

Justin Adams

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When I was growing up, my idea of Led Zeppelin was all epic lasers, castles, and ten-minute drum solos - that sort of thing.

~Justin Adams

I think it's quite jarring and exciting when you see someone in the thrall of being completely transported by the music they're sharing with you.

~Justin Adams

I do understand the perspective of die-hard fans who complain that we don't play the same as the record, but at the same time I think fans are getting an amazing deal.

~Justin Adams

I have much clearer memories of my time in Egypt: songs on the radio, the rhythms that accompanied belly dancers, the sound of the adhan - the Muslim call to prayer. I just soaked it all up.

~Justin Adams

In a lot of African instruments, you find a rattle, and sound engineers have a hard time making sense of it.

~Justin Adams

Sometimes language is not enough.

~Justin Adams

I think entertainment is a perfectly noble occupation.

~Justin Adams

I am very sensitive to music, so I can quite easily allow myself to access that space in which I am completely taken over. And you can get quite a reaction out of the crowd when you do that.

~Justin Adams

I think where you play is important.

~Justin Adams

I think the origins of music have probably to do with magic and transcendence as well.

~Justin Adams

I always wanted to know what the music behind some music was, or where it came from, and that gave me a point of reference for understanding the music I was listening to.

~Justin Adams

I am not scared of making mistakes.

~Justin Adams

Going to Morocco was massive; that's where I really found music which had the African syncopation and swing mixed with Arabic strains, and together they had this transporting, bittersweet quality.

~Justin Adams

I like to go to old versions and find out what effect beats and scales have on your body, how they can transport you.

~Justin Adams

The closer you get to the source, the more you begin to understand its essential nature.

~Justin Adams

I don't want to copy the people I admire - I'd rather find out what inspired them and try to find my own way through it.

~Justin Adams

On a very technical level, I am a geek who is interested in the intricacy of rhythm playing, so I like comparing and working out its details.

~Justin Adams

One of my interests is to understand what constitutes the vibe of a place and what makes one concert different from another.

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