

Dave Grohl

Quotes

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No one is you, and that is your power.

~Dave Grohl

If you play a Nickleback song backwards you'll hear messages from the devil. Even worse, if you play it forwards you'll hear Nickleback.

~Dave Grohl

That's one of the great things about music. You can sing a song to 85,000 people and they'll sing it back for 85,000 different reasons.

~Dave Grohl

I never needed much, and I never thought I'd get more than what I had. A trip to Burger King was the biggest thing in the world to me. Heaven.

~Dave Grohl

My mother was a public school teacher in Virginia, and we didn't have any money, we just survived on happiness, on being a happy family.

~Dave Grohl

People are so into digital recording now they forgot how easy analog recording can be.

~Dave Grohl

And later, if I ever felt that I was getting swept away by the craziness of being in a band, well, I'd go back to Virginia.

~Dave Grohl

You will only be great at things you love to do don't pursue a career in something you hate to do.

~Dave Grohl

Never lose faith in real rock and roll music. Never lose faith in that. You might have to look a little harder, but it's always going to be there.

~Dave Grohl

In this day and age, when you can use a machine or computer to simulate or emulate what people can do together, it still can't replace the magic of four people in a room playing.

~Dave Grohl

Guilt is cancer. Guilt will confine you, torture you, destroy you as an artist. It's a black wall. It's a thief.

~Dave Grohl

How do I stay humble? Because I'm the best at being humble.

~Dave Grohl

Nickelback walks into a bar...there's no punchline because ruining music isn't funny.

~Dave Grohl

I don't think of Kurt as 'Kurt Cobain from Nirvana'. I think of him as 'Kurt'. It's something that comes back all the time. Almost every day.

~Dave Grohl

There's always gonna be rock n' roll bands, there's always gonna be kids that love rock n' roll records, and there will always be rock n' roll.

~Dave Grohl

Ladies and gentlemen, god bless America - land of the free, home of the brave.

~Dave Grohl

I think that if you're passionate about something and you're driven and you're focused, then you can pretty much do anything that you want to do in life.

~Dave Grohl

I had long hair since I was 17 years old. It was time for me to let go. I

hated being the guy at the wedding in a suit with a ponytail.

~Dave Grohl

You know why Foo Fighters have been a band for 20 years? Because I've never really told anybody what I think of them. The last thing you ever want to do is go to therapy with your band.

~Dave Grohl

Don't look at the poster on your wall and think 'I could never do that.'
Look at the poster on your wall and think 'I'm gonna do that!'

~Dave Grohl

All I really had was a suitcase and my drums. So I took them up to Seattle and hoped it would work.

~Dave Grohl

Through Kurt I saw the beauty of minimalism and the importance of music that's stripped down.

~Dave Grohl

There's something about pulling out a real tape from a shelf and looking at it and knowing that 'Everlong' is on it, or 'Best of You' is on it, and it's really special.

~Dave Grohl

There's some things in life that you really consider to be priceless.

~Dave Grohl

You look up to your heroes and you shouldn't be intimidated by them; you should be inspired by them.

~Dave Grohl

I'm big on taking the lady out to dinner. We have some candlelight romance every now and then. And our whole family is within a 6-mile

radius. It's disgustingly domestic. I'm big on Costco.

~Dave Grohl

From one generation to the next, The Beatles will remain the most important rock band of all time.

~Dave Grohl

Wow, I get to wake up again? Ok. You have to make good with what you've got.

~Dave Grohl

If it weren't for the Beatles, I would not be a musician.

~Dave Grohl

I'd like to imagine I won't end up in Hell, but I think I've done too much acid and listened to too much death metal to sit on a cloud next to God with angels floating above my head.

~Dave Grohl

Nothing's going to keep me from making music. If I were in the want-ads in the back of the paper or playing to six people at a coffee shop, I'd still love to make music.

~Dave Grohl

There's something about heartbreak that makes for great music, but the same could be said for Jägermeister. Hangovers make for great music, too.

