

# McCoy Tyner Quotes

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Jazz is not gonna be a dinosaur and stay around in one form.

~McCoy Tyner

My mother gave me a choice. She said, 'Would you like to take singing lessons or piano.' I'm glad I chose piano.

~McCoy Tyner

When a man's faith is never tried, I don't think he'll ever learn anything. You have to have trial and tribulation, or what are you going to learn?

~McCoy Tyner

Every performance is different, but I try to approach them in the same way and give it my all.

~McCoy Tyner

The piano is like an orchestra - I'm very fortunate that I chose it as my instrument.

~McCoy Tyner

I try to play what comes naturally at the moment and let it happen.

~McCoy Tyner

I'll just try to keep my mind open to whatever comes my way.

~McCoy Tyner

I try not to look back too much, but sometimes it's nice to reflect.

~McCoy Tyner

Playing solo is difficult because you have to keep the momentum yourself. You have to continue to create and develop, so it forces you to stretch in a variety of ways.

~McCoy Tyner

Sometimes it's nice to try different instruments because they have a

different sound to offer and therefore your approach changes a little bit. But, I always come back to the piano.

~McCoy Tyner

I remember coming home from school - I couldn't wait to get to the piano so I could play and practice.

~McCoy Tyner

With all the travelling and performing I've been doing, it's hard to find time to practice! But seriously, I probably did most of my practicing when I was younger.

~McCoy Tyner

I really do enjoy accompanying people - it's a challenge and a joy when you get it right.

~McCoy Tyner

I think it was a natural step to start recording my own music.

~McCoy Tyner

I really love the piano and I feel very fortunate that I am able to play and travel all over the world as my career.

~McCoy Tyner

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