

Dizzy Gillespie Quotes

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As a musician you have to keep one foot back in the past and have one foot forward into the future.

~Dizzy Gillespie

I don't care much about music. What I like is sounds.

~Dizzy Gillespie

Men have died for this music. You can't get more serious than that.

~Dizzy Gillespie

It's taken me all my life to learn what not to play.

~Dizzy Gillespie

One of the reasons we're here is to be a part of this process of exchange.

~Dizzy Gillespie

You can't steal a gift. Bird [Charlie Parker] gave the world his music, and if you can hear it you can have it.

~Dizzy Gillespie

I try to play the bare essence, to let everything be just what it's supposed to be.

~Dizzy Gillespie

The sign of a mature musician is knowing what not to play.

~Dizzy Gillespie

There have been two great revelations in my life: The first was bebop, the second was homeopathy.

~Dizzy Gillespie

Where there's no mutual respect, there's trouble!

~Dizzy Gillespie

Thank you, ladies and gentlemen, for your magnificent indifference.

~Dizzy Gillespie

They're not particular whether you're playing a flat 5th or a ruptured 129th as long as they can dance.

~Dizzy Gillespie

Mutual respect is so important because as soon as it disappears in relations between you and the next person, there's trouble.

~Dizzy Gillespie

The idea of life is to give and receive.

~Dizzy Gillespie

Jazz will be the classical music of the future.

~Dizzy Gillespie

Learn to play the piano, man, and then you can figure out crazy solos of your own.

~Dizzy Gillespie

How do I know why Miles walks off the stage? Why don't you ask him? And besides, maybe we'd all like to be like Miles, and just haven't got the guts.

~Dizzy Gillespie

Bop is at the end of the road. Now everybody wants dance music.

~Dizzy Gillespie

I used to do a lot of apologizing for what the State Department had done.

~Dizzy Gillespie

When I grow up I want to be just like Benny Carter!

~Dizzy Gillespie

We loved one another, man. I mean all those stories about the rift ... there was no question of a rift between Charlie Parker and me.

~Dizzy Gillespie

I'd like to play for you one of my compositions, my only composition.

~Dizzy Gillespie

I know all the Latin-American rhythms quite well, but I don't play them exactly like they do in their own country - I add my personal touch.

~Dizzy Gillespie

Nothing surpasses my performances with small bands, especially with Charlie Parker. A small band doesn't forestall creativity.

~Dizzy Gillespie

Miles got a mystique about him-plus he's at the top of his profession. And he's got way, way, way more money.

~Dizzy Gillespie

Kenny Burrell is the grand master of jazz guitar.

~Dizzy Gillespie

There are a lot of great players... a lot of great players around, but Louie Bellson is really something special.

~Dizzy Gillespie

Everyone wants to put people on, I think. And get away with it! That's the thing: put people on and get away with it! That's a science in itself.

~Dizzy Gillespie

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