

Nelson Shanks

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I almost never do drawings, because I have found over the years that doing something in one medium and translating into another doesn't work. I like to conceive a painting in real scale and in color.

~Nelson Shanks

Realism has to be such high quality, you can't fake it. It's all hanging out there like the laundry.

~Nelson Shanks

Photographs and reality are just night and day. In reality, the information is all there. A photograph is just kind of a hint.

~Nelson Shanks

If you find yourself with a weakness, attack it... don't develop a technique that avoids your weaknesses.

~Nelson Shanks

It's not just a boring exercise in pushing oil paint around a canvas. It's a way of opening a threshold to an exciting new world of vision.

~Nelson Shanks

A language not based on universal symbols or sensations is gibberish, a pitfall of modern art, no longer modern.

~Nelson Shanks

I try to think and design in color.

~Nelson Shanks

Nature is the best and really the only real vocabulary that an artist can legitimately work with.

~Nelson Shanks

We... joked a little about presidential portraits. He [Bill Clinton] told me that he and Harrison Ford had been joking recently about how chins

drop with age, and he didn't want to look that way.

~Nelson Shanks

My career doesn't depend on painting Bill Clinton.

~Nelson Shanks

I'm drawing in my head pretty much.

~Nelson Shanks

If you can see it, and if you know your color, you can paint it.

~Nelson Shanks

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