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"To be an artist, one must first be a man, vitally concerned with all problems of social struggle, unflinching in portraying them without concealment or evasion, never shirking the truth as he understands it, never withdrawing from life. As a painter, his problems are those of his craft. He is a workman and an artisan. As an artist, he must be a dreamer; he must interpret the unexpressed hopes, fears, and desires of his people and of his time; he must be the conscience of his culture. His work must contain the whole substance of morality, not in content, but rather by the sheer force of its aesthetic facts."

Diego Rivera

"...Nothing keeps alive our awareness of the concrete and specific more than poetry..."

Ralph Mills

"Nobody can count themselves an artist unless they carry a picture in their head before they paint it."

Claude Monet