

# Lawren Harris

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*Art, Men, Artist, Beauty, Nature, Beautiful, Mind, Moving, Ideas, Creative, Light, Longing, Future, Stress, Pedestrians, Games, Sky, Turns, Character, Would Be*

Art is long. Life is short. A picture can become for us a highway between a particular thing and a universal feeling.

~Lawren Harris

In the inner place where true artists create there exists a pure child.

~Lawren Harris

Every work of art which really moves us is in some degree a revelation: it changes us.

~Lawren Harris

Art must take to the road and risk all for the glory of adventure.

~Lawren Harris

We were told, quite seriously, that there never would be a Canadian art because we had no art tradition.

~Lawren Harris

Art is the beginning of vision into the realm of eternal life.

~Lawren Harris

And light has no weight, / Yet one is lifted on its flood, / Swept high,  
/ Running up white-golden light-shafts, / As if one were as weightless as  
light itself - / All gold and white and light.

~Lawren Harris

Art is not an amusement, nor a distraction, nor is it, as many men maintain, an escape from life. On the contrary, it is a high training of the soul, essential to the soul's growth, to its unfoldment.

~Lawren Harris

The truth is that works of art test the spectator much more than the spectator tests them.

~Lawren Harris

New material demands new methods, and new methods fling a challenge to old convention.

~Lawren Harris

For the arts epitomize, intensify and clarify the experience of beauty for us as nothing else can.

~Lawren Harris

The thought of today cannot be expressed in the language of yesterday.

~Lawren Harris

Mind alone remains stable, and watches the chaos of phenomena, and knows that there is a plastic unity of existence - a changeless harmony - behind the everchanging.

~Lawren Harris

Sometimes, indeed often, we work on a theme with an unformed idea, and, when it has passed through the process, its final result is something we could never have predicted when we commenced.

~Lawren Harris

Of course there must be the urge, the indefinable longing to get something through into terms of plastic presentation, but results are nearly always unpredictable.

~Lawren Harris

Abstract art is a creative interplay between the conscious and the unconscious, with the conscious mind making all the final decisions and in control throughout.

~Lawren Harris

Are we taking the drunken drivers off the road only to turn them into drunken pedestrians?

~Lawren Harris

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