

# Paul Lansky

## Quotes

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I didn't want my music to be seen as examples of an electronic culture; I just wanted them to be thought of as pieces of music.

~Paul Lansky

I've had a lot of fun writing percussion music. It feels quite similar to writing computer music. But I found myself in the role of choreographer in a way, worrying about physical movement and such.

~Paul Lansky

My perspective on the academic world is very favorable. I did certain kinds of things that I could never have done otherwise.

~Paul Lansky

If the music has a logic of its own - as I think my music has - an open-minded listener will apprehend and understand.

~Paul Lansky

I've been really fortunate to have Bridge Records interested in publishing my music for the past 25 years. Most of my music is available in their catalog.

~Paul Lansky

I came up in the '60s; that was a time when there was a revolution going on in music. Stravinsky had become a twelve-tone composer; even Aaron Copland was writing twelve-tone pieces at that time!

~Paul Lansky

The experimentation that I do has a lot to do with tunes and pitches and ways that melodies are put together.

~Paul Lansky

I think of myself as an experimentalist even though much of my music sounds logical and normal, in a sense.

~Paul Lansky

It's always a thrill for me to see new versions of my pieces on YouTube.

~Paul Lansky

I think you'll find a significant number of people who decide not to enter competitions because their music just won't fit in that world.

~Paul Lansky

I noticed things in my computer music that were getting old, and I started to figure out that this has to do with the way the listener interacts with music.

~Paul Lansky

When you have performers, there's the uniqueness of live performance and what performers do in concerts.

~Paul Lansky

I never thought that I would write orchestra music, but in fact I did write a group of orchestra pieces.

~Paul Lansky

I wrote a lot of software to do various kinds of special things, and I loved the idea of composing pieces in an electronic studio.

~Paul Lansky

I had been creating music on tape that was to be listened to as a recording, rather than through performance.

~Paul Lansky

I found myself recycling ideas and I saw that I had to invent reasons to compose a piece rather than start from some exciting idea.

~Paul Lansky

I don't think there's something that you have to 'get' with my music. It

tends toward the dramatic side rather than the narrative.

~Paul Lansky

I think of myself as experimenting with different ways of structuring pieces. A lot of it has to do with the computer, of course.

~Paul Lansky

It's very interesting for me to listen to music with my wife. She's not a musician but she very often makes comments about pieces in ways that are similar to what I'm thinking.

~Paul Lansky

I don't think of my music as being about something.

~Paul Lansky

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