

Tod Machover Quotes

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Strangely, the thing I listen to 75% of the time, when I'm exercising with my headphones on is English Tudor/Elizabethan music, so music from about 1450 to the early 1600's.

~Tod Machover

I like the idea of imagining a sound and feeling a sound and then having it come out through your body, through an instrument. That's an important way to make music.

~Tod Machover

My work on hyper instruments started with simple instruments, like the piano.

~Tod Machover

The one obvious thing is that the devices are so good now that you can also see their limitations extremely well.

~Tod Machover

My message is to forget about dichotomies. The Brain Opera is an opera, even if it does not tell a story in the usual way. It is a psychological journey with voices - so I do consider it an opera.

~Tod Machover

Why does every society seem to want to make music when it often seems like kind of a frill.

~Tod Machover

I had grown up and gone to high school in New York, so I wanted to get out of the east coast.

~Tod Machover

I listen to a lot of music that teenagers are listening to because I'm around them.

~Tod Machover

The English learned, in my view, how to use harmony much earlier than the French or the Italians, or the Germans.

~Tod Machover

I almost never these days sit down with a CD or my laptop and just listen to a piece with a score. I probably would do that while I'm exercising.

~Tod Machover

The barn where I work, it's only 15 minutes or so from Harvard square, so it's very close to the center of Boston, but it happens to be a total oasis. It's completely quiet in there.

~Tod Machover

One of the things I like most of all is being in my study, in my barn, with absolutely no sound anywhere thinking about something. It's extremely important to me.

~Tod Machover

One of my interests in music has always been what it means, why it affects us the way it does.

~Tod Machover

I love the cello, I love the physical sense of an instrument that's about the size of your body that vibrates enough that even if you play an open string, you feel it.

~Tod Machover

Nobody talks about music as having intrinsic meaning, how it engages the mind.

~Tod Machover

Works of art should be stimulating. They should wake people up rather than acting like a sedative.

~Tod Machover

There's many reason music exists and we are beginning to no only understand that, but measure that.

~Tod Machover

There's just an incredibly rich and interesting relationship between our listening to music and the way our minds engage.

~Tod Machover

I did take composition lessons when I was in high school, so I wrote piano pieces. I wrote some chamber music. I don't think any of that was particularly interesting.

~Tod Machover

There were a lot of things happen in the mid-'80's that all of a sudden made it possible to do a lot of very quick interactive music.

~Tod Machover

I think the seed was planted when I was a teenager, and it took me until I got out of Juilliard. At Juilliard I was just learning to be a composer, but I was also learning how to manipulate computers.

~Tod Machover

Any Beatles song is perfect. It gets to you right away.

~Tod Machover

After a year, I thought gee I don't really need college anymore, which wasn't correct, but that's what I thought.

~Tod Machover

You have to train your mind and your ears, but they're more like athletic skills. So, part of music you just have to learn those things or you can't practice the art.

~Tod Machover

I think a double bass for me would be too much effort. But the cello, you're really engaged and the sound is kind of right here. So, it feels like being merged, married to an instrument.

~Tod Machover

I've done a lot of operas. I've probably done more different kind of operas than anybody.

~Tod Machover

I never liked opera growing up. I always liked chamber music or solo music even more than orchestral music.

~Tod Machover

All the music we know that's popular is actually commonly shared music that takes things that are similar about all of us.

~Tod Machover

I have a big barn that I converted to my music studio, so I go there early in the morning and the first thing I do is rowing. And that's when I listen to a lot of music.

~Tod Machover

That's the definition of popularity. Something that literally resonates with many, many people.

~Tod Machover

I think in many ways, the texture of technology actually diminishes human beings. It doesn't augment them.

~Tod Machover

I love working with technology because it allows me to follow my imagination and to invent new things.

~Tod Machover

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