

Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau

Quotes

*Thinking, Form, Way, People, Song, Artist, Hands, Creative, Desirable,
Curiosity, Ears, Age, Disappear, Musician, Listening, School, Happens,
Attention, Genius, Schubert*

All music has to speak in some form or other.

~Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau

Within each individual young person you meet, you have the same fields to plough. The trick is just to wake them up, to sharpen their ears for what's already there in the music.

~Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau

With creative people, truly new horizons open up.

~Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau

In Romanticism, the main determinant is the mood, the atmosphere. And in that regard, you could also describe Schubert as a Romantic.

~Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau

The future? Like unwritten books and unborn children, you don't talk about it.

~Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau

Unfortunately, it happens all too seldom that you really disappear behind a work, that you are no longer audible as an interpreter.

~Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau

Many, many composers have only found their way to a certain form, through familiarizing themselves with texts.

~Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau

Toward the end of his life, one can sense that he was no longer thinking his way into the minds of others, causing them to speak on his behalf, but that he was now speaking for himself.

~Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau

The composition of a single melody is born out of a bit of text, perhaps the first line, but it can also be the entire strophe; it can even be the

poem's overall form.

~Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau

But the thing that will always occupy me the most is music.

~Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau

I came together with younger musicians and tried to pass on my own experiences. In the process, I always tried to maintain my curiosity and spontaneity.

~Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau

But, on the other hand, if Schubert were alive today, he would find even richer fields to plow.

~Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau

It is desirable that people make music on the breath, with the breath.

~Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau

One has to get through a big pile of mail every day. I don't pass my letters on to a secretary; rather, I try to take care of all of them myself.

~Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau

Brahms believed that there was no need to publish absolutely everything that Schubert ever wrote.

~Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau

What concerns me, is the general social tendency to enforce a level, above which nothing rises and stands out.

~Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau

The work is the most important thing.

~Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau

Some critics have written that I wanted to teach through singing. Not at

all. I was learning I went to school every time I gave a song recital.

~Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau

The reason why Schubert is celebrated so much today, lies rather in the fact that there has been nobody else like him - not before him, not after him.

~Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau

Admittedly, it is really our duty, as artists, to hold up a mirror to our own era; but, on the other hand, these works have lives of their own, and they're still alive today.

~Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau

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