, and - well, painting is a state of being. ... Painting is self-discovery. Every good artist paints what he is.

~Jackson Pollock

The pictures I contemplate painting would constitute a halfway state and attempt to point out the direction of the future - without arriving there completely

~Jackson Pollock

I don't work from drawings. I don't make sketches and drawings and color sketches into a final painting.

~Jackson Pollock

As to what I would like to be, it is difficult to say. An artist of some kind. If nothing else I shall always study the Arts.

~Jackson Pollock

I want to express my feelings, not illustrate them.

~Jackson Pollock

I continue to get further away from the usual painter's tools such as easel, palette, brushes, etc.

~Jackson Pollock

A method of painting is a natural growth out of a need. I want to express my feelings rather than illustrate them. Technique is just a means of arriving at a statement.

~Jackson Pollock

I am doubtful of any talent, so whatever I choose to be, will be accomplished only by long study and work

~Jackson Pollock

On the floor I am more at ease.

~Jackson Pollock

I hardly ever stretch the canvas before painting.

~Jackson Pollock

Technique is just a means of arriving at a statement.

~Jackson Pollock

How do you know when you're finished making love?

~Jackson Pollock

My opinion is that new needs need new techniques. And the modern artists have found new ways and new means of making their statements.

~Jackson Pollock

A man's life is his work; his work is his life.

~Jackson Pollock

I don't paint nature. I am nature.

~Jackson Pollock

I can control the flow of paint: there is no accident.

~Jackson Pollock

I don't use the accident - 'cause I deny the accident

~Jackson Pollock

Most modern painters work from a different source. They work from within.

~Jackson Pollock

The process is only a means to an end-creating the painting I want. It doesn't mean anything itself. It's only a way of creating a result.

~Jackson Pollock

When I am painting I have a general notion as to what I am about. I can control the flow of paint: there is no accident.

~Jackson Pollock

Bums are the well-to-do of this day. They didn't have as far to fall.

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