

Max Beckmann

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I am seeking for the bridge which leans from the visible to the invisible through reality.

~Max Beckmann

Art is creative for the sake of realization, not for amusement... for transfiguration, not for the sake of play.

~Max Beckmann

The important thing is first of all to have a real love for the visible world that lies outside ourselves as well as to know the deep secret of what goes on within ourselves.

~Max Beckmann

There is nothing I hate more than sentimentality.

~Max Beckmann

My figures come and go, suggested by fortune or misfortune. I try to fix them divested of their apparent accidental quality.

~Max Beckmann

Painting constantly appeared to me as the one and only possible achievement.

~Max Beckmann

What are you? What am I? Those are the questions that constantly persecute and torment me and perhaps also play some part in my art.

~Max Beckmann

Space, and space again, is the infinite deity which surrounds us and in which we are ourselves contained.

~Max Beckmann

Height, width, and depth are the three phenomena which I must transfer into one plane to form the abstract surface of the picture, and

thus to protect myself from the infinity of space.

~Max Beckmann

I believe the reason I love painting so much is that it forces one to be objective.

~Max Beckmann

The stronger and more intense my desire becomes to capture and record that which is unsayable, the more tightly my mouth stays shut.

~Max Beckmann

The greatest mystery of all is reality.

~Max Beckmann

What matters is real love for things of the world outside us and for the deep secrets within us.

~Max Beckmann

I hardly need to abstract things, for each object is unreal enough already, so unreal that I can only make it real by means of painting.

~Max Beckmann

Painting is a very difficult thing. It absorbs the whole man, body and soul, thus have I passed blindly many things which belong to real and political life.

~Max Beckmann

It was so wonderful outside that even the wild senselessness of this enormous death, whose music I hear again and again, could not disturb me from my great enjoyment!

~Max Beckmann

Love in an animal sense is an illness, but a necessity which one has to overcome.

~Max Beckmann

I am working here (in Amsterdam) on my last big triptych, which will be a tremendous story, and which gives me a more intense life and exhilaration. My God, life is worth living!

~Max Beckmann

If you wish to get hold of the invisible you must penetrate as deeply as possible into the visible.

~Max Beckmann

What I want to show in my work is the idea which hides itself behind so-called reality.

~Max Beckmann

One of my problems is to find the self.

~Max Beckmann

The laws of art are eternal and don't change at all, as the moral laws don't change in human beings.

~Max Beckmann

I passed blindly many things which belong to real and political life.

~Max Beckmann

In principle, any abstraction of the object is allowed which has a sufficiently strong creative power behind it.

~Max Beckmann

When spiritual, metaphysical, material, or immaterial events come into my life, I can only fix them by way of painting.

~Max Beckmann

One of my problems is to find the Ego, which has only one form and is

immortal - to find it in animals and men, in the heaven and in the hell which together form the world in which we live.

~Max Beckmann

All important things in art have always originated from the deepest feeling about the mystery of Being.

~Max Beckmann

I do not weep: I loathe tears, for they are a sign of slavery.

~Max Beckmann

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