

Steve Vai

Quotes

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The level of achievement that we have at anything, is a reflection, of how well, we were able to focus on it. Because the only thing that's holding you back, is the way you're thinking.

~Steve Vai

If you want to play something that you can't, you need to see and hear yourself doing it in your minds eye. It will start to happen

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~Steve Vai

Besides being a guitar player, I'm a big fan of the guitar. I love that damn instrument.

~Steve Vai

Find what you're best at and exaggerate it.

~Steve Vai

The tone is in your fingers, not in your amp or effects.

~Steve Vai

I was always one of those guys who was a seeker after truth. I want to know what's going on.

~Steve Vai

I knew that I was going to have a life as a musician, because I always felt the pull. I don't remember ever having to make a choice.

~Steve Vai

If you're feeling emotional when you're creating something, it'll sound that way.

~Steve Vai

Possessing a healthy imagination is a necessary ingredient for creativity.

~Steve Vai

I have a deep love for life and my fellow human beings. I try to understand everything that everybody does, even if it seems wrong to me.

~Steve Vai

Criticism can be devastating. When push comes to shove, we are all very sensitive.

~Steve Vai

A good solo is like a book. It will start out in a phrase, it will go on in paragraphs, and then it will have a great ending.

~Steve Vai

You can never deny the immense talent, rock credibility and iconic historical contribution that Van Halen made.

~Steve Vai

Reps once took chances on art, History's most treasured musicians were believed in and cultivated to reach their potential. Today, it would be difficult for those musicians to get deals.

~Steve Vai

Play slow and perfect - that's the way to becoming a virtuoso.

~Steve Vai

It's very hard to come across as a passionate human being in print. People can't hear the inflections in your voice.

~Steve Vai

The older I get, the more I just like plugging directly into my amp. I'm

tired of trying to impress myself with weird sounds. It's about the notes more.

~Steve Vai

When I was young, I wasn't a misfit or anything. I had friends in all the different social groups. But I had issues - just personal issues, insecurities and other things that had happened in my life.

~Steve Vai

A lot of those little things that I really like doing are just moments of cool articulation, just little moments of phrasing that probably go over everybody's head.

~Steve Vai

I don't believe in 'greatest'. I believe in favorites.

~Steve Vai

Ray and I do not draw salaries. Any profits will be re-invested into marketing the music we believe in.

~Steve Vai

It is only the most elite of elite musicians whose unconventional approach becomes convention.

~Steve Vai

We have the insight and the tools to identify and bring to fruition the dormant talent that our artists possess. Favored Nations will be branded as the home base for inspired musical talent.

~Steve Vai

If I remain true to what's in my heart, that's all the success I need.

~Steve Vai

Criticism is just reflection of the person that speaking

~Steve Vai

The cool thing about playing is that the more you do it, the better you get.

~Steve Vai

What I look for in music is artistry, sincerity, and simplicity, and Tom Waits has all of that. I want to make a connection to the creator.

~Steve Vai

I like my voice, but I can't deliver as much as I wish I could.

~Steve Vai

I'm a big fan of cultural music, and that's how I try to expand my playing, by listening to music that is not conventionally American.

~Steve Vai

I awake, I meditate, get the kids off to school, go to the gym, go to the Favored Nations office, and usually at around 1 pm I'm home and do music the rest of the day.

~Steve Vai

Most of my records are very dense, composition-heavy, and there's bits of different kinds of music like an acoustic ballad, instrumental trio pieces, and vocal tracks.

~Steve Vai

The only time I'm miserable is when I can't keep an instrument in tune.

~Steve Vai

So that's the challenge for me and that has always been the challenge - finding that melody, that riff, that thing that just lights me up and makes me feel like it's Christmas.

~Steve Vai

My main calling in life is to seek and achieve spiritual balance, and to express that through my instrument. Everything else is here today, gone later today.

~Steve Vai

I loved the guitar, and I had all of this music in my head. My passion for the guitar and the ideas for what I could create musically were equal. So that's where I was.

~Steve Vai

The guitar is the coolest instrument in the world.

~Steve Vai

As a musician, I look for certain things that stimulate me. And what I look for is something that's an evolution on a particular genre that I never heard before.

~Steve Vai

I dedicated all the time I had to it. The 10 hour workout was just what I put in the magazine at the time, but for me it was every waking moment.

~Steve Vai

You know, there's times when you should play and there's times when you gotta hold back.

~Steve Vai

I can tell you this: I'm an extremely passionate individual. I try to be careful how I display it because you never know how people are going to take it.

~Steve Vai

... you watch Jimi Hendrix literally reinvent the instrument. He was playing from somewhere else. He was really a kind of hybrid, and I

can't even begin to imagine where he came from

~Steve Vai

That's the thing about great artists: They find the thing that's most obvious to themselves, what's most conscious and natural, and they put it out there and the audience comes.

~Steve Vai

My past is very interesting, and I treasure it, but to write about it, it's just not on my radar.

~Steve Vai

I've never really heard anybody imitating anything of mine the way they do with Edward Van Halen's stuff.

~Steve Vai

I'm always pursuing knowledge; I'm a seeker of spiritual equilibrium - and music is a big part of that.

~Steve Vai

We may be human, but we're still animals.

~Steve Vai

When Frank Zappa would get an idea for a song, he just did it. He didn't wait for anybody or expect anyone to do it.

~Steve Vai

Still to this day, I am deeply satisfied when watching a guitar player who is connected with their art and instrument. GuitarTV helps you tap into that connection, and to each other.

~Steve Vai

Along with its enchanting and exquisite melodies, West Side Story has attitude and a tremendous amount of frenetic energy. It's emotional,

theatrical and technical. It's everything.

~Steve Vai

I was about seven or eight years old when I first heard West Side Story, and it had a huge impact on me. If you look at the elements of that record, it contains many of the things I enjoy doing today.

~Steve Vai

When I was growing up, the blues did seem too simple to me. I was just a muso.

~Steve Vai

When I was a teenager in the '70s, I was really into those great bands like Led Zeppelin and Queen and Jethro Tull, Deep Purple, Alice Cooper.

~Steve Vai

I wanted to be a composer before anything else. And my sister was listening to Led Zeppelin in the other room! When I heard that, it was a game-changer.

~Steve Vai

Acting, at least for me, is very unreal, and when I'm doing it, I actually feel embarrassed.

~Steve Vai

It's hilarious, because my guitar has what's known as a tremolo bar or a whammy bar. And the whammy bar is probably the most alien thing on my guitar that could possibly relate to a classical guitar.

~Steve Vai

It just happens in life, where you resonate with a particular artist. Or it can be a kind of food or a fashion - you discover it and it gives you a whole new lease on life.

~Steve Vai

Make an exercise out of everything you can't do.

~Steve Vai

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