

Maurice Ravel

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The only love affair I have ever had was with music.

~Maurice Ravel

Why become a second-rate Ravel when you're already a first-rate Gershwin?

~Maurice Ravel

Music, I feel, must be emotional first and intellectual second.

~Maurice Ravel

I did my work slowly, drop by drop. I tore it out of me by pieces.

~Maurice Ravel

We should always remember that sensitiveness and emotion constitute the real content of a work of art

~Maurice Ravel

I do not ask for my music to be interpreted, but only for it to be played.

~Maurice Ravel

I begin by considering an effect.

~Maurice Ravel

You might lose your spontaneity and, instead of composing first-rate Gershwin, end up with second rate Ravel.

~Maurice Ravel

If he'd been making shell-cases during the war it might have been better for music.

~Maurice Ravel

To George Gershwin, on refusing him as a pupil: You would only lose the spontaneous quality of your melody, and end by writing bad Ravel.

~Maurice Ravel

Remember that I wrote a pavane for a dead princess, and not a dead pavane for a princess!

~Maurice Ravel

Tell me that not everything I wrote was bad.

~Maurice Ravel

Does it not occur to people that I might be artificial by nature?

~Maurice Ravel

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