

Mstislav Rostropovich

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You must play for the love of music. Perfect technique is not as important as making music from the heart.

~Mstislav Rostropovich

When I started learning the cello, I fell in love with the instrument because it seemed like a voice - my voice.

~Mstislav Rostropovich

There is too much emphasis on technical perfection nowadays, and not enough on what music is actually about - irony, joy, human suffering, love.

~Mstislav Rostropovich

All my life I wanted to play music with love to every member of the audience.

~Mstislav Rostropovich

I would rather have ideas and some difficulties of technique than a perfect technique and no ideas.

~Mstislav Rostropovich

Capitalism, communism ... it's all garbage.

~Mstislav Rostropovich

Explain to me, please, why in our literature and art so often people absolutely incompetent in this field have the final word.

~Mstislav Rostropovich

I like coming to the United States because the United States played an important role in my life.

~Mstislav Rostropovich

I never studied, but I had the best teachers.

~Mstislav Rostropovich

It is my aim, my destination in life to make the cello as beloved an instrument as the violin and piano.

~Mstislav Rostropovich

You know creators, composers, need a palette for life, a color for life.

~Mstislav Rostropovich

I played with the best conductors of the world.

~Mstislav Rostropovich

I came to Moscow when I was 5 years old from Baku. To walk all night in Moscow will bring back my youth to me.

~Mstislav Rostropovich

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