

# Terry Bozzio

## Quotes

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Next, Ifs, I Can, Knows, Chicago, Creative, Writing, Guy, Fame, Done*

The best thing is to find something you really love to do and enjoy that process for the rest of your life.

~Terry Bozzio

I have great samples of my drums and I try to program them pretty much how I want to play them, try and make it feel natural even though it's programmed.

~Terry Bozzio

I'm not going to limit myself in ways to compose or how I should record. You just do what you can with what you've got at the moment.

~Terry Bozzio

Japan and Europe seem to have a little more cultural education and so the crowds have been a little more big and enthusiastic, and the places I've played seem a little more classy.

~Terry Bozzio

Money and fame are very inconvenient and very problematic.

~Terry Bozzio

If I practice I'll really alienate people.

~Terry Bozzio

I'm pretty proud of everything I've done.

~Terry Bozzio

It's very difficult to make a living in music these days. All it takes is somebody paying.

~Terry Bozzio

Of course the headspace for the young musician is whatever the guy who is paying you says, is right, but that's all.

~Terry Bozzio

I feel qualified and competent to try anything that's thrown my way because I don't have to be a success. I can just try.

~Terry Bozzio

The way we teach is a very linear kind of way.

~Terry Bozzio

My motives at a young age were, "I want to be rich and famous".

~Terry Bozzio

I have tons of tunes, maybe 30 tunes that I still think are great, and only because some jerk at a record company didn't think it was great, it's not out there.

~Terry Bozzio

I don't think I can play the game and sell myself.

~Terry Bozzio

I think my music is great for film, but I don't have the opportunity, or goesche to go and pitch myself to Hollywood.

~Terry Bozzio

I'd love to do music for films.

~Terry Bozzio

There's many possibilities for anything.

~Terry Bozzio

We have a society that wants somebody to come out of college with a degree that will make them a slave for whatever discipline they're in.

~Terry Bozzio

I try to put what's evocative in the music to me, I try and put that out there in terms of titles and imagery, or implication towards the listener.

~Terry Bozzio

There are things I've kept over the years and then someday I might pull up a program of some tune that I've done and I go "Wow, I know what to do with this now".

~Terry Bozzio

From the time I started playing solo drums, doing clinics and stuff, you know I think one of the largest selling clinics I ever did was in Chicago.

~Terry Bozzio

There's nothing that can prepare you for fame and for the music business at any point in history.

~Terry Bozzio

I do the same thing every night, but different.

~Terry Bozzio

You try to improvise in a compositional manner. You don't just do some stupid lick you've been practicing, scale form exercises or something.

~Terry Bozzio

You stick your nose in the dirt until you find something that smells good.

~Terry Bozzio

I'm not Stravinsky, I never will be.

~Terry Bozzio

I'm not Zappa, you know. I'm just Terry.

~Terry Bozzio

If it's something that I just can't get anywhere with, even if I think this could be a hit, I just drop it and it doesn't get developed.

~Terry Bozzio

I'm happy doing what I do. That's ok. Some guy could appear tomorrow and do it much better than me, and so be it, but right now I'm just happy to be who I am doing what I do.

~Terry Bozzio

You just write one word and that tells you what the next word is going to be.

~Terry Bozzio

I just want to make music on the drums.

~Terry Bozzio

Sometimes I feel like a one man crusade against the devaluation of music in America and culture in the arts.

~Terry Bozzio

You just chip away until the puzzle is complete.

~Terry Bozzio

I think by the time I finished college I was calling myself a professional because I was, you know. I was making a living playing music.

~Terry Bozzio

I don't know where I'm going, and I don't care where I'm going. As long as I can just do it.

~Terry Bozzio

All of your experience comes into play when you're composing.

~Terry Bozzio

I'm very grateful to be where I'm at and be able to play. That's really the bottom line for me. Survival and being able to play.

~Terry Bozzio

People YouTube me and crap and then, they probably don't want to see me after seeing a friendly posted YouTube video, so I'm constantly having to take those down.

~Terry Bozzio

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I don't have to be a success. I can just try.

~Terry Bozzio

In the liner notes, music is fine by itself. It doesn't need any explanation.

~Terry Bozzio

Being a professional does not have a very high standard.

~Terry Bozzio

I always liked to make something creative.

~Terry Bozzio

In America we're in this awful situation, and you know, I hardly get any royalties anymore because music is just stolen from the internet.

~Terry Bozzio

I don't really have that much control over where I play. I put out parameters and I accept what I can. If it's really low, or I had a bad experience at a place then I usually don't play there again.

~Terry Bozzio

The first time I ever went to Chicago was with Zappa and I had a fantastic experiences with him and every other band I've played with.

It's a great music town.

~Terry Bozzio

I don't think I really started to seriously compose until around that time when I was 40.

~Terry Bozzio

I've composed all my life and kept things, and even developed things I've done in college into something now.

~Terry Bozzio

In America there are some places that are just gorgeous to play.

~Terry Bozzio

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