~Dave Grohl

Mom, thanks for letting me drop out of high school. Haha!

~Dave Grohl

I've experienced great things, I've experienced great tragedies. I've done almost everything I could possibly ever imagine doing, but I just

know that there's more.

~Dave Grohl

Being in Nirvana was amazing an experience that will never happen again for me. And I look on them as some of the best and worst times of my life.

~Dave Grohl

I taught myself how to play the guitar, I taught myself how to play the drums, and I kind of fake doing both of them. But drumming comes more natural to me, and it just feels better.

~Dave Grohl

I think people should feel encouraged to be themselves.

~Dave Grohl

There's nothing I'd rather do than make music. It's the love of my life.

~Dave Grohl

There's a big difference between falling in love with someone and falling in love with someone and getting married. Usually, after you get married, you fall in love with the person even more.

~Dave Grohl

The human element of making music is what's most important.

~Dave Grohl

When you're thirteen and listening to punk, the aggressive nature of music can sway you to the dark side.

~Dave Grohl

What's the last thing a drummer says in a band? 'Hey guys, why don't we try one of my songs?'

~Dave Grohl

It was supposed to be gross, and now it's gorgeous.

~Dave Grohl

I was ready to quit music. It felt to me like music equalled death.

~Dave Grohl

I'm obsessed with Led Zeppelin and have been since I was a teenager

~Dave Grohl

There's poetry in being the band that can sell out Wembley but also makes a record in a garage. I don't like doing what people expect me to do.

~Dave Grohl

It's terrifying to play your favorite band's song in front of your favorite band.

~Dave Grohl

Sharing music is not a crime. It shouldn't be. There should be a deeper meaning to making music than just selling downloads.

~Dave Grohl

I'd love it if everyone knew one Foo Fighters song.

~Dave Grohl

We only do what feels right. If something feels forced or contrived, then we pull back. We remain the Foo Fighters.

~Dave Grohl

I listen to boy band music before I have to fire someone.

~Dave Grohl

It's not until recently that I could even imagine myself as an adult. But these kids today, they look at me like I'm Neil Young. Nirvana is the

band their parents listen to.

~Dave Grohl

I love to play music. So why endanger that with something like drugs?

~Dave Grohl

We just do what we always do. We play shows and go home and rest and then play more shows.

~Dave Grohl

If you're trying to connect to people with music - it's more of an outward process and a lot of times musicians can be very inward.

~Dave Grohl

I'm so not macho. It's crazy. My man cave is so not a man cave.

~Dave Grohl

From the time that 'Nevermind' came out in September of 1991 to the time that Nirvana was over, it was really just a few years, and a lot happened in those few years.

~Dave Grohl

CBGB represents a lot to New York City and to underground rock and to new wave and post-punk and whatever. But, you know, it's like tearing down the Jefferson Memorial or something.

~Dave Grohl

When I listen to music these days, and I hear Pro Tools and drums that sound like a machine - it kinda sucks the life out of music.

~Dave Grohl

What we feel most comfortable doing is playing loud, screaming rock songs.

~Dave Grohl

A lot of the records you buy, there's nothing you can hold in your hand, it's all 1s and 0s, this digital cloud floating in the ether, but with analog albums, you can hold it in your hand.

~Dave Grohl

Some people record onto tape, and then they pay for the tape, and download those onto a hard drive. Initially in a Pro Tools program. Other people go straight into digital, and use no tape at all.

~Dave Grohl

My songwriting is like extending a hand to the listener.

~Dave Grohl

When you have kids, you see life through different eyes. You feel love more deeply and are maybe a little more compassionate. It's inevitable that that would make its way into your songwriting.

~Dave Grohl

When you're recording to analog tape, it captures performance and you can't necessarily manipulate that in different ways. It is what it is.

~Dave Grohl

There are times when I feel like I'm a traveling minister. I'm trying to go out and get kids to pick-up yard sale instruments and change the world.

~Dave Grohl

I think musicians like me are drawn to those older desks, not just because they're legend and lore but also because they do something really specific that is hard to emulate or re-create digitally.

