

Kurt Masur

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Even my family laughed at me because they thought this young guy who's always stuttering in front of other people should be in front of 100 musicians and talk to them and leading them.

~Kurt Masur

An orchestra full of stars can be a disaster.

~Kurt Masur

If every school would hire two more music teachers, we would need two fewer police officers.

~Kurt Masur

Young conductors who are confident enough, they very often have success.

~Kurt Masur

Sometimes if you have very confident people, you have to tell them please, be polite, there are other players are good enough as you and you should never speak out of an orchestra.

~Kurt Masur

I always imagined that to bring an orchestra to play together is not enough for a conductor.

~Kurt Masur

And if you are strong enough, then you can grow as a conductor more and more.

~Kurt Masur

What I never overcame is a kind of shyness.

~Kurt Masur

I was different from most young conductors today.

~Kurt Masur

And at the same time, I had my very first concert at the age of 16. I hadn't heard a symphony orchestra before, and I was so deeply impressed I said I have to be a conductor.

~Kurt Masur

At the age of 16, something happened with my finger and the doctor told me, you never can be a organist or pianist, so think about what you do with music.

~Kurt Masur

Even I had no opportunity to conduct very many concerts after World War II.

~Kurt Masur

I wouldn't say I've changed my mind. I changed some of my natural habits, some of my natural character.

~Kurt Masur

And I always tried to be not a star. To be someone who people like to talk to.

~Kurt Masur

I can go in front of an orchestra. I can go in front of an audience. But if you see me walking through an audience in the reception or through a lot of people, I'm still shy.

~Kurt Masur

You have to change your mind with every orchestra because every orchestra has a different character.

~Kurt Masur

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