

# Evelyn Glennie

## Quotes

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I try to plant myself where I am and embrace what is there in front of me.

~Evelyn Glennie

Holidays are about experiences and people, and tuning into what you feel like doing at that moment. Enjoy not having to look at a watch.

~Evelyn Glennie

I'm not a deaf musician. I'm a musician who happens to be deaf.

~Evelyn Glennie

Percussion is the most adaptable family of instruments. The biggest challenge is to project percussion in a lyrical way.

~Evelyn Glennie

Music really is our daily medicine.

~Evelyn Glennie

When I was 12, I happened to see a schoolmate playing percussion, and it looked interesting. I asked for lessons, and it felt right.

~Evelyn Glennie

I walk into a kids' store, and it's amazing, the types of instruments - little squeaky things, rattling things, spinning tops.

~Evelyn Glennie

A large part of my work has been collaborating with composers; I think we've commissioned about 140 pieces now, a lot of them percussion concertos.

~Evelyn Glennie

Hearing is a form of touch. You feel it through your body, and sometimes it almost hits your face.

~Evelyn Glennie

I hope the seeds I have sown will be taken up by those who will follow me because the journey I have begun cannot be undertaken in isolation.

~Evelyn Glennie

Percussion is physical, as most instruments are. The body must function well in order to play the instruments well. Last year I climbed Mount Kilimanjaro.

~Evelyn Glennie

Music is about communication... it isn't just something that maybe physically sounds good or orally sounds interesting; it's something far, far deeper than that.

~Evelyn Glennie

The human body and mind are tremendous forces that are continually amazing scientists and society. Therefore, we have no choice but to keep an open mind as to what the human being can achieve.

~Evelyn Glennie

Society cannot continue to disable themselves through their need to categorize people or make assumptions as to another individual's abilities.

~Evelyn Glennie

Hearing is a form of touch. I could hear less through the ears but more through the body.

~Evelyn Glennie

Once you're in a particular country, and you're surrounded by musicians who are so adept at traditional music, you suddenly realize how much there is to explore and digest and learn and experience.

~Evelyn Glennie

I am really quite fascinated by echo-locating bats and dolphins and have always wondered how sound affects the unconscious brain.

~Evelyn Glennie

Before my teen years, I was losing my hearing pretty quickly, and I was getting very, very angry. I was beginning to become an angry person because of that.

~Evelyn Glennie

I didn't decide to become a musician until the age of 15, which is quite late.

~Evelyn Glennie

I like the sparkle of the vibraphone.

~Evelyn Glennie

There are many collaborations I'd like to explore. One is to co-write a rap concerto with Eminem.

~Evelyn Glennie

Apart from Scottish traditional music, I wasn't really influenced by any kind of music. I just basically followed my own instincts.

~Evelyn Glennie

A lot of things which come with a high profile will always be criticised one way or another.

~Evelyn Glennie

I've kept a diary since I was 11.

~Evelyn Glennie

Concerts have to be seen as a real event for which the aim is to try and feed everybody.

~Evelyn Glennie

I think I can only help to expose percussion to all sorts of people. The balance between the lighter and more serious side is important.

~Evelyn Glennie

I often play on the cello-bass side of the orchestra, because I prefer the deep sounds. I can't hear the violins well.

~Evelyn Glennie

If we see someone in a wheelchair, we assume they cannot walk. It may be that they can walk three, four, five steps. That, to them, means they can walk.

~Evelyn Glennie

I associate going to an airport with work because I travel so much with my job. So when I have a few days free from work, I tend to stay at home.

~Evelyn Glennie

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