

Eugene Ormandy

Quotes

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Suddenly I was in the right tempo - but it wasn't.

~Eugene Ormandy

I'm conducting slowly because I don't know the tempo.

~Eugene Ormandy

Accelerando means in tempo. Don't rush.

~Eugene Ormandy

At every concert I've sensed a certain insecurity about the tempo. It's clearly marked 80...uh, 69.

~Eugene Ormandy

Bizet was a very young man when he composed this symphony, so play it softly.

~Eugene Ormandy

Beauty is less important than quality.

~Eugene Ormandy

I told him he'd have a heart attack a year ago, but unfortunately he lived a year longer.

~Eugene Ormandy

Im one of the boys, no better than the last second violinist. Im just the lucky one to be standing in the center, telling them how to play.

~Eugene Ormandy

Thank you for your cooperation and vice versa.

~Eugene Ormandy

Write it down in your own handwriting.

~Eugene Ormandy

There was confusion since I stood here 35 years ago.

~Eugene Ormandy

Don't ever follow me, because I am difficult.

~Eugene Ormandy

We can't hear the balance yet because the soloist is still on the airplane.

~Eugene Ormandy

Let me explain what I do here. I don't want to confuse you any more than absolutely necessary.

~Eugene Ormandy

Please follow me because I have to follow him and he isn't here.

~Eugene Ormandy

I don't mean to make you nervous, but unfortunately I have to.

~Eugene Ormandy

Intonation is important, especially when it is cold.

~Eugene Ormandy

That's the way Stravinsky was. Bup, bup, bup, bup. The poor guy's dead now. Play it legato.

~Eugene Ormandy

Something went wrong. It was correct when I studied it.

~Eugene Ormandy

Why do you always insist on playing while I'm trying to conduct?

~Eugene Ormandy

Watch me closely - only one can spoil it.

~Eugene Ormandy

It's so legato it's difficult to splice. Sibelius was famous for that.

~Eugene Ormandy

Did you play? It sounded very good.

~Eugene Ormandy

It is not together, but the ensemble is perfect.

~Eugene Ormandy

Don't think you are looking at me because you are not.

~Eugene Ormandy

He was listening so I don't remember.

~Eugene Ormandy

Someone came too sooner.

~Eugene Ormandy

That was perfect. It was just the opposite from what I said yesterday.

~Eugene Ormandy

Think of your girlfriend or boyfriend or whomever you want to.

~Eugene Ormandy

The next movement is still in the factory.

~Eugene Ormandy

Muti is going to do the Alpine Symphony this year. He will do it well because it is not very well known.

~Eugene Ormandy

We do not know when he is coming. He is coming tomorrow.

~Eugene Ormandy

It has no rhythm, but it will because it's so much faster.

~Eugene Ormandy

We have to play it longer because there are no numbers or letters.

~Eugene Ormandy

I was trying to help you, so I was beating wrong.

~Eugene Ormandy

There is a number missing. I can see it.

~Eugene Ormandy

I know this music from memory, not from the music.

~Eugene Ormandy

I always feel I do it too slow, but then others do it faster.

~Eugene Ormandy

After two minutes after this time, and I am already there.

~Eugene Ormandy

Without him here, it is impossible to know how fast he will play it, approximately.

~Eugene Ormandy

I am thinking it right but beating it wrong.

~Eugene Ormandy

Let's start at 35 because I don't know where it is.

~Eugene Ormandy

This is one bar you should take home.

~Eugene Ormandy

More basses, because you are so far away.

~Eugene Ormandy

Long note? Yes. Make it seem short.

~Eugene Ormandy

Brass, stay down all summer.

~Eugene Ormandy

It's difficult to remember when you haven't played it before.

~Eugene Ormandy

During the rests - pray.

~Eugene Ormandy

It is not as difficult as I thought it was, but it is harder than it is.

~Eugene Ormandy

I can see none of you are smugglers; that's why it's so loud.

~Eugene Ormandy

Who is sitting in that empty chair?

~Eugene Ormandy

The notes are right, but if I listened they would be wrong.

~Eugene Ormandy

Why do you always start after my beat then rush to catch up? Do you want us to stay behind?

~Eugene Ormandy

I wrote it the right way, so it was copied the wrong way right. I mean the

right way wrong.

~Eugene Ormandy

I don't get into politics, general or musical, but just call me if you get jury duty. Even in New Jersey I was able to help somebody.

~Eugene Ormandy

Tonight I'm going to listen with my ears.

~Eugene Ormandy

Yes, the mutes are already on. You took them off in the beginning.

~Eugene Ormandy

I need one more bass less.

~Eugene Ormandy

Congratulations to each and every one of you for the concert last night in New York and vice versa.

~Eugene Ormandy

Serkin was so sick he almost died for three days.

~Eugene Ormandy

That's the way it was every time I studied it.

~Eugene Ormandy

I cannot give it to you, so try to watch me.

~Eugene Ormandy

Start at B. Yes. No. Yes. No.

~Eugene Ormandy

Start three bars before something.

~Eugene Ormandy

Even when you are not playing you are holding me back.

~Eugene Ormandy

I can conduct better than I count.

~Eugene Ormandy

If you don't have it in your part, leave it out, because there is enough missing already.

~Eugene Ormandy

I conduct faster so you can see my beat.

~Eugene Ormandy

I never say what I mean, but I always manage to say something similar.

~Eugene Ormandy

It's all very well to have principles, but when it comes to money you have to be flexible.

~Eugene Ormandy

Death is an awful thing. I don't believe in it myself.

~Eugene Ormandy

It's hot as hell as can be.

~Eugene Ormandy

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