

# Les Baxter Quotes

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Enough, Simple, Writing, Musical, Thinking, Trying, Concerts, Intellectual,  
Albums, Imagination, Littles, Contracts*

Any good music must be an innovation.

~Les Baxter

I'm not an intellectual composer.

~Les Baxter

I write emotional music.

~Les Baxter

Under my contract with Capitol, I have complete freedom to do just about anything I want in my own way.

~Les Baxter

Regardless of who originally made it popular, any hit song becomes a challenge to the ingenuity and imagination of other musicians and performers.

~Les Baxter

I aim my arrangements at what will fit and colorfully frame the song in the best way possible.

~Les Baxter

I did the Broadway album unfortunately in a year when there were no hits.

~Les Baxter

I love doing concert music.

~Les Baxter

When I want 30 musicians in the orchestra, I get 30.

~Les Baxter

That was when the Spanish came in and conquered the Aztecs. I thought that was a clever thing.

~Les Baxter

In a sense, a hit belongs to the person who made it popular, but if a tune is good enough to attain tremendous success, then it certainly deserves more than one version, one treatment, one approach.

~Les Baxter

I don't try to make 15 musicians sound like two each.

~Les Baxter

Well, that's the secret of commerciality, a simple style and you stick with it.

~Les Baxter

I was working all the time I was in college. I was working so much that I could hardly do my college work.

~Les Baxter

I don't know what the problem with Capitol is. Some one's got to wake 'em up. Prod 'em a little bit.

~Les Baxter

I've never believed in cheapening music by going according to what some people think is public taste.

~Les Baxter

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