

Lisa Yuskavage

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I wanted to paint pictures of people. I thought, "Why bother doing anything else. Everything else is a waste of time. I want to tell stories about people and their feelings and emotions."

~Lisa Yuskavage

You have to be polite with your friends and your family, but in your art, it's important to not be polite.

~Lisa Yuskavage

You always feel very vulnerable when you put your work out there. You feel a kind of nakedness. And you expose something of the inner workings of the way you experience life.

~Lisa Yuskavage

I think it's important to make art that is not that easily absorbable, that is a challenge to the authorities.

~Lisa Yuskavage

I think great art goes beyond the control of the artist. In some ways, art often makes itself and reveals things about that artist that maybe the artist is not fully conscious of.

~Lisa Yuskavage

If you don't have your unconscious working for you, you're really out of luck as an artist.

~Lisa Yuskavage

There was an expression of intensity in dance that was so compelling to me that I wanted a piece of that action.

~Lisa Yuskavage

A good film is always nourishing. It's not about it being hopeful or bleak; it's about how it touches you, how it moves or stirs you.

~Lisa Yuskavage

I'm not trying to be a finger-wagger at society. I sort of start with myself.

~Lisa Yuskavage

I think it's really important as an artist not to be drawn to the haters, because there are so many people who are nice and quiet.

~Lisa Yuskavage

Sometimes audiences love you because they get to boo you.

~Lisa Yuskavage

I stopped painting because I was so shocked at what I was doing and how much I wasn't in the work. The work was alien to me. I didn't know how to paint in a way that would get me out of this funk.

~Lisa Yuskavage

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