

Billy Childish Quotes

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A moustache to a man is the same as a fringe is to a woman. When you've got it, you want to grow it out; when you've grown it out, you want to cut it.

~Billy Childish

My favourite things are jokes, friendliness and feeling comfortable.

~Billy Childish

I loved moustaches. I used to draw myself with one. When I was 14, I was really into war and Van Gogh.

~Billy Childish

I've dubbed myself as an amateur, not because I work in different field, but because I do what I do for love.

~Billy Childish

One of my biggest problems in life has been my inability to lie.

~Billy Childish

We believe in a society in delusion, and if you're awake and not deluded people tell you you're mad. That's why I'm a freak and they're not. But I'm actually not.

~Billy Childish

Bowie and McCartney arrived, and the biscuits and caviare started and I left immediately. I don't like shouting across rooms, with people in shiny suits who look like used-car salesmen.

~Billy Childish

I gave up drinking lots of whiskey and began to practice yoga and meditation. As a result I am not dead.

~Billy Childish

Failure is fantastic, because you meet yourself and get to know your

limitations. This is how I express myself, and I can't do it any other way.

~Billy Childish

It is an artist's duty to be on the wrong end of the see-saw.

~Billy Childish

Artists who don't paint aren't artists.

~Billy Childish

I like feeling at home and knowing people. I like talking about ideas and being friendly.

~Billy Childish

I like being on the margins. You work better there.

~Billy Childish

I think that the mythology of Van Gogh's life, and the beauty of his paintings, is unstoppable.

~Billy Childish

I'm going to get a pair of wire-snips, and I've also started a new campaign to have blank CDs on jukeboxes so you can play the silence.

~Billy Childish

I'm not trying to achieve perfection. I don't like this forced control people have over work.

~Billy Childish

People could live very happily without the Turner Prize, but they could not live without real communication and emotion.

~Billy Childish

I don't spend a lot of time working if I can help it.

~Billy Childish

I make sure I make a painting - that's my job. And I cook the Sunday dinner.

~Billy Childish

When I was better known than her, she put my name in that tent. I was asked to do Celebrity Big Brother, but why should I? We live in an age where fame is not related to what you do.

~Billy Childish

I've always liked New York, as I like towns with an edge and New York has a European feel, so when I came to play music here in the '80s it was a surprise to me.

~Billy Childish

I coined this term 'freedom thru limitation' back in the '90s because I was sick of art being treated like pop, because of this boring 'anything can be art' theory.

~Billy Childish

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