

Sergei Bongart Quotes

*Color, Firsts, Artist, Painter, Draws, Photography, Attitude, Apples, Glasses,
Checks, First Time, Enough, Competence, Important, Technique, Like You,
Needs, Giving, Bells, Numbers*

Learn technique; have full command to the extent of not being conscious of how it is done. When craftsmanship has been developed, you are free to create... technique will give way to expression!

~Sergei Bongart

Contrast warm to cool. Make color sing, ring like a bell. Work from big to small.

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Train yourself: It is not by accident an artist becomes a good painter.

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The less inhibited you are the better.

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Always keep your best work.

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If you paint from 35mm Kodachrome, you end up with a 4x5 foot Kodachrome!

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There is no one just like you, and there never will be anyone just like you, so there's no reason not to be original.

~Sergei Bongart

Practice like good musician; draw every day.

~Sergei Bongart

All students need to know about color is the basic color wheel and complimentary colors. There are many books on color theory; do not waste your time and money.

~Sergei Bongart

Most important... develop your technical ability. You are handicapped if you do not develop well enough to hold the subconscious process so as not to have problems of inexperienced painters.

~Sergei Bongart

Never become an artist if you can't learn to draw.

~Sergei Bongart

Watercolor is like life. Better get it right the first time--you don't get a second chance!

~Sergei Bongart

Art is more than a product of your efforts - it should be about feeling, life, attitude, soul.

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First trust your eyes... then check by rules. Many times something else is happening, and the rules will not apply.

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First draw dog, then fleas. First paint apple, then worm holes.

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Once you set out to copy another painter you can never be more than number two.

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