

# Ken Danby

## Quotes

*Art, Artist, Essentials, Vision, Want, Enlightenment, Painting, Progress,  
Abstraction, Life, Development, Details, Together, Believe, Conformity, Sake,  
May, Strong, Expression, Answers*

Art is a necessity - an essential part of our enlightenment process. We cannot, as a civilized society, regard ourselves as being enlightened without the arts.

~Ken Danby

Learn to nurture and trust your instincts as well as your conscious reasoning. Often, one's instincts will offer the better judgment.

~Ken Danby

The human condition is not served by our technical ability to transmit a televised image around the world - if that image is totally inane.

~Ken Danby

Understand who you are and who you want to be, and thereby learn how you may best relate to others.

~Ken Danby

Abstraction and realism work best together.

~Ken Danby

Creative expression and visual comprehension are really the handmaidens of art. One cannot thrive without the other.

~Ken Danby

Art is completely subjective. It's up to the viewer to judge whether or not it has merit.

~Ken Danby

Today, we're encouraged to believe that we should have a verbal interpretation for what we view as art - when in fact the words are an intrusion on the experience.

~Ken Danby

Desire is everything, not talent. It's the degree of one's desire that will

dictate the extent of one's success, in any endeavour.

~Ken Danby

Don't cater to the audience. Inspire the audience.

~Ken Danby

Whenever I'm asked to identify my best work, or my favorite, my answer has always been the same - 'My next one!'

~Ken Danby

Emulation and imitation can legitimately influence one's development, but ultimately the artist must find his own path - and be true to himself.

~Ken Danby

I must have the personal dialogue, the private time, with each painting in progress. I can't share it with anyone until it's done.

~Ken Danby

The role of the artist is like that of an explorer and a teacher - a teacher of seeing. No one is more capable of conveying this enlightenment than the artist.

~Ken Danby

Without good drawing, the foundation of a painting will collapse.

~Ken Danby

As an artist, my concern is toward the synthesizing of all the visual elements at my disposal - at the exclusion of none.

~Ken Danby

Without art, we're handicapped, and living a stifled, barren existence.

~Ken Danby

My paintings don't simply represent what I see; they present viewers

with what I want them to see.

~Ken Danby

There's nothing like a little fear or hunger to motivate one's inspiration.

To take that away from a young artist can offer quite a disservice.

~Ken Danby

We do not see with our eyes, but through them.

~Ken Danby

In painting, detail for the sake of itself is useless. It must have relevance to the whole.

~Ken Danby

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