

# Joshua Bell Quotes

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I don't want to portray myself as a daredevil. I'm not at all.

~Joshua Bell

The best way to refine an interpretation is by getting out and performing.

~Joshua Bell

I hope I will always have the chance to play the violin.

~Joshua Bell

When you play a violin piece, you are a storyteller, and you're telling a story.

~Joshua Bell

You only live once, so I try to say yes to everything.

~Joshua Bell

You don't have to have lots of love affairs to know what love is.

~Joshua Bell

Kids need to be structured in some way, but you don't want to force something down their throats that they have no interest in.

~Joshua Bell

There's nothing more frustrating than seeing a conductor say, 'Play softer,' as they're waving their hands in huge gestures.

~Joshua Bell

Conducting is a strange thing to teach.

~Joshua Bell

Actors want to do Shakespeare again and again, or want to do Hamlet. When you hear one guy do Hamlet and another guy do it, it's going to be a whole different experience.

~Joshua Bell

Every orchestra is different. Sometimes, you're blown away by a particular musician. If I'm playing the Brahms concerto, it's crucial to have a great oboe player, because we work in tandem.

~Joshua Bell

Although I hardly ever turn on the TV set unless it's football season, I do watch a lot of TV on my iPad - perfect for long airplane journeys.

~Joshua Bell

Being a classical musician, you're doing many things anyway. One day you're doing Bach concerto and the next you're doing some avant-garde thing. It's just another hat that I'm allowed to wear.

~Joshua Bell

I love the outdoor festival feeling.

~Joshua Bell

There are some great teachers who have had great students, but they themselves can't play a note. I don't understand it, because the most I learned from my teacher was just hearing him play.

~Joshua Bell

Music plays a huge role in the movie. The music in Star Wars, I can't imagine what the movie would have been like without it. It made the film.

~Joshua Bell

I was lucky enough to have parents who started me on music very early, but most kids don't get that kind of exposure.

~Joshua Bell

What drew me to the violin was mastering the instrument technically,

which I'm continuing to do.

~Joshua Bell

I like trying things, I am kind of adventurous and I like thrill seeking.

~Joshua Bell

I like working with kids because I enjoy seeing the looks on their faces and, it's kind of selfish, I want a future audience.

~Joshua Bell

So much of performing is a mind game.

~Joshua Bell

At a music hall, I'll get upset if someone coughs or if someone's cellphone goes off.

~Joshua Bell

I never had any real expectations about what sort of success I would have or all the publicity.

~Joshua Bell

I want to do everything. That's my problem.

~Joshua Bell

No one tells you what to do if you completely flop at the beginning of a performance.

~Joshua Bell

Over the years, I've collected a lot of musical friends.

~Joshua Bell

I grew up in a musical family, but nobody was a professional musician.

~Joshua Bell

I write arrangements. Im sort of a wannabe composer.

~Joshua Bell

We live in the least ugly time in history.

~Joshua Bell

When you play for ticket-holders, you are already validated. I have no sense that I need to be accepted. I'm already accepted.

~Joshua Bell

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