

**Quotes and Dates Associated with Galleries
in the VMFA Special Exhibition
Picasso: Masterpieces from the Musée National Picasso, Paris,
on view from February 19–May 15, 2011**

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| 1900-1905 | "It took me four years to paint like Raphael but a lifetime to paint like a child." |
| 1906-1909 | "Painting isn't an aesthetic operation: it's a form of magic designed as a mediator between this strange, hostile world and us." |
| 1910-1914 | "Every act of creation is first of all an act of destruction." |
| 1915-1924 | "When I paint, I feel that all the artists of the past are behind me." |
| 1905-1971 | "Art is a lie that makes us realize the truth." |
| 1925-1935 | "Art is never chaste." |
| 1936-1939 | "No pleasure without the taste of ashes." |
| 1936-1951 | "Art is an offensive weapon in the defense against the enemy." |
| 1946-1973 | "It takes a long time to become young." |
| 1956 | "God is really only another artist. He invented the giraffe, the elephant, and the cat. He has no real style. He just goes on trying other things." |