

## Performer

Creativity is never 2nd-hand; Creativity never repeats.

The great performer is not the one who must conceal the facts sentimentality and imitation with the wizardry of the contortionist, but rather the one who returns from the unknown with works that have a pure, austere, oak-like resonance of beauty and truth.

Dare to be simple. Walk the land. Tie your fiddle to your back. Learn to play the song of each and every bird. Then, when you pick up the great Sonatas and Partitas of the past afresh, it will be with the joy of one who hears in the sound of a bowed string the voice of one's beloved, after an absence of more than a thousand years.