

# Richard Wagner Quotes

*Art, Men, Music, Heart, Animal, Believe, Musician, Long, Inspiring, Knows,  
Inspiration, Tone, Wife, Speech, Humanity, People, Source, Music Is, Reality,  
Sound*

Joy is not in things; it is in us.

~Richard Wagner

Music is the inarticulate speech of the heart, which cannot be compressed into words, because it is infinite.

~Richard Wagner

The purpose of art: to make the unconscious conscious.

~Richard Wagner

I regard the Jewish race as the born enemy of pure humanity and everything that is noble in it.

~Richard Wagner

Never look at the trombones, it only encourages them.

~Richard Wagner

Imagination creates reality.

~Richard Wagner

The language of tones belongs equally to all mankind, and melody is the absolute language in which the musician speaks to every heart.

~Richard Wagner

It is a truth forever, that where the speech of man stops short there Music's reign begins.

~Richard Wagner

We must learn to die, and to die in the fullest sense of the word. The fear of the end is the source of all lovelessness

~Richard Wagner

A political man is disgusting, but a political wife, horrible.

~Richard Wagner

My destiny is solitude, and my life is work.

~Richard Wagner

The essence of higher instrumental music lays herein that one is able to express in tones that what one is unable to say in words.

~Richard Wagner

I hate this fast growing tendency to chain men to machines in big factories and deprive them of all joy in their efforts - the plan will lead to cheap men and cheap products.

~Richard Wagner

I write music with an exclamation point!

~Richard Wagner

The oldest, truest, most beautiful organ of music, the origin to which alone our music owes its being, is the human voice.

~Richard Wagner

The only form of music is melody, without melody music is not feasible, and music and melody are quite inseparable.

~Richard Wagner

One might say that where Religion becomes artificial, it is reserved for Art to save the spirit of religion.

~Richard Wagner

Even if I know I shall never change the masses, never transform anything permanent, all I ask is that the good things also have their place, their refuge.

~Richard Wagner

Richard Wagner, a musician who wrote music which is better than it sounds.

~Richard Wagner

Human dignity begins to assert itself only at the point where man is distinguishable from the beast by pity for it.

~Richard Wagner

I am fond of them, of the inferior beings of the abyss, of those who are full of longing.

~Richard Wagner

I am convinced that there are universal currents of Divine Thought vibrating the ether everywhere and that any who can feel these vibrations is inspired.

~Richard Wagner

Many's the man/ who thought himself wise/ but what he needed/ he did not know.

~Richard Wagner

Divorce is one of the most financially traumatic things you can go through. Money spent on getting mad or getting even is money wasted.

~Richard Wagner

If experiments on animals were abandoned on grounds of compassion, mankind would have made a fundamental advance.

~Richard Wagner

One siupreme fact which I have discovered is that it is not willpower, but fantasy and imagination that ceates. Imagination is the creative force. Imagination creates reality.

~Richard Wagner

Whatever I thought right, to others seemed wrong; what I held to be bad, others approved of.

~Richard Wagner

For once you are going to hear a dream, a dream that I have made sound... I dreamed all this; never could my poor head have invented such a thing.

~Richard Wagner

Wherever the fish are, that's where we go.

~Richard Wagner

In contrast to reincarnation and karma, all other views seem petty and narrow

~Richard Wagner

I know absolutely nothing about music.

~Richard Wagner

Attack and defence, want and war, victory and defeat, lordship and thralldom, all sealed with the seal of blood: this from henceforth is the History of Man.

~Richard Wagner

The whole duty of a conductor is comprised in his ability to indicate the right tempo.

~Richard Wagner

I have long been convinced that my artistic ideal stands or falls with Germany. Only the Germany that we love and desire can help us achieve that ideal.

~Richard Wagner

Plant life instead of animal food is the keystone of regeneration. Jesus used bread instead of flesh and wine in place of blood at the Lord's Supper.

~Richard Wagner

Blessed be, the genius who never knew good fortune! Genius in itself already means so much; what meaning does luck still hold for him?

~Richard Wagner

Those who grasp the whole, will also comprehend all parts of that whole, even when immediate technical understanding is lacking, and recognize and marshal these.

~Richard Wagner

I believe in God, Mozart, and Beethoven.

~Richard Wagner

I wish I could score everything for horns.

~Richard Wagner

...music is the living God in our bosoms.

~Richard Wagner

Whatever my passions demand of me, I become for the time being - musician, poet, director, author, lecturer or anything else.

~Richard Wagner

Achievements, seldom credited to their source, are the result of unspeakable drudgery and worries.

~Richard Wagner

The error in the art-genre of Opera consists herein: a Means of expression (Music) has been made the end, while the End of expression (the Drama) has been made a means.

~Richard Wagner

That even in its sharpest pangs of pain a dog can still caress its master

we have learnt from the studies of vivisectors.

~Richard Wagner

The most tremendous genius raised Mozart above all masters, in all centuries and in all the arts.

~Richard Wagner

I am writing Parsifal only for my wife - if I had to depend on the German spirit, I should have nothing more to say.

~Richard Wagner

It is impossible to communicate with Schumann. The man is hopeless; he doesn't talk at all.

~Richard Wagner

Music truly has to all other arts the same relation as religion to the church.

~Richard Wagner

The immoral profession of musical criticism must be abolished.

~Richard Wagner

Any so-called stimulus program is a ruse. The government can increase its spending only by reducing private spending equivalently.

~Richard Wagner

You know my faithfulness to you, never can another own my heart, never - never - never...

~Richard Wagner

I know nothing at all about music.

~Richard Wagner

Certain things in Mozart will and can never be excelled.

~Richard Wagner



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