



# Yo-Yo Ma: His Cello, His Life, and His Music

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These quotes are from publications that featured reviews of Yo-Yo Ma's recordings and performances.

## Directions:

1. Read the quotations below.
2. Choose one quotation that you like.
3. Describe in your own words what the quotation means.
4. Write down whether you agree with the statement. Why or why not?

## Quotations about Yo-Yo Ma

"He is not only one of the greatest, most versatile cellists of his or any time, but is endowed with an extraordinarily enquiring, adventurous mind that leads him into far-flung intellectual, cultural, and historical explorations."

—*String*

"Ma, the greatest cellist of his generation, is also a player too good to be true. Possessing a willingness to try anything that interests him, he brings humility, warmth, intelligence, and gentle humor to virtually everything he plays."

—*Chicago Tribune*

"...one of the most forceful musical communicators of our time."

—*TimeOut NY*

Citations from:

[The World of Yo-Yo Ma](#)