

# Arnold Schoenberg

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If it is art, it is not for all, and if it is for all, it is not art.

~Arnold Schoenberg

Music is only understood when one goes away singing it and only loved when one falls asleep with it in one's head, and finds it still there on waking up the next morning.

~Arnold Schoenberg

There is still plenty of good music to be written in C major.

~Arnold Schoenberg

I find above all that the expression, atonal music, is most unfortunate â€” it is on a par with calling flying the art of not falling, or swimming the art of not drowning.

~Arnold Schoenberg

My music is not modern, it is merely badly played

~Arnold Schoenberg

My work should be judged as it enters the ears and heads of listeners, not as it is described to the eyes of readers.

~Arnold Schoenberg

I am the slave of an internal power more powerful than my education.

~Arnold Schoenberg

Composing is a slowed-down improvisation; often one cannot write fast enough to keep up with the stream of ideas.

~Arnold Schoenberg

If music is frozen architecture, then the potpourri is frozen coffee-table gossip... Potpourri is the art of adding apples to pears.

~Arnold Schoenberg

You cannot expect the Form before the Idea, For they will come into being together.

~Arnold Schoenberg

My music is not lovely.

~Arnold Schoenberg

An artistic impression is substantially the resultant of two components. One what the work of art gives the onlooker - the other, what he is capable of giving to the work of art.

~Arnold Schoenberg

I have never seen faces, but because I have looked people in the eye, only their gazes.

~Arnold Schoenberg

Market value is irrelevant to intrinsic value. ... Unqualified judgment can at most claim to decide the market-value - a value that can be in inverse proportion to the intrinsic value.

~Arnold Schoenberg

Lucidity is the first purpose of color in music.

~Arnold Schoenberg

I was never revolutionary. The only revolutionary in our time was Strauss!

~Arnold Schoenberg

In Spring! In the creation of art it must be as it is in Spring!

~Arnold Schoenberg

There are no more geniuses, only critics.

~Arnold Schoenberg

Rests always sound well.

~Arnold Schoenberg

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