

Keith Jarrett

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The way I think about the practicing, it is my undercover work.

~Keith Jarrett

If you already have a piece of music ingrained in your body, why would you not play it?

~Keith Jarrett

If music is sound & came from silence, then silence is potentially greater than sound.

~Keith Jarrett

Creativity is what makes humanity move. We were created to participate.

~Keith Jarrett

I cannot say what I think is right about Music. I only know the rightness of it.

~Keith Jarrett

Ideally, I'd like to be the eternal novice, for then only the surprises would be endless.

~Keith Jarrett

I believe that a truly valuable artist must be an artist who realizes the impossibility of his task -and then continues to do it.

~Keith Jarrett

One thing you learn: if you want to reveal yourself, you also have to know where to stop.

~Keith Jarrett

Silence is the potential from which music can arise.

~Keith Jarrett

Jazz is one of the least learnable art forms.

~Keith Jarrett

If a person plays dissonance long enough, it will sound like consonance. It's a language that was alien and then it's less and less alien as it continues to live.

~Keith Jarrett

Music always turns into music. As soon as I play a key, push a key down, there's no theory any more. When I go and I hear a sound on the keyboard, all theories go out the window.

~Keith Jarrett

Wynton Marsalis is jazzy the same way someone who drives a BMW is sporty.

~Keith Jarrett

When you're up against an electric band like that, it's like you're on two separate planets.

~Keith Jarrett

I can't even tolerate my own playing on electric keyboards. It's not about the musical ideas - the sound itself is toxic. It's like eating plastic broccoli.

~Keith Jarrett

I'm my own most merciless critic onstage.

~Keith Jarrett

I'm not talking ideas, or even presentation. It's like in politics: You have to sell something to become an electric player - like your skin or your heart.

~Keith Jarrett

I actually get a metallic taste in my mouth when I think about electric music.

~Keith Jarrett

Your own music comes out of your head and emotions, but it's not etched in your system.

~Keith Jarrett

When you're on stage you have a very strange knowledge of what the audience is. It isn't exactly a sound - it's a hum, like the streets.

~Keith Jarrett

Musicians are always gigging and never have a chance to stop for a minute.

~Keith Jarrett

Once we're inside a tune, we can do anything with it.

~Keith Jarrett

I don't like recording studios - except my own, which is just a little room above the garage.

~Keith Jarrett

I am a romantic, I admit it.

~Keith Jarrett

I think you have to be completely merciless with yourself.

~Keith Jarrett

When I joined the band I didn't know any of the tunes, and when I left the band I didn't know any of the tunes!

~Keith Jarrett

I grew up with the piano. I learned its language as I learned to speak.

~Keith Jarrett

I realized that improvisers should probably always have time off. But musicians are always gigging and never have a chance to stop for a minute - unless something drastic occurs.

~Keith Jarrett

If I'm not a jazz player all the time, I've at least been cued in to what I do by jazz.

~Keith Jarrett

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