

John's Grimoire

[F., book of magical formulas];
magician's manual

**Music is more about responding to sounds than making them.
Listen more and play less.
Connect with those around you.**

Share. Allow yourself to be vulnerable and open your mind's ear.

**There are three aspects to every sound:
Beginning – Duration – Ending
Care for the duration of each note as you would a child,
and respect the silence between sounds.**

**Think in shapes and colors.
Affect is derived from phrasing, not rhythms and notes alone.**

**Be your own conductor and
take ownership of the inner pulse.**

**Eagles have incredible vision and are able to see many things at once
from a broad perspective with complete clarity. Chickens have poor
vision and can only see what is immediately in front of them.
Be an eagle.**

**Making music is a privilege.
Share your joy and appreciation by visibly engaging in the now.
Posture is audible.
Invest yourself physically, mentally and emotionally.**