

Michael Hersch

Quotes

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As a young composer I had a particular fondness for Liszt's Beethoven Symphony arrangements for the piano, and to this day I enjoy playing non-piano music at the piano.

~Michael Hersch

I write because the act of writing itself is what drives me. It's a private communication within myself - nothing more or less. This doesn't mean I do not want to share with people.

~Michael Hersch

Part of what makes music so interesting is the lack of consensus on just about any given topic.

~Michael Hersch

While I believe there is certainly a phenomenon of timelessness in art, the people writing today can comment on today in an exclusive manner.

~Michael Hersch

If people want insights, if they want to swim in the currents of their own time and share the experiences of their time, then it makes sense to engage with the artists of one's own time.

~Michael Hersch

I don't think performance out of duty yields very much. Coercion is never the way to go.

~Michael Hersch

My own goals center around writing the best music that I can, and only I can determine whether or not I've succeeded in accomplishing that.

~Michael Hersch

Just as all pop music is not simplistic, not all contemporary concert music is complex. Often what a person connects with goes much

deeper than generalized issues of simplicity and complexity.

~Michael Hersch

Many critics have become de facto teachers. That is a lot of responsibility, and I think it should be wielded with care. Most people appreciate sincere guidance.

~Michael Hersch

The best critics leave the reader curious to pursue something further, but still to let the reader have his or her own honest, unique opinion.

~Michael Hersch

Mazur was a remarkable artist. During our time in Rome we became friends. I would often perform my works for him at the piano.

~Michael Hersch

A healthy dialogue is always good.

~Michael Hersch

I was fortunate to work with Corigliano for a few years in the mid nineties. Meeting and working with him during those formative years was an important experience.

~Michael Hersch

A critic can serve as guide. I think there's an understanding amongst the public that critics have their own preferences and dislikes.

~Michael Hersch

The American new music scene is remarkably vibrant.

~Michael Hersch

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