

Quincy Jones Quotes

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Greatness occurs when your children love you, when your critics respect you and when you have peace of mind.

~Quincy Jones

I went with Lionel Hampton for three years. Out of that came a trip to Europe.

~Quincy Jones

Not one ounce of my self worth depends on your acceptance of me.

~Quincy Jones

Let's not get too full of ourselves. Let's leave space for God to come into the room.

~Quincy Jones

You Make Your Mistakes To Learn How To Get To The Good Stuff

~Quincy Jones

I learned real early why God gave us two ears and one mouth, because you're supposed to listen twice as much as you talk.

~Quincy Jones

Imagine what a harmonious world it could be if every single person, both young and old shared a little of what he is good at doing.

~Quincy Jones

The process is the most beautiful part.

~Quincy Jones

I've always thought that a big laugh is a really loud noise from the soul saying, "Ain't that the truth."

~Quincy Jones

The only music I don't like is bad music.

~Quincy Jones

Every day, my daddy told me the same thing. 'Once a task is just begun, never leave it till it's done. Be the labour great or small, do it well or not at all.'

~Quincy Jones

You cannot get an A if you're afraid of getting an F.

~Quincy Jones

I was reading Omar Khayyam, Kahlil Gibran, Rumi, L. Ron Hubbard, all sorts of philosophy. Bebop cats are like that. Curious. I wanted to know about everything.

~Quincy Jones

Everybody has their idiosyncrasies.

~Quincy Jones

Excellence isn't an act, it's a habit

~Quincy Jones

What happens when you get a big break and you haven't prepared yourself? That becomes the biggest mistake you've ever made. I see it happen all the time.

~Quincy Jones

Every day you must be able to say, I have to get up because I'm needed by someone. As long as you have that, you're healthy.

~Quincy Jones

When you're over the hill, that's when you pick up speed.

~Quincy Jones

You have to know that your real home is within.

~Quincy Jones

I found this out over the years, that racism is a thinly veiled disguise over economics and money. It really is.

~Quincy Jones

I got a scholarship to Seattle University and I was writing arrangements for singers and everybody. But the music course was too dry and I really wanted to get away from home.

~Quincy Jones

If architecture is frozen music then music must be liquid architecture.

~Quincy Jones

You can study orchestration, you can study harmony and theory and everything else, but melodies come straight from God.

~Quincy Jones

The climate in the '50s and '60s for black performers or black people in the entertainment business was atrocious. It was atrocious.

~Quincy Jones

I chose the trombone because the trombone players in the marching band got to be up front with the majorettes (because of the slides) and I loved that!

~Quincy Jones

I improvised my life along the way - I just moved step-by-step. And I knew that if I got better, something would happen.

~Quincy Jones

I was raised in Chicago and I guess that was one of the special breeding grounds for gangsters of all colors. That was the Detroit of the gangster world. The car industry was thugs.

~Quincy Jones

China's got a billion people and a hit record over there is a million records. You know that ain't right.

~Quincy Jones

Every country can be defined through their food, their music and their language. That's the soul of a country.

~Quincy Jones

Arts is just as important as military defense, you know? Emotional defense is just as important.

~Quincy Jones

Music in movies is all about dissonance and consonance, tension and release.

~Quincy Jones

We stole a box of honey jars one time and went out in the woods and took care of the whole box. I don't think I touched honey again for 20 years. I never wanted to see honey again.

~Quincy Jones

I guess hip-hop has been closer to the pulse of the streets than any music we've had in a long time. It's sociology as well as music, which is in keeping with the tradition of black music in America.

~Quincy Jones

Making a record is like painting a school bus with a toothbrush

~Quincy Jones

Editing while you're writing is like strangling the baby in the crib.

~Quincy Jones

Did you know you would become as successful as you have? Hell, no. But you know what? You were prepared, baby.

~Quincy Jones

I've met every freak in the business.

~Quincy Jones

When I was about five or seven years old my mother was placed in a mental institution and so we were with our father who worked very hard, and we had to figure a lot of things out.

