

Bradford Cox

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I'm tired of watching attractive people trying to be ugly, struggling for authenticity. Why not be yourself?

~Bradford Cox

Everything I do is 100% automation, which means I'm just doing it live.

~Bradford Cox

What could be more experimental than me writing a straight up love song?

~Bradford Cox

The Internet nowadays is all sensationalism, and it's just terrifying when you're actually experiencing it as a person.

~Bradford Cox

When young groups put out albums, they're always forced to go through this cycle of touring and talking and flaunting and posturing and peacocking. Nobody makes me do that anymore.

~Bradford Cox

When I go on a nostalgia trip it's not aesthetic. For me it's about trying to recapture the smell or the feeling of something that I've experienced in the past personally.

~Bradford Cox

I don't know if I have any real aspirations to be an actor. It was just something I was asked to do in sort of a friend way. And I thought, Why not?

~Bradford Cox

I always write the first and last song of an album first, and then the middle just kind of happens.

~Bradford Cox

I don't think you should make music to make music, just to show that you can. That's the opposite of vitality.

~Bradford Cox

I'm obsessed with five different things a day. It's like lightbulbs in a Christmas light chain.

~Bradford Cox

Audiences tend to dig the earlier stuff by any given musician, and the artists themselves always tend to prefer the thing that they're doing now.

~Bradford Cox

The same people that always think I'm pretentious will think I'm pretentious, and the people who relate to me will continue to relate to me.

~Bradford Cox

Unfortunately it's hard for me to be a fanboy for anything these days just because I see so much music.

~Bradford Cox

You're always as a musician trying to shock yourself or create music that's maybe even too weird for your own taste.

~Bradford Cox

For me, experimenting involves traditionalism.

~Bradford Cox

I feel very strongly about the subject matter in *The Dallas Buyer's Club* - about AIDS and people fighting illnesses, and fighting for survival against bad conditions.

~Bradford Cox

I want to build an audience that's willing to follow us in whichever direction we might choose.

~Bradford Cox

In reality, I've probably got the lowest self-esteem of anybody I know, which has really been rubbed in my face lately in personal situations.

~Bradford Cox

I don't like the sound of my own voice. And, for people I don't know, their impression of me is what they read on the internet, and they're so far off a lot of the time.

~Bradford Cox

We all come back to our little worlds.

~Bradford Cox

That's what culture is based on, the passing down of a certain narrative by imitation.

~Bradford Cox

My entire education in music was in reading interviews with bands like Stereolab and finding out about Brazilian music or a Romanian composer. You expose yourself to what people you look up to admire.

~Bradford Cox

It's made me cynical at a young age to see how overlooked certain groups I've admired are.

~Bradford Cox

I see a lot of people doing an "'80s thing" who weren't even born until the '90s.

~Bradford Cox

People say 'I don't want to die alone!' But you know what, honestly? I

don't want to die with a bunch of people looking at me.

~Bradford Cox

A lot of bands wanna do something new all the time and never repeat themselves, but I'm not so interested in that. If I feel like I can do it better the second time, I'll give it another shot.

~Bradford Cox

You don't need to drink if you have emotional problems.

~Bradford Cox

I've always been interested in writing from other people's perspectives and other gender perspectives.

~Bradford Cox

I've always said I write albums; I don't write random songs and then sort them out.

~Bradford Cox

It was like I was asking for attention, but I didn't really want attention.

~Bradford Cox

If you're not Jay-Z, a record leaking isn't going to affect you.

~Bradford Cox

Everybody just needs to realize that when you write something you're just in one mood. I was told I needed to write it and it was overdue; I don't even remember what day it was.

~Bradford Cox

When I started having a couple of beers and loosening up, I realized how many years I had wasted going back to my hotel room alone when I could have gone and just had a beer or two.

~Bradford Cox

I think people are intimidated by me, and I don't know why. Sometimes even my own bandmates can be intimidated, or irritated, by me.

~Bradford Cox

The sober guy is always going to have this air of arrogance or self-righteousness, but it's not my intention. I just knew that if I drank, I'd have a drinking problem.

~Bradford Cox

I've got this thing where I always kind of diss the older stuff and favor the newer stuff. I mean, it's not just my thing; every artist or musician is like that, I guess.

~Bradford Cox

I don't have anything to prove.

~Bradford Cox

I'm a really friendly guy, I guess, and I really like meeting people.

~Bradford Cox

I know so many people think my music is quite influenced by Animal Collective, but honestly I think maybe the factor is that we're both influenced by the same stuff.

~Bradford Cox

All music is devotional, whether it's devotion to products, face washes, creams, plastic. Everybody is devoted to something.

~Bradford Cox

I collaborate a little bit with different aspects of my own mind. I kick my own ass instead of kicking other people's asses.

~Bradford Cox

We didn't have MTV, and I was desperate for something. You know,

you're young, you want something off the beaten path. And Twin Peaks was like, surrealism on network TV.

~Bradford Cox

Usually I'm not really conscious of what's going on. I don't have a lot of memories onstage. At all.

~Bradford Cox

I'm real critical of myself. I think a lot of what I've done is boring indie rock. I didn't intend it to be that way, but somehow milk gets added to everything.

~Bradford Cox

I'm not the guy in the dress with the blood and the unrequited gay whatever - which, according to my psychiatrist, my gayness is a form of narcissism but you'll have to ask him about that.

~Bradford Cox

I have really low self-esteem, and it's not easy for me to put myself on an album cover.

~Bradford Cox

When money and fame happen too late, it's like pouring kerosene over a fire of self-loathing.

~Bradford Cox

As a homosexual, my job is simply to sodomize mediocrity.

~Bradford Cox

I'm more into Neil Young and radical honesty.

~Bradford Cox

I think the younger kids need to realize there's this whole forgotten 90s that people don't really talk about.

~Bradford Cox

I've been used for writing rhythm guitar chords for a long time because it's so easy to play and chords just sound good on it.

~Bradford Cox

I've been going through some personal things that have stirred up a lot of old wounds.

~Bradford Cox

Sometimes, I do have something to say, so I'll sit there and I'll write a song to someone - and then I just throw it away because it makes me cringe.

~Bradford Cox

I don't have the capacity to write stuff consciously. When I do, it's really awful.

~Bradford Cox

I need punk rock. It's the medicine for me, but it's bitter and sickening. If you don't need it - if you're happy and healthy - run toward that.

~Bradford Cox

I refuse to put myself into a situation in which I have to face some kind of "I'm losing it" kind of thing. I'm not "losing it"; it's changed. What it is is changing.

~Bradford Cox

I like my solitude, and I'm a strong-willed person; I'm a very hard-to-be-around person sometimes, I guess.

~Bradford Cox

I don't leave my room, and all I am surrounded by are guitars and equipment, y'know? It's not always the best place to be.

~Bradford Cox

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