

Wassily Kandinsky

Quotes

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Color is the keyboard, the eyes are the harmonies, the soul is the piano with many strings. The artist is the hand that plays, touching one key or another, to cause vibrations in the soul.

~Wassily Kandinsky

Colour is a power which directly influences the soul.

~Wassily Kandinsky

There is no must in art because art is free.

~Wassily Kandinsky

Everything starts from a dot.

~Wassily Kandinsky

Color provokes a psychic vibration. Color hides a power still unknown but real, which acts on every part of the human body.

~Wassily Kandinsky

The observer must learn to look at the picture as a graphic representation of a mood and not as a representation of objects.

~Wassily Kandinsky

The artist must train not only his eye but also his soul.

~Wassily Kandinsky

To create a work of art is to create the world.

~Wassily Kandinsky

The spirit, like the body, can be strengthened and developed by frequent exercise. Just as the body, if neglected, grows weaker and finally impotent, so the spirit perishes if untended.

~Wassily Kandinsky

Color is a means to exert a direct influence on the soul.

~Wassily Kandinsky

The artist is the hand that, by touching this or that key, sets the soul vibrating automatically.

~Wassily Kandinsky

Orange is red brought nearer to humanity by yellow.

~Wassily Kandinsky

Color is the keyboard. The eye is the hammer. The soul is the piano, with its many strings.

~Wassily Kandinsky

That is beautiful which is produced by the inner need, which springs from the soul.

~Wassily Kandinsky

The joy of life consists in the inevitable, continual triumph of new values.

~Wassily Kandinsky

Every work of art is the child of its age and, in many cases, the mother of our emotions. It follows that each period of culture produces an art of its own which can never be repeated.

~Wassily Kandinsky

Each color lives by its mysterious life.

~Wassily Kandinsky

As a picture painted in yellow always radiates spiritual warmth, or as one in blue has apparently a cooling effect, so green is only boring.

~Wassily Kandinsky

The nightmare of materialism, which has turned the life of the universe

into an evil, useless game, is not yet past; it holds the awakening soul still in its grip.

~Wassily Kandinsky

It is essential that the painter should develop not only his eyes, but also his soul, so that it too may be capable of weighing colors in balance.

~Wassily Kandinsky

All methods are sacred if they are internally necessary. All methods are sins if they are not justified by internal necessity.

~Wassily Kandinsky

Abstract art places a new world, which on the surface has nothing to do with 'reality,' next to the 'real' world.

~Wassily Kandinsky

Color cannot stand alone.

~Wassily Kandinsky

I really believe that I am the first and only artist to throw not just the 'subject' out of my paintings, but every 'object' as well.

~Wassily Kandinsky

Music is the ultimate teacher.

~Wassily Kandinsky

A world of colors on the palette remaining... wandering... on canvases still emerging.

~Wassily Kandinsky

I applied streaks and blobs of colors onto the canvas with a palette knife, and I made them sing with all the intensity I could.

~Wassily Kandinsky

Painting took on a fabulous strength and splendor; the object was discredited as an indispensable element of the picture.

~Wassily Kandinsky

An empty canvas is a living wonder - far lovelier than certain pictures.

~Wassily Kandinsky

The composition is the organized sum of the interior functions of every part of the work.

~Wassily Kandinsky

Everything shows me its face, its innermost being, its secret soul, which is more often silent than heard.

~Wassily Kandinsky

I value those artists who embody the expression of their life.

~Wassily Kandinsky

The sensations of colors on the palette can be spiritual experiences.

~Wassily Kandinsky

In the hierarchy of colors, green represents the social middle class, self-satisfied, immovable, narrow.

~Wassily Kandinsky

Almost without exception, blue refers to the domain of abstraction and immateriality.

~Wassily Kandinsky

The eyes are hammers.

~Wassily Kandinsky

Colors produce a spiritual vibration, the impression they create is important only as a step towards this vibration.

