

# Andrea Bocelli

## Quotes

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Destiny has a lot to do with it, but so do you. You have to persevere, you have to insist.

~Andrea Bocelli

'Passione' is a selection of the music moments that have accompanied my youth; a collection of cherished memories, of moments, of fleeting emotions, of sleepless nights.

~Andrea Bocelli

I was an agnostic until I realized that I had to choose between God and fate. The idea that humanity and nature are the result of fate was not convincing at all. I find the presence of God everywhere.

~Andrea Bocelli

To sing a duet together means sharing with someone both the pleasure and the responsibility of making music for an audience which is there to feel enjoyment through music.

~Andrea Bocelli

Faith has a role to play in life. It is not related to success. It is the other way round. Success is related to faith. Faith comes first.

~Andrea Bocelli

I want to have time for myself, my family and my friends. It's important because in order to sing well, you must have inspiration, and inspiration comes from life, from living.

~Andrea Bocelli

My life experience has taught me nothing happens by chance. Even the idea of the ball in a roulette game: it's not chance it ends up in a certain place. It's forces that are at play.

~Andrea Bocelli

I have a European frame of mind and Europe is my home.

~Andrea Bocelli

Like stars across the sky, we were born to shine.

~Andrea Bocelli

I have always tried to perform the music I love, and I think I am lucky because my preferences are often the ones of the public.

~Andrea Bocelli

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When I was very young, I started trying to sing like the great tenor Mario Lanza; my family used to play his records. We all learn best by imitating others.

~Andrea Bocelli

Now I'm more sure and I feel myself more comfortable singing.

~Andrea Bocelli

A love song must respect the canons of music beauty, entering the fibers of those who are listening. It must make them dream and pleasantly introduce them to the universe of love.

~Andrea Bocelli

I do not think anyone can ever do anything without the help and will of God.

~Andrea Bocelli

I am a product of my native land, Tuscany, Italy.

~Andrea Bocelli

Because, in opera, I have to sing for people that are very far from me, instead of, when I sing a song, I try to imagine to sing like in an ear of a

child.

~Andrea Bocelli

I consider the voice a gift from the heavens, and as all the gifts from the heavens, they must be used, but the minute that the heavens call it back then of course I will stop.

~Andrea Bocelli

All that counts in life is intention.

~Andrea Bocelli

In singing, you cannot 'cheat' if you want to give emotions to those who are listening. You must have something to tell.

~Andrea Bocelli

You can be great only if it is your destiny.

~Andrea Bocelli

Even in the most beautiful music there are some silences, which are there so we can witness the importance of silence.

~Andrea Bocelli

A career is like a house: it's made of many bricks, and each brick has the same value, because without any one of them, the house would collapse.

~Andrea Bocelli

I don't like being called 'macho.' Macho basically means stupid and a real Italian man is not macho, he's smart. That's smart in both senses: elegant and clever.

~Andrea Bocelli

The world is full of many beautiful voices; I will perform with many of them. I love women's voices.

~Andrea Bocelli

You have to have great passion, because to sing operatic music requires lots of work. I study for at least two hours every day. The voice is like an instrument and requires constant exercise.

~Andrea Bocelli

I have big, big stage fright.

~Andrea Bocelli

People are often quite surprised by the sport and leisure activities practised by the blind. For example, tandem cycling is very popular.

~Andrea Bocelli

When the mood takes me, I like to be a man of action. I like to windsurf and ski, and most of all I love to ride horses. The wilder and faster the better!

~Andrea Bocelli

When you sing and people want that you sing, then you can hope to be great.

~Andrea Bocelli

I was a daredevil before, and after I lost my sight I was the same. I loved riding bikes, scooters and horses. I even learned to box. Muhammad Ali is my hero.

~Andrea Bocelli

I loved riding bikes and horses. I was eight when I started having lessons, and when my father bought me my own horse I couldn't wait to go off on my own.

~Andrea Bocelli

The most widely criticised singers in the history of opera, Maria Callas

and Franco Corelli, happen also to be the best singers. I am honoured for being part of their group.

