

Wayne Shorter Quotes

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Jazz shouldn't have any mandates. Jazz is not supposed to be something that's required to sound like jazz. For me, the word 'jazz' means, 'I dare you.'

~Wayne Shorter

If all you have is music, then you don't have music

~Wayne Shorter

The arts can open the door to the imagination, pushing the envelope of how peace can be created. It takes courage to take this kind of risk, and courage is what we all need to create a better world.

~Wayne Shorter

Music is interior decoration.

~Wayne Shorter

Go out on the stage as a human being and do not be afraid to show struggle in your music. It's a struggle in life and then struggle and then victory.

~Wayne Shorter

I always think of music as interior decoration. So, if you have all kinds of music, you are fully decorated!

~Wayne Shorter

No one really knows how to deal with the unexpected. How do you rehearse the unknown?

~Wayne Shorter

Composing is improvisation slowed down.

~Wayne Shorter

You're like the girl who left her shadow in the drawer, but when she went to get it, it wasn't there.

~Wayne Shorter

Your humanity is your instrument.

~Wayne Shorter

To hell with the rules. I'm going for the unknown.

~Wayne Shorter

Play and write music the way you want the world to be.

~Wayne Shorter

Clouds float in the same pattern only once.

~Wayne Shorter

I'm learning more about life when I'm playing too, and writing music. I'm learning more about life, the connection.

~Wayne Shorter

A series of vibrations. What does it matter, the source of the catalyst?

~Wayne Shorter

In an inconspicuous way, Gretchen Parlato knows how to play the same instrument that Frank Sinatra played. There's no one out there like Gretchen.

~Wayne Shorter

It's making a statement about what life is, really. And I'm going to end the line with it.

~Wayne Shorter

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