

# Grimes Quotes

*People, Thinking, Crazy, Important, Video, Needs, Want, Giving, Successful, Ifs,  
Music Is, Sick, Girl, Trying, Song, Shiver, Noise, Fashion, Facts, Moving*

I don't want to have to compromise my morals in order to make a living.

~Grimes

I like creating beauty out of scary things.

~Grimes

I don't think I know anyone who has a steady job in Montreal.

~Grimes

I can't censor myself; it's really important for me to say how I feel.

~Grimes

From an early age I knew I would be unhappy if I wasn't doing something creative.

~Grimes

By the time I'm 50, there is probably going to be a nuclear holocaust. I should just enjoy myself.

~Grimes

If you tell someone you're doing something innovative, they'll think you're doing something innovative.

~Grimes

Just because something might not have a deep philosophical meaning doesn't mean it's not important or relevant.

~Grimes

Ugly girls generally don't become successful in music. And it sucks because it's a standard that just exists.

~Grimes

Mariah Carey is my favorite singer because her voice sounds utterly

groundless. It's not even a human voice; it almost sounds mechanical.

~Grimes

Whenever I'm making music I'm always waiting for the shivers to happen - that's an important thing for me.

~Grimes

I don't even wear shoes with heels because I hate making a noise when I walk and people looking at me.

~Grimes

Art gives me an outlet where I can be aggressive in a world where I usually can't be.

~Grimes

I'm sad that it's uncool or offensive to talk about environmental or human rights issues.

~Grimes

I want to say my life inspires my lyrics, but I also try to abstract them as much as possible because I don't want to refer to my life explicitly. I'm definitely really embarrassed by my lyrics.

~Grimes

I think Canadians make a lot of music because we're stuck inside all the time.

~Grimes

Obviously, I like things that are cute and aggressive at the same time, but I didn't want it to just be mini-bangs and lip-syncing in a dress. I need to get away from that stuff.

~Grimes

The way that you present yourself visually totally dictates your audience

and everything that anyone thinks about you.

~Grimes

The most valuable live thing for me is when people look like they're having a good time.

~Grimes

I believe the human mind is a very fallible thing, but it's the only thing that I can really know, I guess.

~Grimes

I prefer making videos to making music.

~Grimes

I just can't perform well unless I'm wearing jeans.

~Grimes

Success, for me, is a song that can deliver shivers.

~Grimes

Even though I really admire what Beyonce does, and she's probably got one of the best live shows in the world - honestly! - that's so not my style.

~Grimes

I'm a very unhealthy person, and Montreal is very cold, and I'm usually sick when I'm there.

~Grimes

Removing all stimulation around you is a really positive thing in terms of stimulating your creativity.

~Grimes

Sometimes you find people who are magnetic, but once they get in

front of a camera, they freak out and get weird.

~Grimes

Fashion can be a really powerful tool, but it's also a place where you can be totally humiliated and have your power taken from you.

~Grimes

Especially with music, people want confidence.

~Grimes

If I went on 'American Idol,' I would definitely be kicked out immediately.

~Grimes

I think my music's kind of cold, but I don't know if it's related to the weather. It might be because it's always grey [in Montreal], it's very depressing.

~Grimes

Basically, I'm really impressionable and have no sense of consistency in anything I do.

~Grimes

If you focus too much on development of the visual angle, it could be a detriment to what you're doing musically.

~Grimes

I have an intense desire to constantly make music, and I don't feel that way about anything else.

~Grimes

I want to make Grimes a high-fashion sci-fi act.

~Grimes

As a producer, I'm trying to challenge myself to just make something that is of a professional quality - not necessarily pop music, but maybe in the sense that Nine Inch Nails is professional quality.

~Grimes

I usually like to get people in because I don't have a band or anything. In cities where I have friends, I try to get them to come out and dance for me.

~Grimes

I've never lived outside of Canada, so I've been really cold my entire life. Most of my memories are coloured by the fact that I was really cold, just... all the time!

~Grimes

There aren't many other labels who I can say are that successful, and can give me as much as 4AD gives me, and still have such a great roster.

~Grimes

I love pop music, but I also love noise music, IDM - anything really, I get something out of most kinds of music. I just need to enjoy the process.

~Grimes

I can tell really early on in a painting if I'm going to toss it or not.

~Grimes

I like performing, but I usually get really sick when I'm on tour, and it's just hard.

~Grimes

I'm just very obsessed with Japanese stuff in general.

~Grimes

It's really hard to be on stage and packing your gear when people who just saw you play are in the room, because they all just want to talk to you.

~Grimes

I always wanted to be really experimental.

~Grimes

I don't know if I would ever have costume changes - usually I just end up taking off my shoes, I get so sweaty, and... I just need to be comfortable.

~Grimes

The last thing I think about when I'm making music is its reception.

~Grimes

When I'm making something I need it to be catchy - I need it to hit the sweet spot.

~Grimes

I'm tired of being congratulated for being thin because I can more easily fit into sample sizes from the runway.

~Grimes

I like being behind the camera because I can control perception and what people see.

~Grimes

I find it really hard to throw myself into something artistically where I'm making up a whole character and finding something for that character to do.

~Grimes

I write music better in the winter, I prefer making music when it's dark.

~Grimes

I love a lot of very sentimental music, but I shouldn't necessarily be the person who makes it.

~Grimes

I just watched another person I care deeply about basically turn into Gollum and my heart is broken.

~Grimes

I listen to a lot of medieval music.

~Grimes

If you look at the way people behave at shows, icons are now musicians; they are the people that we worship.

~Grimes

I get offers to do huge-budget music videos with big production companies all the time, but I have no interest.

~Grimes

I feel like vocals are to music what portraits are to painting. They're the humanity. Landscapes are good and fine, but at the end of the day everyone loves the Mona Lisa.

~Grimes

I have a lot of Japanese friends: I grew up in Vancouver, and there's this huge Japanese population over there.

~Grimes

You rarely find someone who sings really well and who produces really well; it's a problem, and I just think it's a missing link in the music scene.

~Grimes



I know texture is really important, but I think texture and stuff precedes songwriting a lot of the time these days.

~Grimes

I definitely see the voice as an instrument: It makes great drums, great synth pads, great everything.

~Grimes

I love humanity, I love the way people look

~Grimes

It takes me probably about four hours to get into the groove [with making music]. And it's really important for me to not break the groove.

~Grimes

It's kind of like I'm Phil Spector and I'm forcing a young girl to make pop music and perform exhaustively. Except, instead of it being someone else, that girl is also me.

~Grimes

I grew up with four brothers, and in the back of my head I feel pretty masculine. It's always funny when I hear recordings of my voice, because it's so deep when I hear it in my head.

~Grimes

I think a lot of music that's really innovative is not even considered because it was made by people who had a sexual image. And people assume that it's a commodified thing, so it can't be "indie."

~Grimes

I like going crazy. And not just for art - I like extremes in general.

~Grimes

I don't have any money to hire actors. I just need to get people who are

going to do a good job being themselves.

~Grimes

Most of my music videos were made for under \$200.

~Grimes

I only work at night, generally. Usually when I work [during the day] I'll black out the windows or something.

~Grimes

I don't own anything designer.

~Grimes

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