~Andrea Bocelli

In essence, I set myself the objective of doing what I feel is right without having any ambition.

~Andrea Bocelli

Every audience has its character; I like America - they love me. I suffer from stage fright, but in America not so much.

~Andrea Bocelli

Singing provides a true sense of lightheartedness. If I sing when I am alone, I feel wonderful. It's freedom.

~Andrea Bocelli

Often, I went in love with some friends in school. And, no, I suffered. Only later, things went better.

~Andrea Bocelli

Music is able to make a person dream. When you dream, you dream of something good, something beautiful, and when you dream, you always dream of yourself better than you are.

~Andrea Bocelli

I'm quite shy, so I hate seeing my private life splashed over the papers.

~Andrea Bocelli

Some years ago I gave a concert in the mountains with snow all around, and that was much colder.

~Andrea Bocelli

I'm most impressed by the Russian writers, so I love reading the works of Tolstoy and Dostoyevsky. Another author who has informed the way

I think is the French philosopher, Blaise Pascal.

~Andrea Bocelli

It's important for me who is at the table with me; the moment when everyone speaks to each other and everyone listens. If there's good food, it's much better.

~Andrea Bocelli

Fatherhood is a very natural thing; it's not something that shakes up my life but rather it enriches it.

~Andrea Bocelli

I speak to God every day.

~Andrea Bocelli

I loved playing football. In this particular match the ball happened to hit my right eye, the only one which I could see light and colour with.

~Andrea Bocelli

To sing a song is like whispering to a child's ear. It is an art heavily relying on improvisation.

~Andrea Bocelli

I love eating shabu-shabu in Japan - a kind of beef hotpot. But if you're talking about authentic, traditional food, then Italian cooking is one of the best in the world.

~Andrea Bocelli

I like reading... French, Russian classics - Gogol, Tolstoy, Dostoyevsky, Flaubert. I also like Hemingway, Virginia Woolf.

~Andrea Bocelli

I don't like crying. I'm a country boy, and we're the product of our upbringing. As a boy, I was told that men don't cry.

~Andrea Bocelli

It's true that I suffered a lot, especially when I was younger.

~Andrea Bocelli

My idol has been Franco Corelli. But every singer can teach you something.

~Andrea Bocelli

To sing opera, one needs two things: the voice and the passion - and above all, the passion.

~Andrea Bocelli

Criticism in good faith is good. When it's targeted solely to destruction, I'm not interested.

~Andrea Bocelli

It's always beautiful to sing with other great voices. I like voices in general. It's a big privilege to have great singers next to me.

~Andrea Bocelli

I prefer to work for my country in a free and independent way. I was born free, and I want to die free. I am always suspicious of ideology. Instead, I respect men with ideas.

~Andrea Bocelli

More people are listening to opera, and I'm happy - everybody must be given that opportunity.

~Andrea Bocelli

When a little more than a teenager, I was a piano-bar pianist in the land where I was born and raised, Tuscany.

~Andrea Bocelli



Because I practice often with my children at home.

~Andrea Bocelli

A positive frame of mind will definitely enhance your travelling experience. If I'm not in a positive frame of mind then the whole thing definitely becomes more of a challenge for me.

~Andrea Bocelli

When I began singing, it was the first time I was happy in my life. As a baby, I would stop crying when I heard a great singer.

~Andrea Bocelli

Opera singing is in every way of inestimable value; a real heritage for all mankind that has been reached over centuries of studies, attempts, flights of the spirit.

~Andrea Bocelli

I have always felt an excellent rapport ever since my very first concert in Britain at Hampton Court. I have always felt understood. The British understand opera very well.

~Andrea Bocelli

The voice is something very mysterious. It's difficult to say what is inside a voice that moves people.

~Andrea Bocelli

I live for my children, so my number one rule is I won't go away from home for more than two weeks.

~Andrea Bocelli

I've always been on the side of science that tries to help man. I play an active part with the foundations I'm involved in. Science gives hope.

~Andrea Bocelli

Living is dangerous. The important thing is to know the limits.

~Andrea Bocelli

I have trouble with modern art. But in general, all art forms fascinate me - art is the way human beings express what we can't say in words.

