

Charlie Parker Quotes

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Bullshit*

Don't play the saxophone. Let it play you.

~Charlie Parker

Master your instrument. Master the music. And then forget all that bullshit and just play.

~Charlie Parker

You've got to learn your instrument. Then, you practice, practice, practice. And then, when you finally get up there on the bandstand, forget all that and just wail.

~Charlie Parker

Once I could play what I heard inside me, that's when I was born.

~Charlie Parker

Don't be afraid, just play the music.

~Charlie Parker

I don't care who likes it or buys it. Because if you use that criterion, Mozart would never have written Don Giovanni, Charlie Parker would have never played anything but swing music.

~Charlie Parker

If you don't live it, it won't come out your horn.

~Charlie Parker

I realized by using the high notes of the chords as a melodic line, and by the right harmonic progression, I could play what I heard inside me. That's when I was born.

~Charlie Parker

Music is your own experience, your own thoughts, your wisdom.

~Charlie Parker

They teach you there's a boundary line to music. But, man, there's no boundary line to art.

~Charlie Parker

Man, there's no boundary line to art!

~Charlie Parker

I can play all I know in eight bars.

~Charlie Parker

When I first heard music, I thought it should be very clean, very precise. Something that people could understand, something that was beautiful.

~Charlie Parker

It's just music. It's playing clean and looking for the pretty notes.

~Charlie Parker

Some guys said 'Here's bop!' Wham! They said, 'Here's something we can make money on!' Wham! 'Here's a comedian!' Wham! Here's a guy who talks funny talk!

~Charlie Parker

I'm very glad to have met you. I like your playing very much.

~Charlie Parker

I kept thinking there's bound to be something else? I could hear it sometimes, but I couldn't play it.

~Charlie Parker

Bop is no love-child of jazz.

~Charlie Parker

I look at melody as rhythm.

~Charlie Parker

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~Charlie Parker

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