~Wassily Kandinsky

It should not be forgotten that art is not a science where the latest 'correct' theory declares the old to be false and erases it.

~Wassily Kandinsky

The more abstract is form, the more clear and direct its appeal.

~Wassily Kandinsky

The artist must have something to say, for mastery over form is not his goal but rather the adapting of form to its inner meaning.

~Wassily Kandinsky

In place of an intensive cooperation among artists, there is a battle for goods. Hatred, partisanship, cliques, jealousy, and intrigues are the natural consequences of an aimless, materialist art.

~Wassily Kandinsky

Absolute green is the most restful color, lacking any undertone of joy, grief, or passion. On exhausted men this restfulness has a beneficial effect, but after a time it becomes tedious.

~Wassily Kandinsky

The arts are encroaching one upon another, and from a proper use of this encroachment will rise the art that is truly monumental.

~Wassily Kandinsky

Our epoch is a time of tragic collision between matter and spirit and of the downfall of the purely material world view.

~Wassily Kandinsky

Every man who steeps himself in the spiritual possibilities of his heart is a valuable helper in the building of the spiritual pyramid which will someday reach to heaven.

~Wassily Kandinsky

The impact of the acute angle of a triangle on a circle produces an effect no less powerful than the finger of God touching the finger of Adam in Michelangelo.

~Wassily Kandinsky

Only just now awakening after years of materialism, our soul is still infected with the despair born of unbelief, of lack of purpose and aim.

~Wassily Kandinsky

The world is full of resonances. It constitutes a cosmos of things exerting a spiritual action. The dead matter is a living spirit.

~Wassily Kandinsky

In their pursuit of the same supreme end, Matisse and Picasso stand side by side, Matisse representing color and Picasso form.

~Wassily Kandinsky

Efforts to revive the art principles of the past at best produce works of art that resemble a stillborn child.

~Wassily Kandinsky

The word composition moved me spiritually and I made it my aim in life to paint a composition. It affected me like a prayer and filled me with awe.

~Wassily Kandinsky

The organic laws of construction tangled me in my desires, and only with great pain, effort, and struggle did I break through these 'walls around art.

~Wassily Kandinsky

A parallel between color and music can only be relative - just as a violin

can give warm shades of tone, so yellow has shades, which can be expressed by various instruments.

~Wassily Kandinsky

The spirit is often concealed within matter to such an extent that few people are generally capable of perceiving it.

~Wassily Kandinsky

The sound of colors is so definite that it would be hard to find anyone who would express bright yellow with bass notes or dark lake with treble.

~Wassily Kandinsky

Art is not vague production, transitory and isolated, but a power which must be directed to the improvement and refinement of the human soul.

~Wassily Kandinsky

Every work of art is the child of its time, often it is the mother of our emotions.

~Wassily Kandinsky

In every painting a whole is mysteriously enclosed, a whole life of tortures, doubts, of hours of enthusiasm and inspiration.

~Wassily Kandinsky

Generally speaking, color directly influences the soul.

~Wassily Kandinsky

Doubts must be resolved alone within the soul. Otherwise one would profane one's own powerful solution.

~Wassily Kandinsky

The force that propels the human spirit on the clear way forward and

upward is the abstract spirit.

~Wassily Kandinsky

Color transmits and translates emotion.

~Wassily Kandinsky

The artist must train not only his eye but also his soul, so that it can weigh colours in its own scale and thus become a determinant in artistic creation.

~Wassily Kandinsky

Every artist, as child of his age, is impelled to express the spirit of his age.

~Wassily Kandinsky

There is only one road to follow, that of analysis of the basic elements in order to arrive ultimately at an adequate graphic expression.

~Wassily Kandinsky

The artist must be blind to distinction between 'recognized' or 'unrecognized' conventions of form, deaf to the transitory teaching and demands of his particular age.

~Wassily Kandinsky

Objects damage pictures.

~Wassily Kandinsky

Black is like the silence of the body after death, the close of life.

~Wassily Kandinsky

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