

# Keith Haring Quotes

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Whatever you do, the only secret is to believe in it and satisfy yourself. Don't do it for anyone else.

~Keith Haring

I don't think art is propaganda; it should be something that liberates the soul, provokes the imagination and encourages people to go further. It celebrates humanity instead of manipulating it.

~Keith Haring

Children know something that most people have forgotten.

~Keith Haring

The only way art lives is through the experience of the observer. The reality of art begins with the eyes of the beholder, through imagination, invention and confrontation.

~Keith Haring

Drawing is still basically the same as it has been since prehistoric times. It brings together man and the world. It lives through magic.

~Keith Haring

I'd like to pretend that I've never seen anything, never read anything, never heard anything... and then make something.

~Keith Haring

If commercialization is putting my art on a shirt so that a kid who can't afford a \$30,000 painting can buy one, then I'm all for it.

~Keith Haring

My contribution to the world is my ability to draw. I will draw as much as I can for as many people as I can for as long as I can.

~Keith Haring

Art is nothing if you don't reach every segment of the people.

~Keith Haring

Red is one of the strongest colors, it's blood, it has a power with the eye. That's why traffic lights are red I guess, and stop signs as well.... In fact I use red in all of my paintings.

~Keith Haring

Art is for everybody.

~Keith Haring

The public has a right to art ... Art is for everybody.

~Keith Haring

When it is working, you completely go into another place, you're tapping into things that are totally universal, completely beyond your ego and your own self. That's what it's all about.

~Keith Haring

The act of creation is a kind of ritual. The origins of art and human existence lie hidden in this mystery of creation. Human creativity reaffirms and mystifies the power of 'life.

~Keith Haring

There is nothing that makes me happier than making a child smile.

~Keith Haring

Nothing is important... so everything is important.

~Keith Haring

See, when I paint, it is an experience that, at its best, is transcending reality.

~Keith Haring

You have to be objective about money to use it fairly. It doesn't make

you any better or any more useful than any other person. Even if you use your money to help people that doesn't.

~Keith Haring

The best reason to paint is that there is no reason to paint.

~Keith Haring

Pure art exists only on the level of instant response to pure life

~Keith Haring

When I die there is nobody to take my place.

~Keith Haring

I've always wanted to work for Walt Disney. That's what I thought I was going to do when I grew up.

~Keith Haring

When I grow up I would like to be an artist in France.

~Keith Haring

Everybody draws when they are little.

~Keith Haring

I have been enlightened. I have fallen into poetry and it has swallowed me up.

~Keith Haring

I grew up in Pennsylvania in a small town. Real small, like one high school and one movie theater. Well, there was a state college there, that was the only good thing about it.

~Keith Haring

Every time I make something I think about the people who are going to see it and every time I see something, I think about the person who

made it.

~Keith Haring

Shapes that contain no inner components of positive/negative relationships will function better with other shapes of the same nature.

~Keith Haring

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