

# John Singer Sargent Quotes

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No small dabs of colour - you want plenty of paint to paint with.

~John Singer Sargent

I do not judge, I only chronicle.

~John Singer Sargent

An artist painting a picture should have at his side a man with a club to hit him over the head when the picture is finished.

~John Singer Sargent

A portrait is a painting with something wrong with the mouth.

~John Singer Sargent

You can't do sketches enough. Sketch everything and keep your curiosity fresh.

~John Singer Sargent

Every time I paint a portrait I lose a friend.

~John Singer Sargent

Color is an inborn gift, but appreciation of value is merely training of the eye, which everyone ought to be able to acquire.

~John Singer Sargent

If you begin with the middle-tone and work up from it toward the darks so that you deal last with your highest lights and darkest darks, you avoid false accents.

~John Singer Sargent

Cultivate an ever-continuous power of observation. Wherever you are, be always ready to make slight notes of postures, groups and incidents.

~John Singer Sargent

A portrait is a picture in which there is just a tiny little something not quite right about the mouth.

~John Singer Sargent

I don't dig beneath the surface for things that don't appear before my own eyes.

~John Singer Sargent

It is certain that at certain times talent entirely overcomes thought or poetry.

~John Singer Sargent

Mine is the horny hand of toil.

~John Singer Sargent

A person with normal eyesight would have nothing to know in the way of 'Impressionism' unless he were in a blinding light or in the dusk or dark.

~John Singer Sargent

Make the best of an emergency.

~John Singer Sargent

The thicker you paint, the more it flows.

~John Singer Sargent

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