

# Sol LeWitt

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Obviously a drawing of a person is not a real person, but a drawing of a line is a real line.

~Sol LeWitt

A blind man can make art if what is in his mind can be passed to another mind in some tangible form.

~Sol LeWitt

New materials are one of the great afflictions of contemporary art. Some artists confuse new materials with new ideas.

~Sol LeWitt

Don't worry about cool, make your own uncool.

~Sol LeWitt

You belong in the most secret part of you. Don't worry about cool, make your own uncool. Make your own, your own world. If you fear, make it work for youâ€”draw and paint your fear and anxiety.

~Sol LeWitt

When artists make art, they shouldn't question whether it is permissible to do one thing or another.

~Sol LeWitt

You shouldn't be a prisoner of your own ideas.

~Sol LeWitt

Artists are mystics rather than rationalists. They leap to conclusions that logic cannot reach.

~Sol LeWitt

Artists teach critics what to think. Critics repeat what the artists teach them.

~Sol LeWitt

Most ideas that are successful are ludicrously simple

~Sol LeWitt

Your work isn't a high stakes, nail-biting professional challenge. It's a form of play. Lighten up and have fun with it.

~Sol LeWitt

Once it is out of his hand the artist has no control over the way a viewer will perceive the work. Different people will understand the same thing in a different way.

~Sol LeWitt

The idea becomes a machine that makes the art.

~Sol LeWitt

I wasn't really that interested in objects. I was interested in ideas.

~Sol LeWitt

The idea part is simple but the visual perception is complex.

~Sol LeWitt

In conceptual art the idea or concept is the most important aspect of the work

~Sol LeWitt

Buying books was a way anyone could acquire a work of art for very little.

~Sol LeWitt

All of the significant art of today stems from Conceptual art. This includes the art of installation, political, feminist and socially directed art.

~Sol LeWitt

Minimalism wasn't a real idea - it ended before it started.

~Sol LeWitt

Ideas alone can be works of art; they are in a chain of development that may eventually find some form. All ideas need not be made physical.

~Sol LeWitt

During the '70s I was interested in words and meaning as a way of making art.

~Sol LeWitt

Just as the development of earth art and installation art stemmed from the idea of taking art out of the galleries, the basis of my involvement with public art is a continuation of wall drawings.

~Sol LeWitt

Every generation renews itself in its own way; there's always a reaction against whatever is standard.

~Sol LeWitt

Banal ideas cannot be rescued by beautiful execution.

~Sol LeWitt

Minimal art went nowhere.

~Sol LeWitt

The other great development has been in photography, but that too was influenced by Conceptual art.

~Sol LeWitt

Unless you're involved with thinking about what you're doing, you end up doing the same thing over and over, and that becomes tedious and, in the end, defeating.

~Sol LeWitt

A work of art may be understood as a conductor from the artist's mind to the viewer's. But it may never reach the viewer, or it may never leave the artist's mind.

~Sol LeWitt

Irrational judgements lead to new experience.

~Sol LeWitt

One should be intelligent enough to know when not to be too intellectual

~Sol LeWitt

Artists of many diverse types began using simple forms to their own ends.

~Sol LeWitt

One usually understands the art of the past by applying the conventions of the present thus misunderstanding the art of the past.

~Sol LeWitt

What the work of art looks like isn't too important.

~Sol LeWitt

Conceptual art became the liberating idea that gave the art of the next 40 years its real impetus.

~Sol LeWitt

The narrative of serial art works more like music than like literature.

~Sol LeWitt

The artist is seen like a producer of commodities, like a factory that turns out refrigerators.

~Sol LeWitt

I was not interested in irony; I wanted to emphasize the primacy of the idea in making art

~Sol LeWitt

I believe that the artist's involvement in the capitalist structure is disadvantageous to the artist and forces him to produce objects in order to live.

~Sol LeWitt

Conceptual art is only good if the idea is good.

~Sol LeWitt

The thinking of John Cage derived from Duchamp and Dada. I was not interested in that.

~Sol LeWitt

I didn't want to save art - I respected the older artists too much to think art needed saving. But I knew it was finished, even though, at that time, I didn't know what I would do.

~Sol LeWitt

The artist's aim is not to instruct the viewer, but to give information, whether the viewer understands the information is incidental to the artist.

~Sol LeWitt

An architect doesn't go off with a shovel and dig his foundation and lay every brick. He's still an artist.

~Sol LeWitt

Formal art is essentially rational.

~Sol LeWitt

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