

Piet Mondrian

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abstract art is not the creation of another reality but the true vision of reality.

~Piet Mondrian

The position of the artist is humble. He is essentially a channel.

~Piet Mondrian

The emotion of beauty is always obscured by the appearance of the object. Therefore, the object must be eliminated from the picture.

~Piet Mondrian

Every true artist has been inspired more by the beauty of lines and color and the relationships between them than by the concrete subject of the picture.

~Piet Mondrian

I wish to approach truth as closely as is possible, and therefore I abstract everything until I arrive at the fundamental quality of objects.

~Piet Mondrian

The surface of things gives enjoyment, their interiority gives life.

~Piet Mondrian

I, too, find the flower beautiful in its outward appearance. But a deeper beauty lies concealed within.

~Piet Mondrian

Curves are so emotional.

~Piet Mondrian

Art is not made for anybody and is, at the same time, for everybody.

~Piet Mondrian

The more basic the color, the more inward, the more pure.

~Piet Mondrian

The relation of color and the relation of proportion are both based on the relation of position.

~Piet Mondrian

The truly modern artist is aware of abstraction in an emotion of beauty.

~Piet Mondrian

Everything is expressed through RELATIONSHIPS.

~Piet Mondrian

I don't want pictures, I want to find things out.

~Piet Mondrian

The only problem in art is to achieve a balance between the subjective and the objective.

~Piet Mondrian

Intellect confuses intuition.

~Piet Mondrian

In art the search for a content which is collectively understandable is false; the content will always be individual.

~Piet Mondrian

Cubism did not accept the logical consequences of its own discoveries; it was not developing abstraction towards its own goal, the expression of pure reality.

~Piet Mondrian

By the unification of architecture, sculpture and painting a new plastic reality will be created.

~Piet Mondrian

All painting - the painting of the past as well as of the present - shows us that its essential plastic means were only line and color.

~Piet Mondrian

To approach the spiritual in art, one will make as little use as possible of reality, because reality is opposed to the spiritual.

~Piet Mondrian

It is a task of art to express clear vision of reality.

~Piet Mondrian

In past times when one lived in contact with nature, abstraction was easy; it was done unconsciously. Now in our denaturalized age abstraction becomes an effort.

~Piet Mondrian

I hate everything approaching temperamental inspiration, 'sacred fire' and all those attributes of genius which serve only as cloaks for untidy minds.

~Piet Mondrian

Why should art continue to follow nature when every other field has left nature behind?

~Piet Mondrian

The essence of painting has actually always been to make it [the universal] plastically perceptible through colour and line.

~Piet Mondrian

The colored planes, as much by position and dimension as by the greater value given to color, plastically express only relationships and not forms.

~Piet Mondrian

Colored planes, by their position and size as well as by their value, express only relationships, not forms.

~Piet Mondrian

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