

Jonny Greenwood

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I suppose subconsciously I was thinking in terms of having the scale of it matching the scale of the images. Hence the sort of string quartet, jazz band and electronic stuff.

~Jonny Greenwood

When people say you're doing something radical in rock or dance music, I'm not sure how special that is. What we do is so old-fashioned. It's like trying to do something innovative in tap-dancing.

~Jonny Greenwood

No, I am not interested in women or sex or anything.

~Jonny Greenwood

Anything that has more of Graham's guitar playing, I'm bound to like.

~Jonny Greenwood

Everything I know about pop culture I know from 'The Simpsons,' and they say the Grammys aren't very good.

~Jonny Greenwood

I'm quite into listening to music and not doing anything else.

~Jonny Greenwood

I think it should be ambitious and good music does deal with life and art and all these wonderful things.

~Jonny Greenwood

Everything I do feels like It's going to end up being in Radiohead.

~Jonny Greenwood

I'm pampered like you wouldn't believe.

~Jonny Greenwood

I think guitarists are really over-admired and over-revered.

~Jonny Greenwood

I suppose all of us - we have the old Protestant work ethic of feeling guilty when you're not working, and getting a buzz from feeling like you're really busy. That's the reason to sort of carry on.

~Jonny Greenwood

But over a period of time it's the melodic things that are in my head all day.

~Jonny Greenwood

Rock music is quite big in India - but it mostly just replaces all the intricacies of Indian rhythms and Indian melody with lumpen rock drumming and power chords.

~Jonny Greenwood

I was happy using cassettes when I was fifteen, but I'm sure they were sneered at in their day by audiophiles.

~Jonny Greenwood

It's like that scene from *The Player* when they talk about merging *Star Wars* and *Kramer vs. Kramer*, or whatever. You could do that with music and it would just be awful.

~Jonny Greenwood

I like playing the stuff where I don't know what I'm gonna play. Like the end of *Fake Plastic Trees* or the end of *Paranoid Android* - stuff where I can do anything and no one notices or cares.

~Jonny Greenwood

But I was in the Radiohead studio today and Phil was there drumming and Thom was there playing. We feel like we've only just stopped and already people are wanting us to carry on.

~Jonny Greenwood

Every American college student goes to college with a hard drive. They take their laptop. There's not a CD player in sight.

~Jonny Greenwood

I think It's a bit of a disappointment that a lot of people's Golden Age of music is still the '60s.

~Jonny Greenwood

I'm happy to write 10 times too much music.

~Jonny Greenwood

I worry about being a foggy and just writing for orchestras. Like, really, I should be doing more electronic stuff, I feel. Laptops as part of the orchestra, and installation sound, and speakers.

~Jonny Greenwood

Obviously there will be a backlash. If you believe the hype you have to believe a backlash too. Any criticism we get, is always stuff we've already criticized ourselves.

~Jonny Greenwood

As soon as you impose Western chords on an Indian scale, something great collapses.

~Jonny Greenwood

It feels like Radiohead are famous, but that no one knows who we are. Which is brilliant, really.

~Jonny Greenwood

People will have MP3s of every Miles Davis' record but never think of hearing any of them twice in a row - there's just too much to get through.

~Jonny Greenwood

Maybe I'm used to religious music being gentler in the classical world.

~Jonny Greenwood

I remember when I was in my late teens just getting rid of lots of records, realizing I only ever listened to them when I was reading, or watching TV, or doing something else.

~Jonny Greenwood

The strangest part of Indian music is its lack of chords: There's no such thing as major or minor, and it's unusual to hear more than two different pitches at the same time.

~Jonny Greenwood

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