

# Harry Connick, Jr.

## Quotes

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Well, my dad was the district attorney of New Orleans for about 30 years.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

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~Harry Connick, Jr.

New Orleans is my essence, my soul, my muse...

~Harry Connick, Jr.

With a tone so rich, I would never be afraid of the dark. Steinway is the only and the best!

~Harry Connick, Jr.

There are people who can't stand me, they say, 'God, he makes me sick', or, 'He's creepy', but it doesn't affect me too badly.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

'The Christmas Song,' by Nat King Cole, is not only a masterful performance; to me it just sounds like the holidays. I've never sung it, because Nat's version is so perfect. I gotta leave it alone.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

With imagination, I'll get there.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

It is jazz music that called me to be a musician and I have always sang the songs that moved me the most.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

Safety's just danger, out of place.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

In my life I find that memories of the spirit linger and sweeten long after memories of the brain have faded.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

Golf is good, it means I get some fresh air and exercise, take my mind off work and see some of the landscape of the place I'm visiting.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

Everything I do is part of my passion. I do the things I like to do. It's sort of a bigger version of having more than one hobby. I love to play piano, sing, and act. I love to do all those things.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

If you think of the public lives of people who've been unlucky, it seems showbiz is some tumultuous crazy world but some are fortunate and some unfortunate. All I can do is keep striving to be better.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

As a character, you're working within the realm of what's on the [script] page.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

You have to do things that do good for you and when there's an uncharted course, you have to figure out how to get through it.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

I struggle every day with trying to be a better dad, a better husband, better musician, better artist. It consumes me, and I don't see an end in sight.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

I never dated much. I dated one girl before my wife, and that was it.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

Marriage has made me a lot happier and I'm deeply in love with my wife, and I thank God for her every day.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

I live in Connecticut, but eventually I'd like to move back to New Orleans. I grew up there; the pace is a bit slower. Plus, I love crawfish and po'boys.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

Let's kick the tires and light the fires, big daddy.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

You know what's funny? I don't ever feel the need to escape. I have a strong marriage. I like my life. You hear about these guys having midlife crises - I don't see that happening to me.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

You know, I feel as comfortable in an uncomfortable situation as I do when things are going smoothly.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

New Orleans is a city of paradox. Sin, salvation, sex, sanctification, so intertwined yet so separate.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

To be a good kisser start slow, definitely ramp into it and remember somebody's on the other side of your mouth!

~Harry Connick, Jr.

I love orchestrating music and conducting and being on Broadway.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

As you work on something, whether it's a painting or a piece of music, it's going to evolve. A relationship is like that too.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

I married my best friend. And I listen! Ultimately I've been very fortunate - I understand that that doesn't happen for everybody but it happened for us and we take it very seriously.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

You know, things kind of happen organically and, you know, Broadway sort of happened out of a career in performing and - which happened out of practicing piano when I was a kid.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

If you can say the lyrics almost like a poem and they stand up, that's a great thing. Some songs have great lyrics and I don't like the melodies, and vice versa.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

I'm not a movie star. People know me, but they don't necessarily know what they know me for. I get recognised, but it's not like Justin Bieber. It's a nice thing, people are cool.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

I sing because I've forgotten how to scream.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

I have no doubt that the government of this great nation will work with its people to lead New Orleans and the Gulf Coast back to an enlightened, proud, safe part of the world.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

You basically have to play everything (in New Orleans), because you're getting calls to play gigs of all different styles, from classical to R&B to funk; modern jazz to traditional jazz.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

I'm gay, it's all a big scam. My kids don't even know who their mother is.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

The reasons I never set out to do a talk show is they're formulaic. People come out, tell jokes and read questions. But that's not what I do, and we built the show around my skill set.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

Many people in and out of showbiz live their lives in different ways. I try to be the best I can be.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

All I can do is worry about me and my family. I don't really worry about anybody else, they have to do what works for them

~Harry Connick, Jr.

At 14, I was playing in clubs until 3 A.M. My dad was the district attorney of New Orleans and my mother was a judge, so I saw hookers and drugs but I never wanted that life.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

I'm a musician. Anything I've done as an actor has come from that.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

Girls liking bad boys is the cookie jar complex. When somebody tells you you can't have a cookie, you want a cookie. But I live in a bad-boy world, artistically. All the jazz boys are bad boys.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

There's some things I can't write about, just terrible personal tragedies.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

Not everybody gets to record with an orchestra, and not everybody that

gets to record with an orchestra gets to write all their own stuff.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

My dad and mom believed that you do what you have to do in private and don't make a big deal out of it. Just try to help people as much as you can.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

I'd like to move back to New Orleans.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

I like to jump some rope and swing kettle bells to get my blood pumping. It makes my voice sound better, and it clears my head.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

I have a big ego, and I'm a confident person, but when it comes down to being a jerk, that doesn't work for me, I tried it... for about ten years.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

I have worked with Habitat for Humanity for awhile.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

I just liked the feeling of being on stage. My parents weren't pushing me, they didn't have to, I was obsessed.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

If your record doesn't sell that well, man, who cares? All the satisfaction I need... comes when I step out onstage and see the people. That's awesome. I love that.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

I'm a huge Freddie Mercury fan. I think he was the end-all. I love his lack of inhibition, his talent, the chances he took. He made mistakes on his records, and he didn't care.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

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I don't really find girls to be any more dramatic or delicate than boys; I've known plenty of little boys who've had miserable breakdowns over things... in fact, I was one of them!

~Harry Connick, Jr.

I only tour in short bursts, I'm only ever away from my family and three daughters for a month or two.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

When I'm acting, I'm in a different place, singing is the last thing on my mind, and when I'm on stage, there's no acting at all involved, not even presentation, it's just who I am.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

I say sorry to my wife about five times a day for various reasons.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

All I really want - when I pray , I don't really ask for anything. All I want to do is God's will and make the best decisions I can. I don't go out and preach.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

There's an album by Antonio Carlos Jobim - the album with 'The Girl From Ipanema.' That's the most seductive music ever.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

I'm able to sometimes express things even more articulately on the piano than I am with singing.

~Harry Connick, Jr.



I'm really boring, man. Like, I'm really dull. And I think people may think that I have this glamorous, fun lifestyle, but it's pretty dull. But that's what I like.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

My life is spontaneous and things just kind of happen.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

I guess play piano, you know, because that's the thing I started doing when I was a little kid.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

I get terrible reviews everywhere I go.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

I had an old man moment the other day. I went into Abercrombie & Fitch to get some jeans and the music was so loud I couldn't stay.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

We would like to get to a point in our society where people really are colorblind and this message would not have to be told anymore. Unfortunately, we're not there yet.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

[When asked how he's keeping his 12-year marriage to wife Jill fresh] Hookers, drugs. We're playing the field right now.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

I think a dad has to make his daughter feel that he's genuinely interested in what she's going through.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

They don't make you what you are, you do. You are what you choose to be.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

Everything I do is part of my passion.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

My Dad is my hero. He's 85 now and he is in great health. He is handsome and strong. He has an incredible moral and ethical backbone. I couldn't have been luckier with my parents.

~Harry Connick, Jr.

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