

# Jose James

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All my stuff is pretty seamless - like now, while I'm touring [Yesterday I Sang The Blues], today I'm going to go in the studio, I'm writing my next one. For me it's continual.

~Jose James

When I sort of step in my jazz world, it's somewhere between instrumental jazz and vocal jazz.

~Jose James

I don't get writer's block. I don't try to write anything; when something comes, I write it. I just practice and when I get an idea I write it down.

~Jose James

I really like the complexity of jazz, the emotional depth; I feel like there's no other music that's really as satisfying as jazz.

~Jose James

When I start working on a new album, I kind of stop listening to a lot of outside stuff just so I can kind of focus.

~Jose James

I love that [ late-50s Verve recordings] - to me, that's the epitome of vocal jazz. It's my favorite style and era of it.

~Jose James

I'm pretty much always planning two albums ahead.

~Jose James

If you look at the other singers of Billie Holiday's time, they were really trying to entertain. They were trying to make people feel good. They were singing fast - and she was singing the blues.

~Jose James

[Billie Holiday] was keeping it super real, and you can feel that to this

day. Everything that she sang, she believed in. So I had to pick songs that I felt the same about.

~Jose James

For me, the difference between a musician reading an arrangement on a piece of paper, and them closing their eyes and listening to what's happening around them and responding to it, is huge.

~Jose James

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