

# Emanuel Ax

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Beens, New Home, Response, Movement, Jobs, Arcane, Variation, Steinway,  
Path, Successful, Art, Wish*

Applause should be an emotional response to the music, rather than a regulated social duty.

~Emanuel Ax

Mozart often wrote to his family that certain variations or sections of pieces were so successful that they had to be encored immediately, even without waiting for the entire piece to end.

~Emanuel Ax

We should welcome applause whenever it comes.

~Emanuel Ax

I have been coming to Los Angeles since 1975 to perform.

~Emanuel Ax

When one plays a Steinway, there is a warmth and nobility in the sound that is unequalled by any other instrument.

~Emanuel Ax

I have always thought that my ear is also very influenced by my eyes.

~Emanuel Ax

Pianists don't argue too much generally because we have a hard enough time just getting things right. Arguing is for string players.

~Emanuel Ax

We seem to have set up some very arcane rules as to when it is actually OK to applaud.

~Emanuel Ax

Sometimes I wish that applause would come just a bit later, when it is so beautifully hushed that I feel like holding my breath in the silence of the end.

~Emanuel Ax

All of us love applause, and so we should - it means that the listener likes us!

~Emanuel Ax

If the audience walks out of a concert thinking, What a wonderful experience, then we have done our job.

~Emanuel Ax

The sheer force of the music calls for a wild audience reaction.

~Emanuel Ax

Even if you don't like a concert of mine, please, please applaud at the end anyway.

~Emanuel Ax

Everyone is different. Sometimes it's very exciting; sometimes very scary.

~Emanuel Ax

If there were no rules about when to applaud, we in the audience would have the right response almost always.

~Emanuel Ax

I usually only play with very close friends.

~Emanuel Ax

Everybody makes his path differently.

~Emanuel Ax

How wonderful it is to play with someone you feel very close to.

~Emanuel Ax

It is wonderful to see how happy all my friends in the LA Philharmonic are in their new home.

~Emanuel Ax

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