~Quincy Jones

Hell, nobody knows where jazz is going to go. There may be a kid right now in Chitlin Switch, Georgia, who is going to come along and upset everybody.

~Quincy Jones

A song should have all the color and beauty of every rose.

~Quincy Jones

A person's age can be determined by the degree of pain he experiences when he comes in contact with a new idea.

~Quincy Jones

It's the attitude about life, man. Looking at the light instead of the dark. Looking at love instead of fear.

~Quincy Jones

It's amazing how much trouble you can get in when you don't have anything else to do.

~Quincy Jones

I don't remember feeling love.

~Quincy Jones

My grandmother had this high-tech security system - a rusty nail she used to lock the door.

~Quincy Jones

I'm a tremendous believer and supporter in hip-hop and rap.

~Quincy Jones

Billy Strayhorn wrote Multicolored Blue. Billy to me is the boss of the arrangers.

~Quincy Jones

Playing the game, and unfortunately, playing the gangster game is very profitable.

~Quincy Jones

I don't deserve a Songwriters Hall of Fame Award. But fifteen years ago, I had a brain operation and I didn't deserve that, either. So I'll keep it.

~Quincy Jones

I'd been in love before - I was always in love.

~Quincy Jones

My brother died of cancer two years ago (1998), renal cell carcinoma. He was my only real brother and I didn't know what to do. I'd never been so desperate in my life.

~Quincy Jones

Young people should travel, and they don't. You can't know if you don't go.

~Quincy Jones

Michael (Jackson) was so shy, he'd sit down and sing behind the couch with his back to me while I sat with my hands over my eyes-and the

lights off.

~Quincy Jones

If I don't have a mother, I'll let music be my mother.

~Quincy Jones

If you started in New York you were dealing with the biggest guys in the world. You're dealing with Charlie Parker and all the big bands and everything. We got more experience working in Seattle.

~Quincy Jones

My son is a hip-hop producer.

~Quincy Jones

The act of multitrack recording is the act of arranging.

~Quincy Jones

They say a blind hog will find the acorn one day.

~Quincy Jones

I look back and say, "This must have been somebody else." I am not going to tell you that when I was 4, I dreamed about all of this.

~Quincy Jones

I never felt like I had a mother.

~Quincy Jones

I was the most subtle person in the world.

~Quincy Jones

It was messed up, because in 1947 my family moved to Seattle and I had to get up at 5:00 o'clock in the morning to catch the ferry back to Bremerton every morning because I was Boys Club president.

~Quincy Jones

Count Basie practically adopted me at 13. We became closer and closer and I ended up conducting for him and Sinatra.

~Quincy Jones

A bad song, the three best singers in the world cannot save it, and that's the bottom line.

~Quincy Jones

I got to trumpet, finally. That's why I love to write for brass, and [Count] Basie and [Frank] Sinatra and all that stuff, 'cause that's just like part of my DNA.

~Quincy Jones

Whenever a woman would come too close, I would cut her off. Part of that was vindictive - but that was totally subconscious.

~Quincy Jones

I was married for 36 years but now I'm free.

~Quincy Jones

My earliest memories are being pinned to a fence with a switchblade.

~Quincy Jones

A lot of the guys were like that - Oscar Pettiford - they just took me under their wing, and that's why I automatically help young people. I just love it, because they did that for me.

~Quincy Jones

I'm never in my life going to do a record that's a tribute to myself. I don't need it.

~Quincy Jones

I'm just a musician and a record producer.

~Quincy Jones

I'm a great believer in letting lyrics just flow out, wherever they come from.

~Quincy Jones

All guys get into music because they love music and they also want to get the girls.

~Quincy Jones

I started imagining this whole different world. It was a society of musicians, a family I hoped I could belong to one day.

~Quincy Jones

The relationship with a producer and an artist is really special. It's got to be love and respect, amazing mutual respect for each other, because that's what makes a good record.

~Quincy Jones

Prince.. a true artist in every sense of the world.Gone way too soon.

~Quincy Jones

A great song can make a terrible singer sound good, but a good singer - you put a great song on top of that, you're really in great shape!

~Quincy Jones

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