

Paul Desmond

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I tried practicing for a few weeks and ended up playing too fast.

~Paul Desmond

Writing is like jazz. It can be learned, but it can't be taught.

~Paul Desmond

The qualities in music which I considered most important - and still do - were beauty, simplicity, originality, discrimination, and sincerity.

~Paul Desmond

Milton, of all people, gave the most perfect definition of the state of mind required to play jazz: 'with wanton heed and giddy cunning.' That's how you play jazz.

~Paul Desmond

I think I had it in the back of my mind that I wanted to sound like a dry martini.

~Paul Desmond

Not for me. If I want to tune everybody out, I just take off my glasses and enjoy the haze.

~Paul Desmond

I would like to thank my father who discouraged me from playing the violin at an early age.

~Paul Desmond

It was never supposed to be a hit. It was supposed to be a Joe Morello drum solo.

~Paul Desmond

I discovered early in life that if you take gym first period, you can go into the wrestling room and sit in the corner and sleep.

~Paul Desmond

I was unfashionable before anyone knew who I was.

~Paul Desmond

Our basic audience begins with creaking elderly types of twenty-three and above.

~Paul Desmond

We're working as if it were going out of style-which of course it is.

~Paul Desmond

We used to get on planes, and they'd ask who we were, and we'd say, 'The Dave Brubeck Quartet', and they'd say, 'Who?' In later years they'd say, 'Oh', which amounts to the same thing.

~Paul Desmond

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