

Leonard Slatkin

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How could a New Yorker possibly take something called the Hollywood String Quartet seriously?

~Leonard Slatkin

The role of an orchestra in the 21st century isn't just playing, it's about developing future audiences and performers.

~Leonard Slatkin

I use my hands like a sculptor, to mold and shape the sound I want, to clarify.

~Leonard Slatkin

We need music to restore the human spirit

~Leonard Slatkin

The convergence of the Rhone and Saone. Paul Bocuse. The birthplace of cinema. Chateauneuf-du-Pape just a few miles down the road. It does not get much better than Lyon.

~Leonard Slatkin

I knew I could never match my father as a violinist, and there were already four generations of outstanding cellists in the family.

~Leonard Slatkin

I've come to the conclusion that a long personal relationship is next to impossible for me. Ultimately, music is a possessive mistress.

~Leonard Slatkin

An orchestra knows during the first two minutes of the first rehearsal whether or not they are going to enjoy the person on the podium.

~Leonard Slatkin

There is no 'perfect' in music. If I ever came off the stage and felt it could not be better, it would then be time to quit.

~Leonard Slatkin

I'm beginning to see that just knowing the piece is not enough. Having a clear technique is not enough. Having a broad repertory is not enough. I want desperately to get past all those things.

~Leonard Slatkin

We are a global society, and one does not have to be from Germany to give a great performance of Beethoven.

~Leonard Slatkin

Over the years it has been my privilege to lead performances with Saint Louis, the National Symphony, Cleveland Orchestra and so many other wonderful organizations.

~Leonard Slatkin

My first strong musical memory is of the Villa-Lobos Sixth Quartet which my parents were rehearsing. I remember that it reminded me of big teddy bears dancing around.

~Leonard Slatkin

I'm not particularly lucid after a concert. I'm not very lucid before, either.

~Leonard Slatkin

I'll know I'm reaching the total American market when I'm asked to do a video for MTV.

~Leonard Slatkin

I don't really think about retiring. I will retire just before people start saying, 'I knew Leonard Slatkin when he conducted well.'

~Leonard Slatkin

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Randy Newman and I grew up together in Los Angeles. We are both products of the film studio era. Randy is one of the great songwriters of our time and one of the fun people to be with.

~Leonard Slatkin

People know Detroit for the cars, but the suburban areas of the city are really beautiful. It's much more inhabitable than people think. Many believe it's like Berlin at the end of World War II.

~Leonard Slatkin

There's not an orchestra in the world that doesn't have weaknesses. None of us can play everything well. The repertoire is just too big.

~Leonard Slatkin

Growing up in Hollywood, like I did, I have a passion and a love for the movies, so I go to the cinema all the time.

~Leonard Slatkin

I have been long associated with British music. I have favoured it as my alternate music next to American.

~Leonard Slatkin

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