

Bill Bruford

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I seldom play in a trio, but acoustic music is likely to be lighter, quicker, and quieter.

~Bill Bruford

I listen to Bill Stewart play the drums and when I have finished doing that, I listen to Bill Stewart.

~Bill Bruford

You learn so much about music from all the people you surround yourself with - good, bad and indifferent. It's extremely hard to be specific.

~Bill Bruford

But what I think my emphasis is, is on the fact that I like music a lot.

~Bill Bruford

Plus I am being hounded by all the fabulous new drummers, Bill Stewart at the head of the pack.

~Bill Bruford

The best practice you can get is on the bandstand, but in between gigs I feel I have to stay in shape.

~Bill Bruford

We were from totally different social backgrounds. This is what is very hard for an American to understand, but we could have been five guys from Mars.

~Bill Bruford

A rock band used to be four guys and a drummer. Now it's five guys sitting around reading manuals!

~Bill Bruford

And I like messing around in the engine room of music. Seeing what

happens in the rhythm section area.

~Bill Bruford

Close to the Edge, Red, One of a kind, Discipline, Earthworks, The Sound of Surprise, all seem to me to be albums that captured the essence of the intention.

~Bill Bruford

Sometimes I had to room with Tony Kaye and that was awful.

~Bill Bruford

We used to drink an awful lot of alcohol.

~Bill Bruford

My harmony is passable but is usually made more eloquent at the hands of Steve Hamilton.

~Bill Bruford

If I was hearing something I couldn't do, I would figure out how to do it.

~Bill Bruford

And we'd drink huge amounts of scotch and coke, which is a ghastly sweet drink... And now people don't drink nearly as much, for good reason. We're all a little wiser.

~Bill Bruford

So I have the classic amateur's technique; I know some very tricky bits and I have large gaping holes.

~Bill Bruford

The piano is kind of my second instrument.

~Bill Bruford

I warm naturally to the drummer whose ideas and approach are strong,

even if he doesn't quite have the ability to carry them out.

~Bill Bruford

I didn't write any music at all, and then, I remember Jon Anderson being very insistent saying that there were two kinds of musicians: the ones who wrote music and the ones who didn't.

~Bill Bruford

I don't really remember a whole lot of sex, drugs and rock n' roll, really.

~Bill Bruford

Entertainment is about telling everybody that everything is alright but music is on the side of the upsetters and that's where I'm at.

~Bill Bruford

Holding on to some of your uniqueness is the trick instead of surrendering it at the Academy of Contemporary We're Gonna Make You a Star.

~Bill Bruford

People come with expectations and as a bandleader I constantly try to remind the audience to leave its expectations in the lobby.

~Bill Bruford

One of the great things about having good players in your band is that you just ask them questions. You can pick up some good information that way.

~Bill Bruford

This amateurism however, can sometimes be helpful in forging a style; you have to work around your weaknesses.

~Bill Bruford

I practice at home, in between phone calls, and have much to do.

~Bill Bruford

At the end of the whole day of working with people you want some privacy.

~Bill Bruford

Second edition of Earthworks I have the more traditional compositional approach, namely I write a piece from the piano.

~Bill Bruford

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