

Max Ernst

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Collage is the noble conquest of the irrational, the coupling of two realities, irreconcilable in appearance, upon a plane which apparently does not suit them.

~Max Ernst

Creativity is that marvelous capacity to grasp mutually distinct realities and draw a spark from their juxtaposition.

~Max Ernst

Painting is neither decorative amusement, nor the plastic invention of felt reality; it must be every time: invention, discovery, revelation.

~Max Ernst

When the artist finds himself he is lost. The fact that he has succeeded in never finding himself is regarded by Max Ernst as his only lasting achievement.

~Max Ernst

All good ideas arrive by chance.

~Max Ernst

Art has nothing to do with taste. Art is not there to be tasted

~Max Ernst

The artist is a spectator, indifferent or impassioned, at the birth of his work, and observes the phases of its development.

~Max Ernst

Woman's nudity is wiser than the philosopher's teachings.

~Max Ernst

I have never seen a beautiful painting of a beautiful woman. But you can take an ugly woman and make a beautiful painting of her. It is the painting itself that should be beautiful.

~Max Ernst

Before he goes into the water, a diver cannot know what he will bring back.

~Max Ernst

Collage is a supersensitive and scrupulously accurate instrument, similar to a seismograph, which is able to record the exact amount of the possibility of human happiness at any period.

~Max Ernst

The role of the painter . . . is to project that which sees itself in him.

~Max Ernst

And Loplop, bird superior, has transformed himself into flesh without flesh and will dwell among us.

~Max Ernst

The virtue of pride, which was once the beauty of mankind, has given place to that fount of ugliness, Christian humility.

~Max Ernst

I succeeded in simply attending at the birth of all my works.

~Max Ernst

My paintings are not meant to be tasted.

~Max Ernst

Art has got nothing to do with taste.

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