Art Is the Highest Form of Hope & Other Quotes by Artists
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"If you knew how much work went into it, you would not call it genius."
– Michelangelo

"I hate flowers – I paint them because they’re cheaper than models and they don’t move."
– Georgia O’Keeffe

"Cutting straight into colour reminds me of the direct carving of the sculptor."
– Henri Matisse

"It is easier for me to take ten good pictures in an airplane bathroom than in the gardens at Versailles."
– Sally Mann

"Make a drawing, begin it again, trace it; begin it again and trace it again."
– Edgar Degas

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– Piet Mondrian

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