

LeRoy Neiman

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Eating is one of the great beauties in life. One of my favorite recreations... eating with friends, the service, the ambience.

~LeRoy Neiman

I have always said to young artists that scholastic training and the studying of art history are crucial to fully developing as an artist.

~LeRoy Neiman

It's not the act of arrogance to draw, it's humbling - you must use your God-given talent. And of all the people I sketch, in most cases I feel I have to measure up to the subject.

~LeRoy Neiman

I've zeroed in on what you would call action and excellence... Everybody who does anything to try to succeed has to give the best of themselves, and art has made me pull the best out of myself.

~LeRoy Neiman

Some people try to paint in my style. Some simply sell pirated copies of my work. Some claim to be my publisher or agent or even my exclusive representative, when they are not.

~LeRoy Neiman

But 'Playboy' was liberating. I was drawn to it and went for it full throttle.

~LeRoy Neiman

I played an artist in a comedy called 'Rooster.' It was a zany film by Glen Larson, a friend who produced several successful television series including 'Magnum PI.

~LeRoy Neiman

I don't know if I'm an impressionist or an expressionist. You can call me an American first... I've been labeled doing neimanism, so that's what it

is, I guess.

~LeRoy Neiman

You can't take yourself too seriously.

~LeRoy Neiman

I draw all the time. Drawing is my backbone. I don't think a painter has to be able to draw, I just think that if you draw, you better draw well.

~LeRoy Neiman

My lovely wife Janet has been in a few paintings. She is basically a reserved woman who has never sought the limelight. She has always been there throughout my career and continues to be at my side.

~LeRoy Neiman

It has been difficult to hold onto many paintings but I have retained a few.

~LeRoy Neiman

Imagination comes of not having things.

~LeRoy Neiman

It's a nice feeling to go out in the world and look for excellence - the best in man. My subject is very valid. It's about people, and about life.

~LeRoy Neiman

I love the passion you go through while you're creating.

~LeRoy Neiman

The businessman says 'If I don't do it first, somebody else will.' The artist says 'If I don't do it first, nobody else will.'

~LeRoy Neiman

The people who love my paintings, that respond to them the most,

they're spectators, they're not viewers.

~LeRoy Neiman

As I turn 91... I have to admit my hours at the easel have diminished.

~LeRoy Neiman

No, I never had any dreams. The process of art is a dream in itself. The artist just doesn't... you work out something. It's yours. You don't have to go to sleep to do that. You do that on the canvas.

~LeRoy Neiman

I hold doors open for all the women. Men can open the doors for themselves.

~LeRoy Neiman

I always stayed in tune with my own ambitions and attitudes and I'm still my intractable old self, for better or worse.

~LeRoy Neiman

I can easily ignore my detractors and feel the people who respond favorably.

~LeRoy Neiman

I guess I created LeRoy Neiman. Nobody else told me how to do it. Well, I'm a believer in the theory that the artist is as important as his work.

~LeRoy Neiman

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