~Andrea Bocelli

The themes I sing about tend to be centered on love, but in the most total, general way 360 degrees of love.

~Andrea Bocelli

Very often, I recognize many, many defects, so I try to improve myself every day. I think my voice is very communicative.

~Andrea Bocelli

If you don't have the possibility of listening to music, you can't know if you love it.

~Andrea Bocelli

The voice changes very slowly. I keep mine well under control and try with all my might to keep it exactly as it was at the very beginning.

~Andrea Bocelli

It is the uninvolved parent who has to resort to strictness.

~Andrea Bocelli

My real passion is for opera. It was born and developed by listening to records, and my dream as a child was to record entire operas when I grew up, and this dream came true.

~Andrea Bocelli

I never think about gifts. It's enough to have my family present.

~Andrea Bocelli

Stage fright is my worst problem.

~Andrea Bocelli

I have had the good fortune of being able to sing with many of the finest voices in the world, and for someone who loves voices as I do, this is an enormous privilege.

~Andrea Bocelli

I started as a lyrical singer. But it was through the pop universe that I reached international fame.

~Andrea Bocelli

I am not only fighting against something, I am fighting for something - and I am for life.

~Andrea Bocelli

I know that my passion is for opera, but sometimes I like also to sing songs, because there are many beautiful melodies.

~Andrea Bocelli

I did a pop album, 'Sogno,' in 1999. I think it's important to record another pop album because many people love pop music. By this kind of repertoire, some people can later discover classical music.

~Andrea Bocelli

It is not Christian to go against someone. I am in favour of life.

~Andrea Bocelli

The activity of a singer that sings opera is similar to that of an athlete.

~Andrea Bocelli

I studied to be a lawyer, and after that I did something, obviously, completely different. With change, you learn something. If you do the same thing over and over again, you never learn anything.

~Andrea Bocelli

While they are kids, my children must do as I say.

~Andrea Bocelli

I began when I was a child, because I was born and grew up in a little village. And many people ride the horses. So, it was a big - it has been a big passion for me.

~Andrea Bocelli

Losing my sight had nothing to do with my focus on music. My passion for music was already there, so it would be a mistake to give too much significance to my blindness.

~Andrea Bocelli

When I sing for myself, I sing in a more free, athletic way. When I face an audience, there is always some fear that makes me put the brakes on a bit.

~Andrea Bocelli

My style in Italian is very old-style.

~Andrea Bocelli

Let me say that I've never thought to conduct because the conductor has to think to the music before the orchestra. And the orchestra comes later. For me, it's terrible.

~Andrea Bocelli

In my iPod, there are many operas, from A to Z. I have 'Aida' and 'Boheme' and 'Butterfly' and 'Cavalleria'. My passion is for opera, but when I'm in the car, I listen to everything.

~Andrea Bocelli

I change the language with which I use my voice. In opera, I know I

have an orchestra behind me; I have to communicate to people very far from me.

~Andrea Bocelli

I respect very much my public and also the music I perform.

~Andrea Bocelli

I've always known that I was born to sing, ever since I was a child.

~Andrea Bocelli

I have to face life with a newly found passion. I must rediscover the irresistible will to learn, to live and to love.

~Andrea Bocelli

The feeling of an evolution is a constant for every artist who is pursuing the search of refinement and enlargement of his/her own means of expression.

~Andrea Bocelli

I also always carry my flute. It's very important for me to try to relax when I'm travelling, and playing my flute helps me to unwind.

~Andrea Bocelli

I was overcome with happiness, love, and tenderness ... Right after he was washed, I studied him with my hands: his downy little head, his little nose, everything on the tiny body.

~Andrea Bocelli

I am a very lazy man, so, for me, the dream is to be at home on the chair with my family.

~Andrea Bocelli

I like very much to ride horses. I like soccer, I have had a passion for boxing since I was a child, although it would be stupid for me to box.

~Andrea Bocelli

I think I don't want to use drugs or medicine, so nothing. The only way is to go on stage and to hope.

~Andrea Bocelli

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