

Lester Bowie

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Jazz is neither specific repertoire, nor academic exercise... but a way of life.

~Lester Bowie

The way we look at it, everything is a sound.

~Lester Bowie

Play as well as you can all the time, and if you're truthful to your thing, you'll succeed.

~Lester Bowie

We're just beginning to learn the importance of music in our society.

~Lester Bowie

Many times you never know what's going to happen. You'll play songs that you never thought you were going to play.

~Lester Bowie

I always tell my students when you're going to be a jazz musician the first thing you've got to do is be a professional musician, and that means you have to feed yourself with the instrument.

~Lester Bowie

A chord is just the name of a sound.

~Lester Bowie

We just can't go and try to turn the clock back, that's not happening anymore. You've got to figure something else out.

~Lester Bowie

The music we play is kind of hard to explain. It's music that we really feel.

~Lester Bowie

It's just about really being sensitive, and trying to play a music that is about music.

~Lester Bowie

We expect the listener to have, like, a movie going on when they hear us. That's what it's all about for us.

~Lester Bowie

You know when I was younger I used to look at Downbeat Magazine and I figured anybody in Downbeat must be making a living.

~Lester Bowie

They always say that jazz doesn't sell, but it's a lie, because it does sell, and it sells consistently year in and year out.

~Lester Bowie

These people are interested in a wide variety of music, and that's what we're into.

~Lester Bowie

Jazz groups have to make a living any way.

~Lester Bowie

Because I believe that the future of the music lies in the Internet. It can be sold on the Internet.

~Lester Bowie

Because people really got tired, too, of the same old formatted sort of thing, and the same old formatted music.

~Lester Bowie

I'm only involved really right now with the Art Ensemble of Chicago and the Brass Fantasy.

~Lester Bowie

You play ensemble things that you had no idea you were going to play two minutes before.

~Lester Bowie

The trumpet is forceful.

~Lester Bowie

You can establish a presence on the internet; you can have just as much of a presence as a major company or anyone else.

~Lester Bowie

What I've been trying to do for years is to get the music played on a station other than jazz stations, you know, to expand the audience.

~Lester Bowie

A lot of jazz is like that; it sells over a period of time.

~Lester Bowie

We have the freedom to either play a tempo or not to play a tempo; to play a note or not to play a note; or to play what some people would say is a sound.

~Lester Bowie

They're not just interested in one sort of music any more.

~Lester Bowie

They were missing all the enthusiasm, the creativity; that whole excitement about the music was lost. A lot of people are really going back looking for that.

~Lester Bowie

These record companies are going to be going out of business pretty soon, because people are just going to be downloading what they want to hear.

~Lester Bowie

And there are a lot of people interested in creative music, there are more and more and more.

~Lester Bowie

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