

# Anthony Braxton

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Is jazz a rhythm, or is it a vibration?

~Anthony Braxton

Everybody in America is angry about something.

~Anthony Braxton

I am interested in the study of music and the discipline of music and the experience of music and music as a esoteric mechanism to continue my real intentions.

~Anthony Braxton

I have learned through time that not everyone is interested in the kinds of things that fascinate me.

~Anthony Braxton

The word music is a convenient way to talk about what I'm interested in, but actually, in some ways, it's a limitation.

~Anthony Braxton

I would find myself backing away from all of the 'isms,' all of the communities. I have always been able to be misused by every community But that is OK. I would rather be misused than neglected.

~Anthony Braxton

I thank the Creator of the universe to have discovered the discipline of music was the greatest gift that I could have been given, the possibility to be a student working in the world.

~Anthony Braxton

My work has been marginalized as far as the jazz-business complex is concerned, or the contemporary-music complex.

~Anthony Braxton

I am viewed as the Negro who has gone outside of the categories

assigned to me.

~Anthony Braxton

I know I'm an African-American, and I know I play the saxophone, but I'm not a jazz musician. I'm not a classical musician, either. My music is like my life: It's in between these areas.

~Anthony Braxton

Most African Americans, especially the men and women from my generation, would accept the nationalist gambit that says only European Americans can be racists, which is an interesting gambit.

~Anthony Braxton

So, yes, I am in the underground, but actually, it feels like home.

~Anthony Braxton

I'm seeking to have an art that is engaged as a way for saying, 'Hurray for unity.'

~Anthony Braxton

I'm a post-Abner Jay kind of guy mixed with Roger Corman and Frankie Lyman and the Teenagers.

~Anthony Braxton

...I have great hopes for the possibility of a dynamic universalism that respects all our people.

~Anthony Braxton

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