

Jillian Hervey

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I think having wild, huge hair, is me being my own version of a lioness.

~Jillian Hervey

I remember just looking at this lioness, she was staring at me, and we just had this weird connection.

~Jillian Hervey

I've always loved vintage and I never like to have something someone else has.

~Jillian Hervey

The women in my family are just strong women who do their own thing, so I knew I needed to have individuals like that.

~Jillian Hervey

You need to have honest things in the world. Even if people don't understand it, if it's coming from you, that's already important.

~Jillian Hervey

My main goal was to not tell my mom anything or anyone anything. Even within our family, we like to do it ourselves, we like to be our own boss, and we don't like asking for help.

~Jillian Hervey

I love to feel that I'm not above anyone.

~Jillian Hervey

This world is going in all sorts of directions, but I think all you can do is get people to think about things in a different way, because sometimes people aren't even thinking.

~Jillian Hervey

You're just always growing. I feel like it's been very fast growth, but super exciting and I know I'll look back and feel like 'Yes, things were

stressful, but it was also such an exciting time.'

~Jillian Hervey

As I got older, I started to do it more and more, and I wanted to learn all of the different types. I grew up doing modern, so I wanted to learn ballet, tap, jazz, and African - just everything.

~Jillian Hervey

Sometimes words come easily and sometimes they don't. Most songs take me twenty minutes to write.

~Jillian Hervey

In New York everyone just kind of knows each other.

~Jillian Hervey

Transformation comes in a lot of different forms, but going natural really helped me love myself.

~Jillian Hervey

I've always been an animal lover my entire life.

~Jillian Hervey

Basically, my senior year of high school, I was going to look at prospective colleges and I went to visit Northeastern University because one of my friends was going.

~Jillian Hervey

The freedom I experienced as a dance major in college gave me so much, but the reality of being in school is that you are still forced to work under restrictions.

~Jillian Hervey

People just try to put you in a box and I don't see myself in any particular box. I'm making my own box. There's no way I would be able

to make the music I'm making without dancing.

~Jillian Hervey

It's so important to embrace what you have because if you don't, that can be the root of very self-destructive habits, which I think people waste a lot of energy on.

~Jillian Hervey

That experience of being in the wild in a place where life initially began for all creatures gave me a overwhelming sense of connection.

~Jillian Hervey

I prefer to do things by myself, but I always bring in people who inspire me.

~Jillian Hervey

[New York] gives you room to be weird; you can be yourself and you can wear whatever you want. No one is really going to judge you because everyone is doing their own thing.

~Jillian Hervey

I'm totally into the emotional aspect of things.

~Jillian Hervey

Between my mom and dad, I would hear a lot of Earth, Wind, and Fire. My mom loved Chaka Khan, so that was on in the car a lot.

~Jillian Hervey

Both of my mom's parents were music teachers, so I was hearing the fundamentals of playing the piano, what notes are, and all those things very early on.

~Jillian Hervey

I've always been kind of surrounded by music my whole life, so my

earliest memories of it were just hearing it in the house.

~Jillian Hervey

Being vulnerable and strong is a complicated thing, but that's who we are.

~Jillian Hervey

I think my life dramatically shifted when I met Lucas [Goodman] and it wasn't even planned. I had a very clear vision of what I was going to do.

~Jillian Hervey

I grew up always wanting to be a dancer and when I went to New York, I fell in love with the idea of performing in all ways.

~Jillian Hervey

I quit piano and violin because it felt too rigid. It was just my thing, something I fell in love with from a very early age.

~Jillian Hervey

This is what I love to do. I love to perform for people that get it or just want something interesting.

~Jillian Hervey

To be on stage, to be sharing a stage with Lauryn Hill, Grace Jones, SZA, Kelis, and all these incredible women, I'm like 'When did this happen?'

~Jillian Hervey

There's been so many, I think [Lucas Goodman and I] share this, but for us, Afropunk was a really big moment just because it was in New York.

~Jillian Hervey

I'm always looking for people to feel connected to me and inspired in their own right.

