

Alexis Korner

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Since the age of 12, all my musical thinking has been influenced by Afro-American music.

~Alexis Korner

The British feel of blues has been hard, rather than emotional. Far too much emphasis on 12 bar, too little attention to words, far too little originality.

~Alexis Korner

I wanted to be able to play guitar. I wanted to be able to make music hurt.

~Alexis Korner

Every musical movement that is big enough has to produce some good musicians who wouldn't have had the incentive to start playing without it.

~Alexis Korner

In those days, between the ages of 12 and 18 you meant nothing. You were the extra place at the side table if someone came to dinner. You were of no interest to anyone.

~Alexis Korner

I must have been heavily schizophrenic all my life. The me who hears what the other me can't play is the dominant one.

~Alexis Korner

The parallel development in American blues to the British movement has resulted in Johnny Winters.

~Alexis Korner

I guess music, particularly the blues, is the only form of schizophrenia that has organised itself into being both legal and beneficial to society.

~Alexis Korner

I'm a compulsive musician, but it's also a bloody good way out of having to do anything else.

~Alexis Korner

Once you became associated with a children's show, you're finished.

~Alexis Korner

I was considered as a jazz man rather than as a blues player. There were no blues players-you played one sort of jazz or another sort of jazz.

~Alexis Korner

In 1940 I came across a record by Jimmy Yancey. I can't say how important that record is. From then on, all I wanted to do was play the blues.

~Alexis Korner

If the same phrase in the same place created the right effect, I was perfectly prepared to use it every time. I wasn't worried that I wasn't improvising.

~Alexis Korner

When I reflect on how things have changed, I can't help but laugh.

~Alexis Korner

I had always intended to make a living out of playing blues. But I never admitted it to myself. I don't suppose I could have given a logical reason for it ever becoming possible to do so.

~Alexis Korner

Blues and jazz pulled me away from what was left of my family.

~Alexis Korner

I can't explain why one wants to pass a particular sort of pain onto other

people, but you do.

~Alexis Korner

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