

Julian Schnabel

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Traditionally, photography is supposed to capture an event that has passed; but that is not what I'm looking for. Photography brings the past into the present when you look at it...

~Julian Schnabel

Making a painting is like playing the saxophone. You hit the note and it comes out.

~Julian Schnabel

I do dream about art, and images come to me in dreams. I am definitely hoping to be in touch with my subconscious. I expect a call any minute.

~Julian Schnabel

Painting is like breathing to me. It's what I do all the time. Every day I make art, whether it is painting, writing or making a movie.

~Julian Schnabel

Paintings are not like the Internet. They're not like movies. They're not electronic-friendly. You have to go see them. You have to stand in front of them. That's the great thing about them.

~Julian Schnabel

I work with things left over from other things.

~Julian Schnabel

It doesn't matter what I think I am, it matters what I do.

~Julian Schnabel

I want the paintings to take me or the viewer out somewhere else.

~Julian Schnabel

I think beauty is a feeling that you get after you've had an experience. It's the way you feel about it that is beautiful.

~Julian Schnabel

I've never made a movie to make money. I've never made a painting to make money.

~Julian Schnabel

If I hung one of my paintings next to someone else's, I knew mine would kind of pop off the wall.

~Julian Schnabel

I think not knowing what to think of your paintings is a good place to be.

~Julian Schnabel

I don't think the meaning in my paintings comes from just using broken dishes.

~Julian Schnabel

I think it's good when people don't write good things about your work. I mean, what a great compliment it is to be called a charlatan.

~Julian Schnabel

I think that truth is stranger than fiction, and it's nice to know the people you're making a movie about.

~Julian Schnabel

Some people might think that the paintings are involved with a mythic - not just subject matter - but a certain sort of physical space that the paintings occupy...like personages.

~Julian Schnabel

Everything I've seen becomes real once it becomes memory. The films I've seen are interchangeable with things that have really happened to me.

~Julian Schnabel

I think style is a fringe benefit that looks like you made it.

~Julian Schnabel

I'm not saying I'm the only Jewish person who cares about Palestinian people, but unfortunately, their voices are not necessarily heard as loudly as they should be.

~Julian Schnabel

It's nice to see your name in print. It's interesting.

~Julian Schnabel

I like when people get really close to the paintings, when they can't really get away from them, I like them to operate in that way on the viewer.

~Julian Schnabel

We need to not be scared [of muslim], but understand each other. When you're around these people, you see they have much more in common than their differences.

~Julian Schnabel

My compulsion is to create things.

~Julian Schnabel

The thing about living in New York is that there are other artists; that is the most difficult, I think they are the hardest critics.

~Julian Schnabel

There are generations of people who have never seen a big plate painting in person. And they don't know what the hell they look like, they don't know what it feels like to stand in a room with them.

~Julian Schnabel

There are certain times you want to be here and there are certain times

you want to just go. And when you go, it's usually so exhausting you have to check into a hospital when you come home!

~Julian Schnabel

I think it was so unfair that people attacked Freida Pinto for being an Indian, playing a Palestinian.

~Julian Schnabel

The movie [Miral] is not pro-Palestinian. It's about Palestinians. It's a Palestinian story, written by a Palestinian person. I don't know anybody else that could have done that

~Julian Schnabel

You seem to make different concessions with yourself about what you want to focus on or not, and what you want to pay attention to.

~Julian Schnabel

I never paid much attention to being Jewish when I was a kid. In fact, I'd say my religion was more surfing than Judaism - that's what I spent most of my time doing.

~Julian Schnabel

There's been too much attention on marketing. Can't we just talk about the paintings?

~Julian Schnabel

You can't have a good bullfight without a good bull.

~Julian Schnabel

When I'm making a movie, I don't like to know what's going to happen next. I like to watch something and be surprised all the time, and just not know, and let it take me wherever.

~Julian Schnabel

Sometimes my kids might tell me they had a dream or and maybe I'll paint some paintings from their dream. That's one good thing you get from your kids. Rob them of their dreams.

~Julian Schnabel

I guess I am ruthless too because that's what makes a great artist. But I also respect people, I don't go around stepping on their heads.

~Julian Schnabel

I don't know if I could, like, see a face and know what the face of beauty looks like, but after I've seen it I know if I've felt like it was beauty.

~Julian Schnabel

Many people say to me, "I saw [Miral] and it really stayed with me. I woke up the next day and really thought about it, and have been thinking about it for awhile." That was my goal.

~Julian Schnabel

Can I find a poetic that can be subversive enough to grab people in some subliminal way, to where they feel that they are altered and have had an experience that belonged to them?

~Julian Schnabel

I think people have problems sometimes when things are too general. In fact, they are not really general at all.

~Julian Schnabel

Maybe my work looks a little crazy, a little insane, but I don't really see myself as a crazy artist or a shaman artist.

~Julian Schnabel

I think it's your own ghost, seeing the work and just thinking if it will be okay to leave that around.

~Julian Schnabel

I don't think people are terribly interested in young artists who were doing interesting thing, but I don't think people are terribly interested in young artists.

~Julian Schnabel

I wanted to show painting paintings first, then the plate paintings; now I can show that I've sort of freed myself from stylistic inhibitions.

~Julian Schnabel

I was always very... impatient about showing my paintings to people.

~Julian Schnabel

I think, basically, I'm an abstract artist. I just think that that's not even an issue. I think everything's abstract.

~Julian Schnabel

I see paintings everywhere. I look at stuff and it looks like painting to me.

~Julian Schnabel

I think basically I'm a painter, but I would use anything to make my point.

~Julian Schnabel

I don't think my paintings are self-conscious but you feel the consciousness of them. Without them being self-conscious.

~Julian Schnabel

I have a completely romantic idea about making paintings, I guess.

~Julian Schnabel

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