

# Jean Sibelius

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Pay no attention to what the critics say; no statue has ever been erected to a critic.

~Jean Sibelius

Music begins where the possibilities of language end.

~Jean Sibelius

If we understood the world, we would realize that there is a logic of harmony underlying its manifold apparent dissonances.

~Jean Sibelius

All the doctors who wanted to forbid me to smoke and to drink are dead.

~Jean Sibelius

Music is, for me, like a beautiful mosaic which God has put together. He takes all the pieces in his hand, throws them into the world, and we have to recreate the picture from the pieces.

~Jean Sibelius

If you really put a small value upon yourself, rest assured that the world will not raise your price. Pay no attention to what the critics say. A statue has never been erected in honor of a critic.

~Jean Sibelius

Music is on a higher plane than everything else in this world.

~Jean Sibelius

Whereas most other modern composers are engaged in manufacturing cocktails of every hue and description, I offer the public cold spring water.

~Jean Sibelius

I often conduct an orchestra in my sleep; my orchestras are so huge

that the back desks of the violas vanish into the horizon. And everything is so wonderful.

~Jean Sibelius

Millions of years ago, in my previous incarnations, I must have been related to swans... because I can still feel that affinity.

~Jean Sibelius

The framework of a symphony must be so strong that it forces you to follow it, regardless of the environment and circumstances.

~Jean Sibelius

For me, music begins where words end.

~Jean Sibelius

For an instant God opens his door and His orchestra plays the Fifth Symphony.

~Jean Sibelius

It is so difficult to mix with artists! You must choose business men to talk to, because artists only talk of money.

~Jean Sibelius

No statue has ever been put up to a critic.

~Jean Sibelius

No one ever erected a statue of a critic.

~Jean Sibelius

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