

Robert Longo

Quotes

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Way, Success, Dust, Successful, Grew Up, Degrees, Attention, Wall, Mean,
Intention*

An artist should know art history. Shock value only lasts so long.

~Robert Longo

It's weird making a drawing of painting. I start to realize that charcoal is this incredibly fragile material. I'm making images of paintings out of dust.

~Robert Longo

An artist can have an intention, but the viewer has their own subjective experience.

~Robert Longo

When I look back on everything I've done, it all somehow makes sense to me. But it doesn't make sense when you're actually doing it.

~Robert Longo

The artist has to be a guardian of the culture.

~Robert Longo

If you're fortunate enough with your history, like with *Men in the Cities*, your work becomes so absorbed in culture that the authorship of it doesn't exist anymore.

~Robert Longo

The translation process becomes a highly subjective thing - turning reds and blues into black-and-whiteness. It's really bizarre for me.

~Robert Longo

I'm trying to find answers. It can be quite frustrating, but at the same time, I'm never quite satisfied with what I'm doing, so I'm always looking for the next thing.

~Robert Longo

There are no guidelines for what happens when you get successful as

an artist. My heroes were artists like Acconci, and he didn't make any money. That's what I thought success was.

~Robert Longo

A lot of us grew up in public. That often means that you have to fail in public too.

~Robert Longo

I've been dealing with epic images, and I realized all of a sudden that I grew up in the age of epics.

~Robert Longo

Dying young is the easy way out. It's much harder to keep your edge and keep it going.

~Robert Longo

I always imagine that I want to make art that is going to kill you, whether it's going to do it visually or physically, I'll take either way.

~Robert Longo

I do have great respect for painting, but I am definitely not a painter. I make drawings of paintings, and I'm jealous of painting for sure, but, for me, the paper gives my work a limit.

~Robert Longo

I think the pursuit of trying to understand things is really a critical issue. I see the issue of life and death in everything I do. I'm trying to find answers. It can be quite frustrating.

~Robert Longo

It's been like therapy to be able to play music and not embarrass my children too much. They've come to a bunch of the shows. It's kind of cool. I'm glad they like it.

~Robert Longo

The great thing about doing a show in New York is that you can work until the night before.

~Robert Longo

I started realizing I have enough history that some of it has been forgotten.

~Robert Longo

And I'm sort of deconstructing the process of what marks came first, what came later. Every aspect of the image is interesting to me to dissect and understand.

~Robert Longo

I can't come up with the titles. My wife hates my titles. She doesn't even want to know about them.

~Robert Longo

The thing that's interesting as you get older as an artist is that the biggest challenge seems to be: how do you stay relevant?

~Robert Longo

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