

# Sarah Bernhardt

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Energy creates energy. It is by spending myself that I become rich.

~Sarah Bernhardt

It is by spending oneself that one becomes rich.

~Sarah Bernhardt

Art is not about something, Art is something

~Sarah Bernhardt

We ought to hate very rarely, as it is too fatiguing; remain indifferent to a great deal, forgive often and never forget.

~Sarah Bernhardt

Your words are my food, your breath my wine. You are everything to me.

~Sarah Bernhardt

Permanent success cannot be achieved except by incessant intellectual labour, always inspired by the ideal.

~Sarah Bernhardt

[When asked at age 79 why her Paris apartment was located up many flights of stairs at the top of the building:] It's the only way I can still make the hearts of men beat faster.

~Sarah Bernhardt

He who is incapable of feeling strong passions, of being shaken by anger, of living in every sense of the word, will never be a good actor.

~Sarah Bernhardt

To be a good actor... it is necessary to have a firmly tempered soul, to be surprised at nothing, to resume each minute the laborious task that has barely just been finished.

~Sarah Bernhardt

Oscar Wilde: 'Do you mind if I smoke?' Sarah Bernhardt: 'I don't care if you burn.'

~Sarah Bernhardt

Legend remains victorious in spite of history.

~Sarah Bernhardt

One should hate very little, because it's extremely fatiguing. One should despise much, forgive often and never forget. Pardon does not bring with it forgetfulness; at least not for me.

~Sarah Bernhardt

For the theatre one needs long arms... an artiste with short arms can never make a fine gesture.

~Sarah Bernhardt

I refuse the title of artist to those who owe their reputations to a physical deformity. I regard them as buffoons.

~Sarah Bernhardt

What matters poverty? What matters anything to him who is enamoured of our art? Does he not carry in himself every joy and every beauty?

~Sarah Bernhardt

I adore Chicago. It is the pulse of America.

~Sarah Bernhardt

The theatre is the involuntary reflex of the ideas of the crowd.

~Sarah Bernhardt

I have often been asked why I am so fond of playing male parts. As a matter of fact, it is not male parts, but male brains that I prefer.

~Sarah Bernhardt

The actor is too prone to exaggerate his powers; he wants to play Hamlet when his appearance is more suitable to King Lear.

~Sarah Bernhardt

I do love cricket - it's so very English.

~Sarah Bernhardt

Although all new ideas are born in France, they are not readily adopted there. It seems that they must first commence to prosper in a foreign country.

~Sarah Bernhardt

The truth, the absolute truth, is that the chief beauty for the theatre consists in fine bodily proportions.

~Sarah Bernhardt

Slow down? Rest? With all eternity before me?

~Sarah Bernhardt

Me pray? Never! I'm an atheist.

~Sarah Bernhardt

New ideas come into this world somewhat like falling meteors, with a flash and an explosion, and perhaps somebody's castle-roof perforated.

~Sarah Bernhardt

Those who know the joys and miseries of celebrities when they have passed the age of forty know how to defend themselves.

~Sarah Bernhardt

Each action of the actor on the stage should be the visible concomitant of his thoughts.

~Sarah Bernhardt

... actors of the first water are not more plentiful than playwrights of genius.

~Sarah Bernhardt

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