

# John Petrucci

## Quotes

*Guitar, Song, Play, Player, Thinking, People, Dream, Band, Real, School, Kids,  
Writing, Different, Feelings, Sound, Fun, Guy, College, Couple, World*

Music is a communication. It's a two-way street. You need people to play to in order to make that connection complete. That's the way we look at it.

~John Petrucci

Dark master of sin, now my soul is yours.

~John Petrucci

Obviously the best way to retain the most profit is to not give any of it away. That's something that you certainly learn through the years.

~John Petrucci

I remember feeling for the first time going somewhere where I was part of a community where I didn't feel like an outcast. I felt like I belonged. Everyone had a guitar strapped to their back.

~John Petrucci

You try to play the song better than you had before.

~John Petrucci

Stay focused when you're playing alive, so you're not distracted by something going on.

~John Petrucci

If someone is feeling out of sorts or detached it's a great time to bring them in and restate why we are here and what we are trying to do.

~John Petrucci

We're always in that head space about the audience and less about us at that moment.

~John Petrucci

I really rely a lot more on memory. I'm definitely not as good of a sight reader.

~John Petrucci

I don't have very eclectic tastes in music.

~John Petrucci

Obviously [Black] Sabbath is definitely a huge name and of course deserving with Ozzy coming back.

~John Petrucci

I have a lot of guitars. Yeah, I'm not like a guitar collector, I don't have all vintage instruments. I don't even own a Strat or Les Paul. I don't have one.

~John Petrucci

I'm a hopeless tone chaser!! I love it and get into the whole thing.

~John Petrucci

I almost rely on other people to say, "Hey, you ever hear of this band?" And I'll say, "Oh, I've never heard of that!" And I listened to them and thought, "What the hell?"

~John Petrucci

I have to say that our fans have been absolutely wonderful all across the world.

~John Petrucci

I experimented a bunch with Ernie Ball in getting the strings to not flop around too much, but at the same time not to be too thick to where you're playing telephone cables.

~John Petrucci

It's a balance between getting the right string gauge that's thick enough where it sound good, and not rubber bands - but not too thick where your hands start to get real tired.

~John Petrucci

My main objective with a home studio - I could get into doing full band demos - but my first objective is to cut things like guitar tracks and solos at home.

~John Petrucci

I would say the more the better when it comes to development and marketing. It's actually fun. For some it can be a frustrating thing.

~John Petrucci

I've always said that there's a huge progressive rock, progressive metal audience out there, in the world.

~John Petrucci

Guitar players get inward and analytical about their playing but when you start to get positive feedback from other players it makes you think that it is coming together.

~John Petrucci

I wanna go in the studio and just go back to the same amps and stuff I'm so comfortable with the sound of. Which I think is important to stay original.

~John Petrucci

With all tools at my disposal, I'm 100% into chasing tone and checking out new equipment and "geeking" out during sound check by taking too much time.

~John Petrucci

I'm realizing this more and more that it's one thing to get involved with your own political beliefs and stand behind you believe in personally.

~John Petrucci

When we first started and started hitting new places for the first time, you kinda didn't know, because we were new. Sometimes we played tiny little clubs and sometimes we'd play a larger place.

~John Petrucci

Out of Berklee Dream Theater was born and we've been together ever since. I didn't have to taste that feeling of defeat.

~John Petrucci

I somehow always found the right people on my own to jam with as well as playing with all my buddies. I didn't get to a point where I was auditioning for any bands.

~John Petrucci

You're about to walk on stage and play together for the next few hours so you want to feel connected and make sure that everyone is in the same head space; a good head space.

~John Petrucci

I've been fortunate to work with companies that I endorse because I love their gear. Whether Music Man, Dunlop, or DiMarzio to me these companies have supported me in such a way that's invaluable.

~John Petrucci

There's different levels of where we do well throughout Europe. Fortunately, for us, it's pretty great all throughout it.

~John Petrucci

I know we play a part in the story of progressive music, but for us those influences are the real fathers, the ones that we were interested in.

~John Petrucci

We have a storage close by where I live, that's very organised. My guitar tech, Matty organised it all, labeled everything.

~John Petrucci

Almost 15 with music, we have so many guitars that we developed over the years. The latest one is 'The Majesty' guitar, which I'm really proud of.

~John Petrucci

The style of music that we're playing, this progressive metal style, has always been an upstream battle for us. We don't usually get a lot of commercial exposure.

~John Petrucci

I often think about my Music Man guitars being 100 million percent tailored to my needs as a player and how lucky I am.

~John Petrucci

Jordan Ruddes does [have a home studio], but it's all self-contained. I'll be the only guy with a fully built recording studio. So they'll have to come to me.

~John Petrucci

As far as bands doing that in a way where they think they're going to fight the government, the only people they're really hurting is the fans.

~John Petrucci

Now that we're established and we have a history we know that we can expect people to show up and to have a good time.

~John Petrucci

It's hard to answer that from my own perspective because when I'm playing I know where it is coming from and the sources.

~John Petrucci

Songs like "Spirit Carries On" really gets the audience moved and on

the same page. It's challenging and all so much fun to play.

~John Petrucci

Since I'm in a band, and I'm not usually in situations where I need to read, it doesn't come up as often, and I don't rely on it as much.

~John Petrucci

I think I'm a father, but a father of three kids! :)

~John Petrucci

The only thing I had in my mind [when I was 17 ] was that I was going to be a professional musician. So it was just the right environment.

~John Petrucci

We're not the kind of band who writes an order abundance of songs and picks from them, we usually write for the album.

~John Petrucci

I went straight out of high school, and when I was 17, all I wanted to do was play guitar.

~John Petrucci

Going to the Grammys, being nominated for a Grammy, that was a really big deal for me, for us as a band.

~John Petrucci

Songs come alive every night and can be a new experience for someone. You might have someone in the audience who has never seen us before and hearing it for the first time. We are aware of that.

~John Petrucci

In Japan they're definitely more over the top. They had four Boogie stacks and 20 guitars. But otherwise it's pretty much the same thing, except there's a translator. It's really nice.

~John Petrucci



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