

Mike Svob

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The person viewing your work has no idea what the scene really looked like, nor do they care.

~Mike Svob

When we look at a painting, listen to a piece of music, read a novel, or watch a movie we are taking in the artist's composition. The composition is the totality of the work.

~Mike Svob

A painting with a message does not happen by accident. It happens when you place elements in their order of importance.

~Mike Svob

The theme, or harmony, of a painting can be created by any one of its visual elements. A single colour... repetition of shapes... Light can be a theme.

~Mike Svob

Artists need not meet any standards to practice their craft... Virtually every other occupation requires some sort of license, union membership or something that says you are qualified.

~Mike Svob

Put a symbol, or language of some sort, in a painting and it will be noticed by the viewer whether or not they can read that particular language.

~Mike Svob

The difficult part of the process is the long exploration and discovery of your own soul and living with the results.

~Mike Svob

That a viewer does not see what the artist intended does not make the composition a failure... In reality all artists speak first to themselves and

then to an audience.

~Mike Svob

You have to understand how the human eye behaves when it views a scene for the first time. Work with that knowledge, and your paintings will have more drama and will evoke strong reactions.

~Mike Svob

Being true to oneself more often leads one toward success rather than away from it.

~Mike Svob

The way we see is critical to understanding how others will read our compositions.

~Mike Svob

Realistically there is no limit to the possibilities. How does an artist make decisions?

~Mike Svob

Monet, Manet, Sisley, Renoir, Van Gogh and others went outside to paint for one simple reason - it looks different outside.

~Mike Svob

By merely increasing or decreasing the amount of contrast in any area we can move the observer through the painting.

~Mike Svob

All artists are illusionists of one kind or another.

~Mike Svob

All paintings are abstract ideas, not representations of a true reality.

~Mike Svob

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