

Greg Ginn Quotes

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We were excited when we sold our first 10 records. I always felt that if we could get the music out there, and if people became accustomed to it, then a substantial number of them would enjoy it.

~Greg Ginn

The Minutemen were seen as more of an art thing than Black Flag, although I didn't see them that way. It confused people when we put out Saccharine Trust, too.

~Greg Ginn

There are several books out on punk history, but I haven't read any of them. I was there.

~Greg Ginn

Punk rock really came out of N.Y. as a philosophy before the groups were ever recorded. I had a kind-of intellectual interest in the idea of creating a new scene that could be a grassroots thing.

~Greg Ginn

The biggest disappointment has been seeing the number of people in this business with very shortsighted views.

~Greg Ginn

I still think the best metal bands have a blues feel. The first Black Sabbath album is kind of a bludgeoning of blues. Deep Purple also started out as a blues band.

~Greg Ginn

The small companies who feel that the majors are a threat, or are predators, will use that as an excuse for their eventual downfall. Don't blame others for your own inadequacies.

~Greg Ginn

Black Flag was formed in 1977. We first recorded in 1978.

~Greg Ginn

The English scene got more media attention with their emphasis on fashion, with the safety pins and all. There were some really good bands over there. The Sex Pistols were great.

~Greg Ginn

Most good things happen with time; especially music, which needs time to breathe and to find its own way.

~Greg Ginn

We've gotten involved in cat rescue we take them in and find homes for them. I've always loved cats. I saw how homeless cats were living out there. We take them in, put out flyers.

~Greg Ginn

SST was formed to put out the first Black Flag record. Basically, there wasn't anyone else to do it. I felt that what I was doing with Black Flag was very worthwhile, and I wanted to get it out there.

~Greg Ginn

If people are really excited about their music, and that's their primary motivation, then that comes through in demo tapes. That's the most important ingredient.

~Greg Ginn

Putting out the things that I like best hasn't been the easiest way to run a label, and it still isn't because it requires finding an audience for each record.

~Greg Ginn

I listen to everything that comes in. I'm not real worried about demo sound quality. I can hear through that sort of thing. If a band can play, then they can play.

~Greg Ginn

As a label, you have to treat every group and every record as a unique entity. I think that that has been our success, rather than relying upon a fan base.

~Greg Ginn

The public is usually slow to catch on to new things, and its important that musicians stick to their guns and not look for that instant gratification.

~Greg Ginn

There's not much music I'll listen to if it doesn't have pretty heavy swing. Rhythm is so important. Punk rock would have more power and feeling if it had swing.

~Greg Ginn

We're not good at propping up old carcasses. We want to be on top of what's vital at any particular time, and not just hold onto something because it has a name.

~Greg Ginn

It is a fact that each song an artist creates is unique and although fans tend to be loyal, ultimately the quality of the record will decide how it sells.

~Greg Ginn

Stores can be indifferent to something new.

~Greg Ginn

I like a lot of electronica. I like older jazz rather than newer.

~Greg Ginn

I didn't have a lot of overtly political songs. I think it was more the

actions of the group that were threatening to the authorities, and also our political philosophies apart from the music.

~Greg Ginn

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