~Dave Grohl

When you're sequencing a record, you want the listener to stick with it from beginning to end, and in order to do that, you really have to map

out the journey from the first song to the last.

~Dave Grohl

My whole life, I have listened to people like Neil Young, or Crosby, Stills & Nash, and artists that have made a career out of the mellow, folky, acoustic dynamic.

~Dave Grohl

'Some Kind Of Monster' is such a nightmare for any musician to watch because you're watching a band be honest to each other. Not a good idea, man!

~Dave Grohl

There weren't a lot of career opportunities in crazy-fast hardcore punk, so you didn't have a lot of ambition, just the love and passion to play music with your friends.

~Dave Grohl

My first instrument was actually the trombone, but that didn't last long. Soon I was playing guitar in bands from the time I was 11 or 12.

~Dave Grohl

I stopped doing drugs when I was 20. I was finished with drugs before Nirvana even started.

~Dave Grohl

Singing into a microphone and learning to play an instrument and learning to do your craft, that's the most important thing for people to do.

~Dave Grohl

Music will never go away, and I will never stop making music; it's just what capacity or what arena you decide to do it.

~Dave Grohl

Everybody now thinks that Nashville is the coolest city in America.

~Dave Grohl

The whole slacker generation totally didn't apply to us musically.

~Dave Grohl

It's funny, there aren't too many musicians that also moonlight as studio engineers. There's a few - the really brilliant ones.

~Dave Grohl

One of the great things about Taylor Hawkins is his shirtless body, really.

~Dave Grohl

When there's so much left to do, why spend your time focusing on things you've already done, counting trophies or telling stories about the good old days?

~Dave Grohl

When you're young, you're not afraid of what comes next. You're excited by it.

~Dave Grohl

As I get older... I start to realize that life ain't half bad. Each year, I'm amazed that I'm still alive. I don't take any of this for granted, I'm a lucky dude.

~Dave Grohl

We're in this band, the Foo Fighters, making music for the love of music. We all came from bands that had disbanded, and we were drawn to each other because we missed playing.

~Dave Grohl

What I really miss these days in music - is the music. I prefer to listen to

melodies and songs, not just sounds.

~Dave Grohl

Going out and playing music - that's what I do. I don't do much else.

~Dave Grohl

With this record [The Colour and the Shape], I started taking the lyrics more seriously. This is a very personal album.

~Dave Grohl

A lot of people from my generation of music are so focused on playing things correctly or to perfection that they're stuck in that safe place.

~Dave Grohl

How come drummers leave their drumsticks on the dashboard of their car? So they can park in the handicapped spaces.

~Dave Grohl

When Nirvana became popular, you could very easily slip and get lost during that storm. I fortunately had really heavy anchors - old friends, family.

~Dave Grohl

The most important thing for me is my family, and my health and happiness, and making sure everyone's cool.

~Dave Grohl

Be someone's light when they are hopeless.

~Dave Grohl

I love Black Sabbath. They made an amazing contribution to music today. Almost every band that made it big in the Nineties owed a debt to them.

~Dave Grohl

It's tough to go to sleep at night, and I wake up after five hours because I feel like I'm wasting time. I just sit up at night and think about what I can do next.

~Dave Grohl

Joining a band without ever having really met the people before, you just want to be musically powerful.

~Dave Grohl

Who's to say what's a good voice and not a good voice?

~Dave Grohl

I dropped out of high school and I couldn't go to college 'cause I wasn't smart enough, so I'd resigned myself to loading trucks and playing punk rock on the weekends.

~Dave Grohl

I think actually singing the words is more therapeutic than just sitting down to write them, because then you are letting it out, and it's coming from your gut.

~Dave Grohl

I believe the history of American music is just as important as anything political because it's changed generations of people.

~Dave Grohl

I once received a cape that was made from the little purple bags that Crown Royal Whisky comes in.

~Dave Grohl

Develop that individuality by working as hard as you can at what you love.

~Dave Grohl

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