

# Oscar Levant Quotes

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There's a fine line between genius and insanity. I have erased this line.

~Oscar Levant

Roses are red, violets are blue, I'm schizophrenic, and so am I.

~Oscar Levant

Underneath this flabby exterior is an enormous lack of character.

~Oscar Levant

I envy people who drink. At least they have something to blame everything on.

~Oscar Levant

What the world needs is more geniuses with humility; there are so few of us left.

~Oscar Levant

Once he makes up his mind, he's full of indecision. - On Dwight D. Eisenhower

~Oscar Levant

Schizophrenia beats dining alone.

~Oscar Levant

The only difference between the Democrats and the Republicans is that the Democrats allow the poor to be corrupt, too.

~Oscar Levant

A politician is a man who will double cross that bridge when he comes to it.

~Oscar Levant

It'd be nice to please everyone but I thought it would be more interesting to have a point of view.

~Oscar Levant

Happiness isn't something you experience; it's something you remember.

~Oscar Levant

Every time I look at you I get a fierce desire to be lonesome.

~Oscar Levant

It's not what you are, it's what you don't become that hurts.

~Oscar Levant

I was once thrown out of a mental hospital for depressing the other patients.

~Oscar Levant

When I was young I looked like Al Capone, but I lacked his compassion.

~Oscar Levant

My psychiatrist once said to me, 'Maybe life isn't for everyone'.

~Oscar Levant

Strip away the phony tinsel of Hollywood and you'll find the real tinsel underneath.

~Oscar Levant

When I can't sleep, I read a book by Steve Allen.

~Oscar Levant

There are two sides to every question: my side and the wrong side.

~Oscar Levant

An epigram is only a wisecrack that's played at Carnegie Hall.

~Oscar Levant

I'm controversial. My friends either dislike me or hate me

~Oscar Levant

I'm a study of a man in chaos in search of frenzy.

~Oscar Levant

In some situations I was difficult, in odd moments impossible, in rare moments loathsome, but at my best unapproachably great.

~Oscar Levant

A conductor should reconcile himself to the realization that regardless of his approach or temperament the eventual result is the same-the orchestra will hate him.

~Oscar Levant

You can't possibly hear the last movement of Beethoven's Seventh and go slow. (Oscar trying to talk his way out of a speeding ticket)

~Oscar Levant

Now that Marilyn Monroe is kosher, Arthur Miller can eat her.

~Oscar Levant

I never read bad reviews about myself, because my friends invariably tell me about them.

~Oscar Levant

I've given up reading books. I find it takes my mind off myself.

~Oscar Levant

I don't like to play the piano. It makes me too attractive.

~Oscar Levant

George, if you had to do it all over, would you fall in love with yourself again?

~Oscar Levant

So little time and so little to do.

~Oscar Levant

A pun is the lowest form of humorâ€™ when you don't think of it first.

~Oscar Levant

Once I make up my mind, I'm full of indecision.

~Oscar Levant

I don't drink. I don't like it. It makes me feel good.

~Oscar Levant

I could never have a mistress, because I couldn't bear to tell the story of my life all over again.

~Oscar Levant

I'm a concert pianist, that's a pretentious way of saying I'm unemployed at the moment.

~Oscar Levant

Harpo, she's a lovely person. She deserves a good husband. Marry her before she finds one.

~Oscar Levant

I am no more humble than my talents require.

~Oscar Levant

Debbie Reynolds is as wistful as an iron foundry.

~Oscar Levant

When I appeared before the draft board examiner during World War II, he asked me if I thought I could kill. "I don't know about strangers," I replied, "but friends, certainly."

~Oscar Levant

Self-pity - it's the only pity that counts.

~Oscar Levant

Marriage is a triumph of habit over hate.

~Oscar Levant

I'm a self-made man. Who else would help?

~Oscar Levant

I played an unsympathetic part -- myself.

~Oscar Levant

I'm going to memorize your name and throw my head away.

~Oscar Levant

Talent's like a baby. Wrap it up in wool and it goes to sleep.

~Oscar Levant

Ballet is the fairies' baseball.

~Oscar Levant

I never watch the Dinah Shore show- I'm a diabetic.

~Oscar Levant

My last picture for Warners was Romance on the High Seas. It was Doris Day's first picture; that was before she became a virgin.

~Oscar Levant

[Madame Nhu was] the Sandra Dee of South Vietnam. If I were cast on

a desert island with her, I would quickly make friends with the natives.

~Oscar Levant

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