

# Donald Fagen

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Groove, Mind*

Popularity has everything to do with business and nothing to do with music.

~Donald Fagen

It's great to know that our old stuff still sounds good to our fans, just as it's wonderful to think that we've turned a few people on to jazz over the years.

~Donald Fagen

When you get a groove going, time flies.

~Donald Fagen

What a beautiful world this will be What a glorious time to be free

~Donald Fagen

What do you do with what you're given, and how do you transform it into something worthwhile?

~Donald Fagen

Anthemic rock music is inherently fascist - anything intended to move huge masses of people is politically offensive to me.

~Donald Fagen

Now why the hell would I want to increase the volume of my ejaculation ? They can already hear me in the apartment next door.

~Donald Fagen

I like it when songs develop in some way. Four minutes usually isn't enough time for something to develop musically.

~Donald Fagen

We don't think of ourselves as being perfectionists, really. To us it's more about desperately trying to have it sound more or less OK.

~Donald Fagen

I have a critical nature, in the sense that when I look at something I often look for the flaws.

~Donald Fagen

As jazz fans, it was amusing for us to play jazz harmonies on these big, ugly electric guitars.

~Donald Fagen

I've never been comfortable as a lead performer, and I never wanted to be a singer, particularly.

~Donald Fagen

People are usually afraid to say what's on their mind.

~Donald Fagen

My writing is really intuitive. As a kid, I went to school in New Jersey and hung out in New York, so the way kids used to talk got into our earlier songs.

~Donald Fagen

I think of Steely Dan as being of its time, and it may be inseparable from its time.

~Donald Fagen

My style is a little quirky. I can't play as fast as most professional jazz players.

~Donald Fagen

I don't think you can escape the environment we live in now.

~Donald Fagen

Randy Newman seemed like an even worse singer than me. I liked Ray Charles, Levi Stubbs, Jack Jones, Joe Tex, Wilson Pickett.

~Donald Fagen

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