

Pierre Bonnard

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Draw your pleasure, paint your pleasure, and express your pleasure strongly.

~Pierre Bonnard

I am just beginning to understand what it is to paint. A painter should have two lives, one in which to learn, and one in which to practice his art.

~Pierre Bonnard

You cannot possibly invent painting all by yourself.

~Pierre Bonnard

The precision of naming takes away from the uniqueness of seeing.

~Pierre Bonnard

Drawing is feeling. Color is an act of reason.

~Pierre Bonnard

Painting has to get back to its original goal, examining the inner lives of human beings.

~Pierre Bonnard

What I am after is the first impression - I want to show all one sees on first entering the room - what my eye takes in at first glance.

~Pierre Bonnard

It's not a matter of painting life, it's a matter of giving life to painting.

~Pierre Bonnard

You reason colour more than you reason drawing Colour has a logic as severe as form.

~Pierre Bonnard

Imagination is merely the exploitation of our memory.

~Pierre Bonnard

Color does not add a pleasant quality to design - it reinforces it.

~Pierre Bonnard

A painting that is well composed is half finished.

~Pierre Bonnard

It seemed to me that it was possible to translate light, forms, and character using nothing but color, without recourse to values.

~Pierre Bonnard

The principal subject is the surface, which has its color, its laws over and above those of object.

~Pierre Bonnard

The important thing is to remember what most impressed you and to put it on canvas as fast as possible.

~Pierre Bonnard

How many days have I spent alone with my cat... and when I say alone, I mean without a material being, for my cat is a mystical companion, a spirit.

~Pierre Bonnard

The painter's only solid ground is the palette and colors, but as soon as the colors achieve an illusion, they are no longer judged.

~Pierre Bonnard

One always talks of surrendering to nature. There is also such a thing as surrendering to the picture.

~Pierre Bonnard

The expression on my face - who on earth would be interested in that?

All that I have to say is to be found in my works. (On being photographed)

~Pierre Bonnard

And after drawing comes composition. A well-composed painting is half done

~Pierre Bonnard

Art will never be able to exist without nature.

~Pierre Bonnard

Work on the accent, it will enliven the whole.

~Pierre Bonnard

It is still color, it is not yet light.

~Pierre Bonnard

Art is not nature... There was a lot more to be got out of color.

~Pierre Bonnard

One does not always sing out of happiness.

~Pierre Bonnard

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