

Cliff Martinez

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I know so few people who actually give music their undivided attention, so I've been trying to just park myself on the couch between the speakers and listen.

~Cliff Martinez

Composing demands a degree of isolation.

~Cliff Martinez

I was in the Chilli Peppers at the time and I asked myself, would I be able to wear a sock on my genitals at the age of forty and they proved me wrong because I guess they're still doing it.

~Cliff Martinez

I got fed up with being in bands. I spent a couple of years touring the country in a smoked filled band, doing lots of drugs and being really unhealthy.

~Cliff Martinez

It's very important that you never depend on money to fulfill your creative vision. If you do that, you're doomed to fail.

~Cliff Martinez

I like directors that give their composer a juicy role in their films. Some films have a small, minor role for music, some have a larger role.

~Cliff Martinez

I've never tried to work chronologically. I don't think I have the discipline to do that.

~Cliff Martinez

I don't like to write any music to a script. Experience has taught me that's generally a waste of time.

~Cliff Martinez

Censorship has kind of disappeared in a way because everything is accessible online.

~Cliff Martinez

When you've finished the film and everybody's already made back all their money, everybody just leaves you alone and I'm very happy. That's what it has to be like.

~Cliff Martinez

I like challenges and I definitely would like to be more of a chameleon.

~Cliff Martinez

I'm not in a position in my career where I turn things down. I'm very easy. So the projects often dictate the direction you will go in. I welcome things that challenge me.

~Cliff Martinez

There's nothing worse than a director that keeps changing their mind. Because, unlike the directors I work with, I'm not decisive at all.

~Cliff Martinez

I work at home but average 15,000 to 18,000 miles per year on my Honda.

~Cliff Martinez

Pop music is a fashion, and fashions come and go. The public retires you as their tastes change.

~Cliff Martinez

The more I come to understand music, the more I feel like a numbskull because there is always more to learn.

~Cliff Martinez

I don't want to be typecast as the 'ambient guy' or someone who only

does electronic scores. I think most of the work that comes my way is because people feel they know me musically.

~Cliff Martinez

I think there is quite a continuity over my 25 years of doing music, and I'm always trying to break away from it.

~Cliff Martinez

I've always been very left of center and the radio never had much diversity and film did.

~Cliff Martinez

If I had kids, I don't think I would recommend they pursue a career in music.

~Cliff Martinez

Composers are in some ways the last frontier of musician that gets a paycheck for their musical services.

~Cliff Martinez

I'm kind of conservative. I like to build on what I've done in the past and try something new.

~Cliff Martinez

I'm kind of an antisocial person. I realised when I was playing in bands that I wasn't that comfortable being on-stage, and I preferred to be behind-the-scenes. I like the seclusion of composing.

~Cliff Martinez

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