

# Alex Kapranos

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The best songwriting comes from being as creative as you can and editing it down to the good bits, essentially.

~Alex Kapranos

People's musical tastes are fickle, and music can be a fashion.

~Alex Kapranos

There's a difference between expectations and aspirations.

~Alex Kapranos

I want to make music that will make the blood surge in your veins, music that will get people up and dance.

~Alex Kapranos

I'd rather eat a cow-pat on a bun than a bloody McDonalds.

~Alex Kapranos

Glasgow's not a media center. When you're there, when you're hanging about, you feel quite detached from musical movements or fashions or anything like that. You do feel quite alone, in a good way.

~Alex Kapranos

Arty. To me the word's got as much venom associated with it as 'wacky'.

~Alex Kapranos

Men behave very oddly in the company of attractive women.

~Alex Kapranos

It doesn't matter how adventurous you want to be, you've still got to contain your identity.

~Alex Kapranos

Being in a band didn't buy me my beans on toast!

~Alex Kapranos

Traditionally, lots of vagrants and unemployable characters wind up working in kitchens.

~Alex Kapranos

I have always been fascinated by the concept of the villain and the hero being in one person.

~Alex Kapranos

A lot of food criticism has a similar flavor to it, and I'm probably going to write about it in a different way.

~Alex Kapranos

You can always have it better. If you try... [This is the right attitude:] Never to feel [completely] satisfied, always to want to do something better!

~Alex Kapranos

There's a character that I play onstage, and I can't let him loose in the supermarket when I'm buying my beans on toast.

~Alex Kapranos

Maybe 'Can't Stop Feeling' and 'Turn It On' we'll just release as singles. It's a thing The Beatles used to do which I really loved, the idea of releasing something as a single completely on its own.

~Alex Kapranos

If success had come along when I was 17 it would either have killed me or sent me completely mad.

~Alex Kapranos

You really only understand whether a song's good or not when you properly play it out in public for the first time.

~Alex Kapranos

Why play a chord when you can play one note?

~Alex Kapranos

I think a lot of bands are creatively knackered when they come off tour.

~Alex Kapranos

There are loads of bands I'd love to produce.

~Alex Kapranos

It's very rare that a song falls from your mind complete.

~Alex Kapranos

A lot of bands have the enthusiasm kicked out of them by playing really dreary pub venues that just churn bands through.

~Alex Kapranos

Boho to me is a first-year student who's just discovered the tie-dye shop.

~Alex Kapranos

I think in the world of indie music there's this sort of false modesty.

~Alex Kapranos

I'm not a food critic, and I'm not really an authority to write anything on food.

~Alex Kapranos

No matter what you do, if you're trying to create something new, your environment has a massive impact on you.

~Alex Kapranos

It's fine to indulge yourself so long as you don't try and foist it on the

rest of the world.

~Alex Kapranos

Surely every band wants to be a pivotal point in history.

~Alex Kapranos

You can only begin to be great when you embrace a sense of your own ridiculousness.

~Alex Kapranos

Ambition is sneered at by some bands. It seems like a pretty good thing to me.

~Alex Kapranos

I find American football quite ridiculous generally. I don't understand it. It looks like a lot of guys dressed up as spacemen shouting at each other.

~Alex Kapranos

Boredom or being sick of what you've done before is a big part of being in a band.

~Alex Kapranos

Music should be universal. My life perspective, my lifestyle - I'm not going to impose that on the people that listen to my music. That's kind of a perverse form of snobbery I like to reject.

~Alex Kapranos

If I was a fan of someone as a teenager, then it's OK for me to feel completely in awe when I meet them.

~Alex Kapranos

The internet is like a gossipy girls' locker room after school, isn't it?

~Alex Kapranos

I didn't grasp the basic principle of being a promoter, which was: Put on music but also generate an income. I was on the dole most of the time.

~Alex Kapranos

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