

Dan Bejar Quotes

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I always start with the lyrics, because starting with the music means the words will be bad.

~Dan Bejar

I can't fool myself into thinking that musically I don't need other people, whether it's as a foil or just to come in and make real the ideas that are kind of vague and wispy in my head.

~Dan Bejar

I'm not really sure that I have the same definition of things as other people. Like, when people talk about being "engaged" with the audience, I'm not exactly sure what they mean.

~Dan Bejar

I don't banter with the audience, cause I don't have anything to say to them, and I'm not feeling any sense of ease or camaraderie when I'm on stage.

~Dan Bejar

I like putting common expressions next to uncommon expressions. I'm sure in Poetry 101 there is a name for it, but it seems like you usually go one way or the other in rock music.

~Dan Bejar

Kaputt was just a record that did really well for us, and therefore our record label and our booking agent said that we should go out and take our message to the world.

~Dan Bejar

I'm more focused as a singer and hands-on with music and more exacting, and less trying to furiously fit a thousands thoughts into a four minute song.

~Dan Bejar

I don't really know what's going on with the Pornographers - everyone's kind of doing their own stuff. I mean, they play shows here or there.

~Dan Bejar

When I'm on stage I don't say anything. The last thing I want to do is share my thoughts. I don't know if that's mysterious - maybe it's just old fashioned.

~Dan Bejar

I'm just kind of lazy and messed up and self-managed - self-mismanaged.

~Dan Bejar

I don't really listen to rock music anymore. But were I to write a song that sounded like it could be a rock song, I'd probably give it to the Pornographers, and I'd be excited to try to make it work.

~Dan Bejar

I've never had any kind of work ethic. I've never sat down with the intention of writing a song.

~Dan Bejar

I was born in 1972, which means that in "rock" terms I have no business addressing "the kids" unless it's to shoo them out of my garden.

~Dan Bejar

Really good musicians don't think of "self-reflection."

~Dan Bejar

No one appreciates a professional anymore. Everyone's a mystic. Which is why I take drunk Jim over acid Jim - the argument all roads eventually lead to.

~Dan Bejar

Part of me likes words as music sabotage, and part of me wonders why anyone would waste their time liking anything to do with sabotage.

~Dan Bejar

I think the more removed I feel, the more I warm up to the role of singer.

~Dan Bejar

I used to struggle a little bit with the idea of how to separate singing from acting and entertaining.

~Dan Bejar

I guess my guitar parts are usually precise, but the execution of those parts is downright treacherous, since I'm not very good on guitar.

~Dan Bejar

I like playing music. I don't always like the feeling of people looking at me. I don't think I'm a natural performer, but I'm getting better.

~Dan Bejar

The more I abandon ideas of myself as a musician, the better a singer I become.

~Dan Bejar

Once you feel like you can safely quit a melody, you are free to explore more important things.

~Dan Bejar

I'm just a sucker for new-agey synth sounds and instrumentation. I wasn't really thinking of soft rock, but I know that kind of quiet-storm format uses a lot of these sounds.

~Dan Bejar

Moments of unexpected sweetness happen when romance enters,

which always happens in songs - if just for a split second.

~Dan Bejar

Most musicians don't write about being a musician cause most musicians aren't writers.

~Dan Bejar

I knew what real instruments I wanted and, in some cases, who I wanted to play them. I had started listening to a lot of ambient music and jazz and I wanted to incorporate stuff like that, too.

~Dan Bejar

Even though people like to say Destroyer [album] is gibberish and all that, I usually know exactly what I'm saying at every single moment.

~Dan Bejar

I'm not that conscious of my writing, so pacing the lyrics doesn't really enter the picture.

~Dan Bejar

I like playing music. I don't always like the feeling of people looking at me. I don't think I'm, like, a natural performer, but I'm getting better.

~Dan Bejar

I force myself to care about the music end by wrestling with it for years.

~Dan Bejar

There are too many Destroyer records to just start rattling them left them off, but they're there.

~Dan Bejar

I'm probably more into a more spacious, even meditative, quiet delivery of singing.

~Dan Bejar

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