

Robert Fripp

Quotes

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Music is the wine that fills the cup of silence.

~Robert Fripp

Quiet is the absence of sound. Silence is the presence of silence.

~Robert Fripp

If the audience doesn't hear what is going on, is it going on?

~Robert Fripp

Usually people think that it is the musicians who create the music, but in fact it is music who creates the musicians.

~Robert Fripp

What has changed in 40 years? It's very simple: 40 years ago there was a market economy. Today there is a market society - today everything, including ethics, has a price.

~Robert Fripp

A mistake is always forgivable, rarely excusable and always unacceptable.

~Robert Fripp

Understanding is simple. Knowing is complicated.

~Robert Fripp

I'm not really interested in music. Music is just a means of creating a magical state.

~Robert Fripp

Music so wishes to be heard that it sometimes calls on unlikely characters to give it voice.

~Robert Fripp

We know others to the extent that we know ourselves.

~Robert Fripp

Expectation closes the door to what is happening in the moment.

~Robert Fripp

When music appears which only King Crimson can play, then, sooner or later, King Crimson appears to play the music.

~Robert Fripp

There are no mistakes, save one: the failure to learn from a mistake.

~Robert Fripp

Music is the cup that holds the wine of silence. Sound is that cup, but empty. Noise is that cup, but broken.

~Robert Fripp

My life as a professional musician is a joyless exercise in futility.

~Robert Fripp

I recommend my students not to be professional unless they really have to be. I tell them, 'If you love music, sell Hoovers or be a plumber. Do something useful with your life.'

~Robert Fripp

Me and a book is a party. Me and a book and a cup of coffee is an orgy.

~Robert Fripp

What we hear is the quality of our listening.

~Robert Fripp

According to USA today, the average length of an attention span of a man in America is 23 minutes.

~Robert Fripp

Music never goes away. It is always available, but we're not always available for music.

~Robert Fripp

The spoken form is in fact a very restrained representation of what is possible in the musical language.

~Robert Fripp

However, in modern conceptual frameworks there is a more sophisticated view. I would say that the act of music exists in several worlds simultaneously.

~Robert Fripp

Discipline is never an end in itself, only a means to an end.

~Robert Fripp

When a record company makes a mistake, the artist pays for it. When a manager makes a mistake, the artist pays for it. When the artist makes a mistake, the artist pays for it.

~Robert Fripp

Music is the cup which holds the wine of silence.

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But above that, most mature adults can hold their attention on something for 45 minutes, whether they like it or not. But above that requires training.

~Robert Fripp

Beginner's luck is great for beginners.

~Robert Fripp

Then certainly for a musician timing becomes something that is immediately accessible as a concept, because it's a necessity in ones

everyday performance.

~Robert Fripp

I couldn't concentrate on music. So I made the choice to give up my career as a musician in the frontline to deal with the business.

~Robert Fripp

And if you are playing in several meters at once, there has to be a - not a rigid - but there definitely has to be a reference to a common pulse in the band.

~Robert Fripp

To me, Bill's musical heart is in Earthworks, in the jazz they are playing, in the acoustic kit.

~Robert Fripp

The science is in knowing; the art in perceiving.

~Robert Fripp

The quality of artistry is the capacity to assume innocence at will, the quality of experiencing innocence as if for the first time.

~Robert Fripp

Purely by hard work, one can become an artist.

~Robert Fripp

Music can be transformative, utterly transformative. The act of music is utterly transformative.

~Robert Fripp

There is a difference between being a timekeeper and keeping the pulse or being in step with the pulse in the band.

~Robert Fripp

The aim is freedom conscience and truth

~Robert Fripp

If an apprentice does not hear what a master hears, is then that quality not present in the music? Yes and no. In the world in which the apprentice lives no.

~Robert Fripp

Performance is a vehicle for entering different worlds of experiencing.

~Robert Fripp

Use your ears to record and your eyes to video.

~Robert Fripp

My life has improved so much since I stopped doing interviews.

~Robert Fripp

What is necessary is possible, what we want is expensive. What is unnecessary is unlikely.

~Robert Fripp

The concern of the musician is to play the music. It is there demanding to be given sound to.

~Robert Fripp

If you are playing repertoire material, you're stuck. There's not huge amounts you can do.

~Robert Fripp

Linguistic philosophers continue to argue that probably music is not a language, that is in the philosophical debate. Another point of view is to say that music is a very profound language.

~Robert Fripp

Business logic and musical logic are utterly incompatible.

~Robert Fripp

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