

# Elliott Carter

## Quotes

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Silences between movements are employed only in order to bring the opposing duo to the fore.

~Elliott Carter

Right at the end of the war I wrote a piano sonata, which was written at a time when Sam Barber used to come down here and we used to have lunch together in a very nice old hotel that's now not there.

~Elliott Carter

When I was in Paris, all of the German refugees began to flow in and it was a very sad time.

~Elliott Carter

Aaron Copland was a man that had a very specific point of view about what music should be which was that, he felt that new music should have the composer should show a personality in his music.

~Elliott Carter

The Third Quartet I made the instruments in pairs - Two different pairs - Violin and viola, and violin and cello. They played very different things from each other all through the whole piece.

~Elliott Carter

Almost every one of my various zero numbered birthdays has had a big concert in London and often in Paris.

~Elliott Carter

Since I'm allergic to various things, the army wouldn't accept me during the war, and I got into the Office of War Information, which sent music to Europe.

~Elliott Carter

Yes, I get a report from BMI about the frequency of performances, and it is very surprising. They played one of my most advanced pieces, and

one of my most unusual ones on the radio.

~Elliott Carter

Talking about a materialistic thing, I get about 13 times more royalties from Europe than I do from America.

~Elliott Carter

The first thing that struck me about contemporary music in general had been that there was not much interest in rhythm.

~Elliott Carter

My musical life started with hearing and being fascinated by contemporary music.

~Elliott Carter

Why write for the orchestra? For one thing it's a very challenging problem.

~Elliott Carter

The Quartets have been a major part of my work.

~Elliott Carter

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