

# Maria Callas

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I don't need the money, dear. I work for art.

~Maria Callas

Don't talk to me about rules, dear. Wherever I stay I make the goddam rules.

~Maria Callas

Real friends are very special, but you have to be careful because sometimes you have a friend and you think they are made of rock, then suddenly you realise they're only made of sand.

~Maria Callas

Some say I have a beautiful voice, some say I have not. It is a matter of opinion. All I can say, those who don't like it shouldn't come to hear me.

~Maria Callas

To sing is an expression of your being, a being which is becoming.

~Maria Callas

ART is domination. It's making people think that for that precise moment in time there is only one way, one voice. Yours.

~Maria Callas

You are born an artist or you are not. And you stay an artist, dear, even if your voice is less of a fireworks. The artist is always there.

~Maria Callas

I will always be as difficult as necessary to achieve the best.

~Maria Callas

I am not an angel and do not pretend to be. That is not one of my roles. But I am not a devil, either. I am a woman and a serious artist, and I would like so to be judged.

~Maria Callas

I would not kill my enemies, but I will make them get down on their knees. I will, I can, I must.

~Maria Callas

First I lost weight, then I lost my voice, and now I've lost Onassis.

~Maria Callas

I don't know what happens to me on stage. Something else seems to take over.

~Maria Callas

That is the difference between good teachers and great teachers: good teachers make the best of a pupil's means; great teachers foresee a pupil's ends.

~Maria Callas

When my enemies stop hissing, I shall know I'm slipping.

~Maria Callas

I would like to be Maria, but there is La Callas who demands that I carry myself with her dignity.

~Maria Callas

When the curtain rises, the only thing that speaks is courage.

~Maria Callas

Only when I was singing did I feel loved.

~Maria Callas

When I did not become enemies, then I understand that there was nothing standing.

~Maria Callas

Women are not pals enough with men, so we must make ourselves indispensable. After all, we have the greatest weapon in our hands by just being women.

~Maria Callas

I prepare myself for rehearsals like I would for marriage.

~Maria Callas

Love is so much better when you are not married.

~Maria Callas

It's a terrible thing to go through life thinking that you have a rock on your side when you haven't.

~Maria Callas

Don't come to me with your troubles. I have to work for my money and you are young enough to work too. If you can't make enough money to live on you can jump out of the window or drown yourself.

~Maria Callas

The public is a monster and that is why I am not eager to return to the stage.

~Maria Callas

When music fails to agree to the ear, to soothe the ear and the heart and the senses, then it has missed the point.

~Maria Callas

If I have stepped on some people at times because I am at the top, it couldn't be helped. What should I do if someone gets hurt... retire?

~Maria Callas

[During fee negotiations for singing in Vienna:] I'm not interested in money, but it must be more than anyone else gets.

~Maria Callas

Only my dogs will not betray me.

~Maria Callas

I want to be a mature artist with a different kind of thinking.

~Maria Callas

On stage, I am in the dark.

~Maria Callas

Paris dictates fashion to the whole world.

~Maria Callas

There must be a law against forcing children to perform at an early age. Children should have a wonderful childhood. They should not be given too much responsibility.

~Maria Callas

I will not be sued! I have the voice of an angel!

~Maria Callas

I admire Tebaldi's tone; it's beautiful - also some beautiful phrasing. Sometimes, I actually wish I had her voice.

~Maria Callas

I cannot switch my voice. My voice is not like an elevator going up and down.

~Maria Callas

My poor sight gives me an advantage. I can't see the people in the audience who are scratching their heads while I am lost in my role and giving everything I have to the drama.

~Maria Callas

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