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Architecture is a discipline that takes time and patience. If one spends enough years writing complex novels one might be able, someday, to construct a respectable haiku.

~Thom Mayne

My buildings don't speak in words but by means of their own spaciousness.

~Thom Mayne

The huge problem in our society is the enormous ignorance of the ideas that underlie modern art.

~Thom Mayne

Architecture is a social activity that has to do with some sort of communication or places of interaction, and that to change the environment is to change behaviour.

~Thom Mayne

I'm interested in conflict and confrontation.

~Thom Mayne

You can't make anything authentic by asking people what they want because they don't know what they want. That's what they're looking at you for.

~Thom Mayne

We only exist in terms of how we think we exist. Meaning every cultural development is fabricated and can be fabricated.

~Thom Mayne

I've learned that in order to achieve what I wanted, it made more sense to negotiate than to defend the autonomy of my work by pounding my fist on the table.

~Thom Mayne

The multiplicity of ideas is what Im interested in.

~Thom Mayne

I've been such an outsider my whole life.

~Thom Mayne

So we can't go backwards, we can only go where the evolutionary trajectory is taking us and attune our ideas about ourselves and our existence to that course.

~Thom Mayne

Look around at day-to-day life for ideas, and it finds its way into your work.

~Thom Mayne

Descriptions of my work depress me. They make me feel pinned down.

~Thom Mayne

Large-scale public projects require the agreement of large numbers of people.

~Thom Mayne

Scientific reality is the modern human condition, and you can see that in the symbolic nature of my work.

~Thom Mayne

Our idea of nature is increasingly being determined by scientific developments. And they have become decisive for our image of reality.

~Thom Mayne

For me the meaning of my work is much more fluid.

~Thom Mayne

Art in progress. MAK has occupied a unique and valuable space as

international host for discourse between the arts and architecture. ~Thom Mayne		
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