

Marc Chagall

Quotes

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If all life moves inevitably towards its end, then we must, during our own, colour it with our colours of love and hope.

~Marc Chagall

If I create from the heart, nearly everything works; if from the head, almost nothing.

~Marc Chagall

Color is all. When color is right, form is right. Color is everything, color is vibration like music; everything is vibration.

~Marc Chagall

Only love interests me, and I am only in contact with things that revolve around love.

~Marc Chagall

All our interior world is reality, and that, perhaps, more so than our apparent world.

~Marc Chagall

You could wonder for hours what flowers mean, but for me, they're life itself, in all its happy brilliance. We couldn't do without flowers. Flowers help you forget life's tragedies.

~Marc Chagall

My name is Marc, my emotional life is sensitive and my purse is empty, but they say I have talent.

~Marc Chagall

Great art picks up where nature ends.

~Marc Chagall

I am a little Jew of Vitebsk. All that I paint, all that I do, all that I am, is just the little Jew of Vitebsk.

~Marc Chagall

In our life there is a single color, as on an artist's palette, which provides the meaning of life and art. It is the color of love.

~Marc Chagall

All colors are the friends of their neighbors and the lovers of their opposites.

~Marc Chagall

In the arts, as in life, everything is possible provided it is based on love.

~Marc Chagall

Art must be an expression of love or it is nothing.

~Marc Chagall

The stars were my best friends. The air was full of legends and phantoms, full of mythical and fair-tale creatures, which suddenly flew away over the roof, so that one was at one with the firmament.

~Marc Chagall

Will God or someone give me the power to breathe my sigh into my canvases, the sigh of prayer and sadness, the prayer of salvation, of rebirth?

~Marc Chagall

For me a stained glass window is a transparent partition between my heart and the heart of the world.

~Marc Chagall

Work isn't to make money; you work to justify life.

~Marc Chagall

I am out to introduce a psychic shock into my painting, one that is

always motivated by pictorial reasoning: that is to say, a fourth dimension.

~Marc Chagall

Time is a river without banks.

~Marc Chagall

My hands were too soft.. I had to find some special occupation, some kind of work that would not force me to turn away from the sky and the stars, that would allow me to discover the meaning of life.

~Marc Chagall

I've always painted pictures in which human love floods my colors.

~Marc Chagall

Love and fantasy, go hand in hand.

~Marc Chagall

What a genius, that Picasso. It is a pity he doesn't paint.

~Marc Chagall

One must always be careful not to let one's work be covered with moss.

~Marc Chagall

You cannot explain me with "isms." They are very bad for an artist. What one must believe in is color.

~Marc Chagall

We all know that a good person can be a bad artist. But no one will ever be a genuine artist unless he is a great human being and thus also a good one.

~Marc Chagall

I adore the theater and I am a painter. I think the two are made for a marriage of love. I will give all my soul to prove this once more.

~Marc Chagall

Art seems to me to be above all a state of soul.

~Marc Chagall

Mozart never composed anything, ever! He copied what was written on his soul.

~Marc Chagall

If I weren't a Jew then I wouldn't be an artist, or at least not the one I am now.

~Marc Chagall

Color is vibration like music; everything is vibration.

~Marc Chagall

The fingers must be educated, the thumb is born knowing.

~Marc Chagall

Everything in art must spring from the movement of our whole life-stream, of our whole being - including the unconscious.

~Marc Chagall

To call everything that appears illogical, fantasy, fairy tale, or chimera would be practically to admit not understanding nature.

~Marc Chagall

The habit of ignoring Nature is deeply implanted in our times. This attitude reminds me of people who never look you in the eye; I find them disturbing and always have to look away.

~Marc Chagall

Can my words distill for you a little sweetness, tender and caressing?

~Marc Chagall

Art seems to me to be above all a state of soul. All souls are sacred, the soul of all the bipeds in every quarter of the globe.

~Marc Chagall

The freer the soul, the more abstract painting becomes.

~Marc Chagall

Neither Imperial Russia, nor the Russia of the Soviets needs me. They don't understand me. I am a stranger to them. I'm certain Rembrandt loves me.

~Marc Chagall

One cannot be precise, and still be true.

~Marc Chagall

Mine alone is the country of my soul.

~Marc Chagall

I work in whatever medium likes me at the moment.

~Marc Chagall

But perhaps my art is the art of a lunatic, I thought, mere glittering quicksilver, a blue soul breaking in upon my pictures.

~Marc Chagall

One fine day as my mother was putting the bread in the oven, I went up to her and taking her by her flour-smeared elbow I said to her, Mama I want to be a painter.

~Marc Chagall

In my youth, poverty enriched me, but now I can afford wealth.

~Marc Chagall

When I am finishing a picture, I hold some God-made object up to it

~Marc Chagall

For me, Christ has always symbolized the true type of the Jewish martyr.

~Marc Chagall

Color is everything. When color is right, form is right.

~Marc Chagall

I am a child who is getting on.

~Marc Chagall

Art is foremost a state of mind, and only secondarily a problem of form.

~Marc Chagall

My mother's love for me was so great I have worked hard to justify it.

~Marc Chagall

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