~Jillian Hervey

I saw myself traveling with a company or making my own work and being a little weird. I wasn't thinking about the business side of anything, I just knew that I loved dancing.

~Jillian Hervey

The greatest blessing is that, within all of this, I've still been challenged every day to question and show who I am.

~Jillian Hervey

I just wanted to shed everything and do the things I really wanted to do. All the things I was scared of, I just wanted to try. It was like a clearing.

~Jillian Hervey

Once you train you develop your own aesthetic and your confidence. So, I think as I grow I'm learning how to be a singer. I'm training my voice and being on stage and singing and dancing.

~Jillian Hervey

I got to speak to Missy Elliott on the phone and she was like, 'I see you and just keep doing your thing,' and to hear that was incredible.

~Jillian Hervey

There are probably still people that are competitive with each other, but I don't feel that's necessary. I like when we lift each other up.

~Jillian Hervey

In general, I think the best thing to do is to connect with other females. I love meeting other female artists and feeling like we're all rooting for each other. I think that's shifted even more.

~Jillian Hervey

I think, more importantly, it's about who is your core team? Who are the people around you that are going to fight for you and make sure that's all protected?

~Jillian Hervey

It doesn't necessarily always come down to race in the music industry. It can be whoever has the most money, has the most power, and that's really the struggle - dealing with how crazy money is.

~Jillian Hervey

I think when we were starting off, I picked a group of women to represent me. The top tiers of everyone that I've worked with are women. It felt more comfortable because they can relate to me.

~Jillian Hervey

It's definitely evolved from where it started - for 'Treat Me Like Fire,' I wanted something extremely wild because I was going to be running through the woods and I wanted it really nappy and crazy.

~Jillian Hervey

Making that statement of 'I'm not afraid to be untamed.' It's just kind of the marriage of those two things.

~Jillian Hervey

The people that have inspired me the most were dancers and choreographers.

~Jillian Hervey

I think the lion, besides the elephant, was the one animal that I just started thinking about so much.

~Jillian Hervey

South Africa was something that just kind of hit me.

~Jillian Hervey

I'm a Gemini and Lucas Goodman is a Leo, so we definitely wanted some duality. We definitely balance each other out in a lot of ways, but we're also very different.

~Jillian Hervey

Because of the time we're in, it's so easy to just blend all of it together and it's kind of like you're listening to everything all at once.

~Jillian Hervey

I think just being a '90s kid - I was not a Backstreet Boys girl, I was definitely into NSYNC.

~Jillian Hervey

I think growing up, you just deal with 'I'm ugly,' or 'I don't look right,' or 'my hair is wrong,' and it's such a distraction from what can really elevate you.

~Jillian Hervey

I feel like my dad was the more artistic one, creating his own thing, loving to be around people, and all this stuff, doing exciting things, and my mom was more of the performer.

~Jillian Hervey

I was also just strong and quick - it wasn't hard for me to learn how to dance. I was a natural at it.

~Jillian Hervey

We [in my family] don't like to mess around and talk about our problems or complain, it's just not anything that we do.

~Jillian Hervey

You know, you always want to just do your own thing - I mean some people want to be exactly like their parents - but I wanted to do my own thing and I ended up doing a kind of mix of my mom and dad.

~Jillian Hervey

Architects see the world a certain way, and cooks see and smell the world a certain way. [Dancing] is always been my lens, what I use to see.

~Jillian Hervey

Now, it's so sacred. It's how I see the world. I can't help but look at people, their physicality, and how they move. It's how I see everything.

~Jillian Hervey

I wanted to fight to get into the front. I was just hungry to do it.

~Jillian Hervey

I think the world tries to put people in a box, like this is the only appropriate way to be beautiful.

~Jillian Hervey

I love writing to my little sister. It's a very nice, easy kind of way I always find inspiration.

~Jillian Hervey

There's so many people that I feel like as soon as that happens, they can really be and focus on what they want to do.

~Jillian Hervey

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