

# Ignacy Jan Paderewski

## Quotes

*Art, Practice, Men, Country, Believe, Dream, Two, Soul, Inspirational, Home, Expression, Spiritual, Voice, Missing, Play, Mind, Ivory, Welcome, Joy, Want*

If I miss one day of practice, I notice it. If I miss two days, the critics notice it. If I miss three days, the audience notices it.

~Ignacy Jan Paderewski

I owe my success in one per cent to my talent, in ten per cent to luck, and in ninety per cent to hard work. Work, work, and more work is the secret to success.

~Ignacy Jan Paderewski

I cannot imagine a genuinely happy home without music in it.

~Ignacy Jan Paderewski

You are a dear soul who plays polo, and I am a poor Pole who plays solo.

~Ignacy Jan Paderewski

If I do not practice one day; I know it. If I do not practice the next, the orchestra knows it; if I do not practice the third day, the whole world knows it.

~Ignacy Jan Paderewski

Art without technique is invertebrate, shapeless, characterless.

~Ignacy Jan Paderewski

The culture of any country is gauged first by its progress in art.

~Ignacy Jan Paderewski

When one is an artist, what else can he be?

~Ignacy Jan Paderewski

The very essence of success is practice.

~Ignacy Jan Paderewski

Man is naturally lazy, therefore he invents labor-saving devices.

~Ignacy Jan Paderewski

The Pole listening to Chopin listens to the voice of his whole race.

~Ignacy Jan Paderewski

Art is the expression of the immortal part of man.

~Ignacy Jan Paderewski

Fatherland before everything, art afterward.

~Ignacy Jan Paderewski

Piano playing is more difficult than statesmanship. It is harder to awake emotions in ivory keys than it is in human beings.

~Ignacy Jan Paderewski

The genius is the man who has genuine and deep human relations with others, who does not cut himself off in the search for originality, but who realizes the value of artistic tradition.

~Ignacy Jan Paderewski

Before I was a genius I was a drudge.

~Ignacy Jan Paderewski

Music expresses first of all sadness rather than joy.

~Ignacy Jan Paderewski

The ultimate necessity is the summoning of the mind and will to do their duty.

~Ignacy Jan Paderewski

Art must be a slow and normal evolution.

~Ignacy Jan Paderewski

I established a certain standard of behavior, that, during my playing,

there must be no talking.

~Ignacy Jan Paderewski

Rhythm is the pulse of music.

~Ignacy Jan Paderewski

Music is the only art that actually lives.

~Ignacy Jan Paderewski

Chopin was an invalid, as you know, but his music was volcanic.

~Ignacy Jan Paderewski

Change follows change in us, almost without transition; we pass from blissful rapture to sobbing woe; a single step divides our sublimest ecstasies from the darkest depth of spiritual despondency.

~Ignacy Jan Paderewski

Intellectual isolation always follows commercial isolation.

~Ignacy Jan Paderewski

Art is great only when it bears the stamp of the individual.

~Ignacy Jan Paderewski

Times change, people change, thought and feeling take new shapes, put on fresh garments, sons bow their heads unwillingly to that which enraptured their fathers.

~Ignacy Jan Paderewski

The great familiar musical works are always greeted by the audiences as ever welcome and beloved friends.

~Ignacy Jan Paderewski

America, the country of my heart, my second home.

~Ignacy Jan Paderewski

I am nothing! If you could know the dream of what I would like to be, you would realize how little I have accomplished.

~Ignacy Jan Paderewski

A man is not necessarily a master because he happened to compose two or three centuries ago. Let us beware of the worship of mere antiquity.

~Ignacy Jan Paderewski

If I don't practise for one day, I know it; if I don't practise for two days, the critics knows it; if I don't practise for three days, the audience knows it.

~Ignacy Jan Paderewski

The mere fact of knowing that a great audience waits on your labor is enough to shake all your nerves to pieces.

~Ignacy Jan Paderewski

I loved your country [America] before I knew it.

~Ignacy Jan Paderewski

I am inclined to believe that some music, like certain poetry, finds its appeal and way to all.

~Ignacy Jan Paderewski

When I miss a week in practice, my audience knows it. When I miss a day, I know it.

~Ignacy Jan Paderewski

Just as surely as every new language mastered opens up a new world, so knowledge of a Beethoven, a Chopin, or a Schumann opens up a new world in spiritual beauty and thought.

~Ignacy Jan Paderewski

Beginnings play their prized part in every finished human accomplishment, for beginnings mean the birth of added progress.

~Ignacy Jan Paderewski

There have been a few moments when I have known complete satisfaction, but only a few. I have rarely been free from the disturbing realization that my playing might have been better.

~Ignacy Jan Paderewski

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