

Wolfgang Beltracchi

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I never decided to become an art forger. I was aware of my talent at an early age, and I used it foolishly. This developed over the years. In my heart, I don't see myself as a criminal.

~Wolfgang Beltracchi

The trick is to paint a picture that doesn't exist, and yet that fits perfectly into an artist's body of work.

~Wolfgang Beltracchi

One is a criminal to some people and an artist to others. I can understand that. In a legal sense, I am a convicted criminal.

~Wolfgang Beltracchi

For the cynic, art is defined through money. That, of course, is a very sad statement. But an artist is someone who does creative things.

~Wolfgang Beltracchi

I lived on a houseboat in Amsterdam for a year. It was intense, and it's possible that I even had a few blackouts.

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I wouldn't be ashamed to sell my own art for a lot of money.

~Wolfgang Beltracchi

You can't paint pictures of love. You can only imagine them. So I suppose I don't need a painting by another artist. I have enough of my own.

~Wolfgang Beltracchi

I can paint anything. Leonardo? Of course. But why? You couldn't sell it.

~Wolfgang Beltracchi

Most forgers are caught because they tell the wrong person about what they do.

~Wolfgang Beltracchi

Did I want to spend all my time working on a painting? No, I wanted to have fun, travel, meet women and live life.

~Wolfgang Beltracchi

No one ever ordered anything from me. I painted because I wanted to.

~Wolfgang Beltracchi

Sometimes I smoked opium. And I also took LSD - for a while, quite a lot of LSD, in fact. But I never had any bad experiences. I stopped in 1985. I'd had enough, and I don't miss it, either.

~Wolfgang Beltracchi

I only painted when I felt like it and needed money. But it never really became a professional thing, even though the dealers would have liked that.

~Wolfgang Beltracchi

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