

# Dwight Yoakam

## Quotes

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Artist, Grandfather, Order, Grandmother, Children, Character, Brother, Morning,  
Past, Want*

I live out of cans a lot. But I try to indulge only in healthy canned food.

~Dwight Yoakam

It's meant to reaffirm the validity of that music - clean, minimalist, honest, classic music.

~Dwight Yoakam

In the past 3-4 years I've developed a habit of keeping numerous small cassette recorders in my house and in a bag with me so that I'm able to commit to tape memory song ideas on a constant basis.

~Dwight Yoakam

In the dark morning silence, I placed a gun to her head. She wore red dresses, but now she lay dead.

~Dwight Yoakam

Buddy , you might think that I've lost my mind. But mister, I'd pay twice to do it one more time.

~Dwight Yoakam

But that is a valid, continuing service that that music - which is, in some cases, 80 or 90 years old - is rendering. And proving its own timelessness.

~Dwight Yoakam

I'm a thousand miles from nowhere, time don't matter to me. I'm a thousand miles from nowhere and there's not place that I want to be.

~Dwight Yoakam

Control success before it controls you.

~Dwight Yoakam

My music is very personal. I've created it in solitude. I face a white wall and beller. I like that sound - the expression of loneliness. That's what

it's all about.

~Dwight Yoakam

Quality is timeless: It will clearly define itself.

~Dwight Yoakam

I'm really proud of it. To me, it's a movie about character behavior and the pecking order of the pack, as well as the central character's massive survival guilt.

~Dwight Yoakam

Film acting has been a very pure experience, because you have to give the purest form of yourself as an artist.

~Dwight Yoakam

To me, the hook of the riff is what makes a great guitar recording. It's the backbone of the whole song. When you have a strong riff, it's the rocket fuel for the track.

~Dwight Yoakam

[My grandfather -a miner] had black lung, and he didn't talk about it much. It's almost like a combat veteran. But he witnessed some horrific things.

~Dwight Yoakam

Musicians exist independent of any of the marketing terms or the categorization.

~Dwight Yoakam

No compression or as little as possible - that's how you get a good recording.

~Dwight Yoakam

In addition, I'm finishing a track for the movie 'Waking Up In Reno', but

there are numerous other singers I look forward to recording with in the near future.

~Dwight Yoakam

The future has a lot to do with the past.

~Dwight Yoakam

My guitars, Cadillacs, and hillbilly music is the only thing that keeps me hanging on.

~Dwight Yoakam

I think actors are at the mercy of the opportunities presented to them. So you kind of have to wait for them to choose you. My music is insular - I can choose that.

~Dwight Yoakam

I was very fortunate in having David Fincher, the director come to me. Now I've seen the finished product, I feel that every bit of the nine months we spent on the film was worth it.

~Dwight Yoakam

I was raised in the Church of Christ, which was a very abstinent faith. And I just didn't [drink] - there was never anything that I found seductive enough, I guess, to have a romance with it.

~Dwight Yoakam

The actual work of recording a record or making a film just requires that you consciously block the time out to do that and nothing else. That's what I do.

~Dwight Yoakam

I am probably the last of a generation able to gain an education in country music by osmosis, by sitting in a '64 Ford banging the buttons on the radio.

~Dwight Yoakam

Another lesson about a naive fool who came to Babylon, and found out that the pie don't taste so sweet.

~Dwight Yoakam

Country music originates with the colloquial, rural aspects of white America. It's really, truly, rural white America's blues.

~Dwight Yoakam

I hope that books don't go the way of albums and CD, large format albums, and physical product.

~Dwight Yoakam

I needed to get into a nightclub and stand up and present the material that way. I needed to present it live.

~Dwight Yoakam

I don't regret any of the musical decisions I have made.

~Dwight Yoakam

As a writer, I always tend to take the liberty and the great artistic luxury of a composite form of writing.

~Dwight Yoakam

Music's the one thing I try not to analyze. I don't want to destroy the magic that has always been there for me.

~Dwight Yoakam

I'll never quit playing country music, or at least acknowledging it, always, as the cornerstone of what I am.

~Dwight Yoakam

Ironically, the success I've experienced at country radio has left me

ostracized from pop and other formats of radio.

~Dwight Yoakam

I've always been just kind of consumed by my own thoughts.

~Dwight Yoakam

They both sang. My grandmother had a very haunted mountain voice and would sing hymns. My grandpa would sing but in a very, very subdued way.

~Dwight Yoakam

The congregation that I was raised in was one that sang and a non-instrumental fashion. It was all a cappella singing, and so that had a major influence on me.

~Dwight Yoakam

As an artist, you have to maintain focus and eliminate the distraction of second-guessing yourself based on the opinions of others.

~Dwight Yoakam

I embrace country music because of love, a love of what I came from.

~Dwight Yoakam

We share something in common with the fabric of the whole universe that connects us.

~Dwight Yoakam

I think that we come to a greater understanding of the world we live in and ourselves through reading.

~Dwight Yoakam

I like order. It allows me to have chaos in my head.

~Dwight Yoakam

However you arrive at the ability to ignore self-doubt - if you can acquire it or possess it or find it or discover it - move beyond self-doubt.

~Dwight Yoakam

I tried to pay some small tribute to A Man and a Woman (1966) with the recurring musical theme.

~Dwight Yoakam

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