

# Joaquin Sorolla

## Quotes

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Studios, Hate, Honest, Years, Miracle, Hands, Stores, Technique, School,  
Drawing*

No, mes amis, impressionism is not charlatanry, nor a formula, nor a school. I should say rather it is the bold resolve to throw all those things overboard.

~Joaquin Sorolla

All inspired painters are impressionists, even though it be true that some impressionists are not inspired.

~Joaquin Sorolla

I could not paint at all if I had to paint slowly. Every effect is so transient, it must be rapidly painted.

~Joaquin Sorolla

My only ambition was to create an honest picture that would interpret nature as she really is, as she ought to be seen.

~Joaquin Sorolla

Go to nature with no parti pris. You should not know what your picture is to look like until it is done. Just see the picture that is coming.

~Joaquin Sorolla

If ever a painter wrought a miracle of illusion with brush and pigment that painter was Velazquez in his Las Meninas, at the Prado in Madrid.

~Joaquin Sorolla

I do not care to paint portraits indoors. I cannot feel sympathetic.

~Joaquin Sorolla

As far as outdoor work is concerned, a studio is only a garage; a place in which to store pictures and repair them, never a place in which to paint them.

~Joaquin Sorolla

The older I become, the more I realize that drawing is the most

important of all the problems of picture-making.

~Joaquin Sorolla

With all its excesses, the modern impressionistic movement has given us one discovery, the color violet. It is the only discovery of importance in the art world since Velazquez.

~Joaquin Sorolla

How long did it take me to delimit this art? Twenty years! ... It was a laborious process, but a methodical and rational one; gradually the hesitations were ironed out, but not all of a sudden.

~Joaquin Sorolla

A studio is a good place to smoke your pipe.

~Joaquin Sorolla

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