

"Everyone is a drummer"... Sammy Epstein (Phd)

"Rhythm is a place to hang notes."

"Men have died for this music. You can't get more serious than that."

"It's taken me all my life to learn what not to play."... Dizzy Gillespie

"Don't play what's there, play what's not there."... Miles Davis

"Do not fear mistakes. There are none."

"I'll play it first and tell you what it is later."

"You can play a shoestring if you're sincere."... John Coltrane

"If you're not making mistakes, you're not playing jazz"... Ben Webster

"Sometimes you need to stand with your nose to the window and have a good look at jazz. And I've done that on many occasions." ...J.J. Johnson

"It's the group sound that's important, even when you're playing a solo."

"You not only have to know your own instrument, you must know the others and how to back them up at all times. That's jazz." ...Oscar Peterson

"A jazz musician is a juggler who uses harmonies instead of oranges." ...Benny Green

"Well, jazz is to me, a complete lifestyle. It's bigger than a word. It's a much bigger force than just something that you can say. It's something that you have to feel. It's something that you have to live."... Ray Brown

"I consider every drummer that ever played before me an influence, in every way."
...Buddy Rich

"In most music, there's one way that you do something, and that's the only way. In jazz, it's a lot different." "There's so much beautiful music in the world, and the kids are getting robbed."
...Billy Higgins