

Leo Ornstein

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Improvisation is terribly haphazard.

~Leo Ornstein

To the person that deals in visualizations, I suppose there is something rather exciting about a whole set of people - they all going symmetrically, up or down, in a military sort of precision.

~Leo Ornstein

Today each composer is not only involved in aesthetics, but he's actually trying to create his own language.

~Leo Ornstein

The difference between the student and the born composer is he really hears the thing, and they have to stage it and manipulate it by technical equipment.

~Leo Ornstein

I distrust anything that you don't hear.

~Leo Ornstein

Of all the arts, music is really the most abstract.

~Leo Ornstein

It doesn't necessarily mean at all that the composer plays his own works best.

~Leo Ornstein

By the visual pattern, but mostly I'm guided entirely by my ear, what I hear.

~Leo Ornstein

Hopefully, I have a certain amount of what you call musical talent.

~Leo Ornstein

I think there have been some periods when the writing almost became a bit of a burden.

~Leo Ornstein

But in the end, music is ultimately an aural art, pure and simple.

~Leo Ornstein

A person improvising is sometimes very fortunate that just at that second things coincide.

~Leo Ornstein

You write it down because finally, when it's written down you do get it out of your system somewhat.

~Leo Ornstein

Now, what we are not talking about, what you're really coming to, is what compromises one makes so that the listener understands somewhat of what you're doing, what you're trying to express.

~Leo Ornstein

I'm really interested in writing a piece of music that will move you, that will really move you. That is really the only reason that I'm writing music.

~Leo Ornstein

In writing music, the structure of each piece is a very important factor.

~Leo Ornstein

By the way, the point between rationality and what we would call the irrational is a very difficult point to establish. There's no specific line, as you know.

~Leo Ornstein

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