

Lukas Foss

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It is obvious that anything a scientist discovers or invents is based on previous discoveries and inventions. The same applies to the arts.

~Lukas Foss

Why do we pigeonhole and label an artist? It is a sure way of missing the important, the contradictory, the things that make him or her unique.

~Lukas Foss

Most people think an artist tries to be original, but originality is the last thing that develops in the artist.

~Lukas Foss

It is the element I miss in electronic music - no performance, no loving immersion. Maybe that is why I was never particularly drawn to electronic music.

~Lukas Foss

Great music does not just make me feel good. It means something. It makes us understand. It makes us happy.

~Lukas Foss

Since age seven, I've been composing and have never stopped composing, yet, the creative process is as elusive to me as it has ever been.

~Lukas Foss

I strongly suggest that we play down basics like who influenced whom, and instead study the way the influence is transformed, in other words: how the artist made it his own.

~Lukas Foss

There is another interesting paradox here: by immersing ourselves in what we love, we find ourselves. We do not lose ourselves. One does

not lose one's identity by falling in love.

~Lukas Foss

Any creator owes a debt to past creation.

~Lukas Foss

The fact that Stravinsky used the classics as a major influence is obvious. What is interesting is how he used them, how he turned Bach into Stravinsky.

~Lukas Foss

I don't dare postulate about science, but I know that it takes both emotion and intellect in order for art to happen.

~Lukas Foss

To come to grips with creativity, I must ask creative, adventurous questions - the kind which, in all likelihood, cannot be answered.

~Lukas Foss

The creative act is like writing a letter. A letter is a project; you don't sit down to write a letter unless you know what you want to say and to whom you want to say it.

~Lukas Foss

In the nineteenth century the more grandiose word inspiration began to replace the word idea in the arts.

~Lukas Foss

When I went back to visit my native Berlin after World War II, I noticed that the only thing I really remembered from my childhood Berlin days is the shoe store.

~Lukas Foss

Mozart wrote so many works in his thirty-five years that it would take a

lifetime just to write out the notes. We literally do not know how he did it.

~Lukas Foss

To me, Mozart is our Shakespeare, the one who wrote the most dramatic, psychologically most baffling music. He combined ideas that no one else would have thought of putting together.

~Lukas Foss

To understand Mozart's contradictory qualities would indeed be to understand genius.

~Lukas Foss

The best way to investigate the elusive phenomenon called the creative process may well be to target all the misconceptions, to explain what the creative process is not.

~Lukas Foss

Yes, influences are enriching, and they can be found in every work of art, even the most original.

~Lukas Foss

If one uses music that one does not really love, then one will not succeed in making it one's own.

~Lukas Foss

Composing is like making love to the future.

~Lukas Foss

My students frequently ask what their next project should be. My advice: immerse yourself in the music you love and you will find what you want to do; you will discover your next project.

~Lukas Foss

I still do not know where the notes will come from when I accept a commission for a new work.

~Lukas Foss

Most artists have experienced the creative block. We get stuck in our work. We beat our head against the wall: nothing. Sometimes, it is because we are trying something at the wrong time.

~Lukas Foss

Truth is a big concept.

~Lukas Foss

Truth implies meaning.

~Lukas Foss

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