

# Kathleen Hanna

## Quotes

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I would much rather be the obnoxious feminist girl than be complicit in my own dehumanization.

~Kathleen Hanna

I'm not going to sit around and be peace and love with somebody's boot on my neck.

~Kathleen Hanna

Feminism is something you do. It's a verb. It's what you are. It's an activity; it's something you're actively engaged in.

~Kathleen Hanna

Art revolves around creating something that isn't there.

~Kathleen Hanna

So many women have experienced horrific forms of male violence throughout their lives, and why isn't there a song about how you get depressed because of it?

~Kathleen Hanna

Think of something that you can do as opposed to all the things you can't do - and do that.

~Kathleen Hanna

It takes falling down a bunch of times before you start running.

~Kathleen Hanna

Sexism and racism and homophobia and classism are so naturalized. All these stereotypes make people think it's just normal that straight white men are getting all the breaks.

~Kathleen Hanna

I feel so lucky that I met the love of my life. You know somebody's in it to win it when...you're having a seizure and they're holding you.

~Kathleen Hanna

Jason Mraz, and the new James Blunt song is the worst thing that has ever been created on the face of the earth.

~Kathleen Hanna

When I get stressed out my de-stress default is - not cat videos - but I just watch his surrogates. They're so entertaining. It's like escapees from the Nordstrom cosmetics counter.

~Kathleen Hanna

When you're a musician and you go out onstage, and you're someone who loves attention, you are going to become a role model to some extent.

~Kathleen Hanna

Johnny Rotten isn't punk. Maybe that's punk to somebody, but these people are participating and challenging the corporations that are telling us what punk is and what good music is.

~Kathleen Hanna

I won't stop talking. I am a girl you have no control over. There is not a gag big enough to handle this mouth.

~Kathleen Hanna

You guys are seriously missing out unless you all start listening to girls.

~Kathleen Hanna

While sexism hurts women most intimately, it also damages men severely.

~Kathleen Hanna

I wanted to make something that I wanted to hear that I wasn't hearing.

~Kathleen Hanna

I like loud snare, and I like really treble-y guitars, and that's just never going to change.

~Kathleen Hanna

I'm just working and having a good time and seeing what develops, which is so awesome, because you don't know what's going to happen, and I'm letting myself do that a lot more than I ever have.

~Kathleen Hanna

It feels amazing and beautiful that music can have such an importance on the way that people form social groups. Music can change people. People can change the world.

~Kathleen Hanna

Just because I'm a woman doesn't mean I'm the same as every other female singer.

~Kathleen Hanna

I think as a culture, we don't like conflict or looking at icky stuff - especially in our downtime.

~Kathleen Hanna

The cool thing about the Internet is that it's allowing women more access to their own history.

~Kathleen Hanna

I am not Lyme disease, that's not who I am, I'm still a feminist artist, but this is a part of my story too, and I'm not going to keep it out to look cooler.

~Kathleen Hanna

Don't get down on yourself that you can't run a 4K or dance all night long at a fun club. Give yourself a break.

~Kathleen Hanna

I almost wish we would've filmed a whole fake tampon commercial around ["I'm With Her"].

~Kathleen Hanna

I search the phrase "Kellyanne Conway fails," and I'm just watching that Scottie [Nell Hughes] woman smirk all the time.

~Kathleen Hanna

Taking care of yourself is the most important thing.

~Kathleen Hanna

Obviously, we're really upset about the state of the election. It's horrifying, as everybody knows, that we could have a totally fascist president.

~Kathleen Hanna

In the '90s, people wore scrunchies, but it was very uncool in the punk scene.

~Kathleen Hanna

We support Hillary [Clinton]. We're saying that strongly. "I'm with her," I don't think that we can be any less strident. She's the best person for the job.

~Kathleen Hanna

I realized that calling yourself a feminist or not calling yourself a feminist, just by being in a band of all girls, it's all you talk about.

~Kathleen Hanna

I felt like going out on the road and mixing it with music - which is something young people are always really interested in - would be a good way to proselytize. It was like feminist evangelism.

~Kathleen Hanna

I'm not a goddess, for crying out loud. I'm a regular person who took feminism - which I have a deep connection to - and mixed it with music, which I really love to do.

~Kathleen Hanna

There are people who view their feminism in different ways. I used to beat myself up if I didn't react to things like I was supposed to.

~Kathleen Hanna

I think that the Internet is really cool because a lot of young feminists don't feel like they have to reinvent the wheel.

~Kathleen Hanna

I think that feminism is in cycle. Feminism rotates between backlash and interest.

~Kathleen Hanna

I'm a very binary person in a bad way where it's like everything is either totally great or totally awful.

~Kathleen Hanna

I realized that I really enjoy writing comedy, and how important comedy is when you feel like total crap.

~Kathleen Hanna

I think my biggest fear is dying. Although sometimes my biggest fear is not dying. But yeah, I think health stuff for me is more what I'm afraid of.

~Kathleen Hanna

People are actually having conversations about "Is this sexist?"

~Kathleen Hanna

There are more people who are not straight, white males going to

shows.

~Kathleen Hanna

I feel like what I'm best at is being a musician and a performer. I want to use that to help people who are good at starting nonprofits.

~Kathleen Hanna

My mom wasn't, like, she was reading all these historical romance novels the majority of the time. She read a feminist book and then my dad would sit down and explain it to her like she was an idiot.

~Kathleen Hanna

It's so crazy because kids that wrote to me when they were 14 years old are still in my life. A lot have gone on to become musicians and artists in their own right who inspire me now.

~Kathleen Hanna

What usually happens with me is that I start with one idea in mind and then something else happens.

~Kathleen Hanna

A lot of artists are just really stupid about money, and it's really hard to find somebody who kind of thinks of shuffling money around and doing business as an art.

~Kathleen Hanna

As I've gotten older, I've realized that things are a lot more permeable. It's not so black and white: not every journalist is a jerk.

~Kathleen Hanna

It takes your mind off things when there's a cat in your lap and he's purring while you're petting him.

~Kathleen Hanna

I never thought that someone would be teaching one of my fanzines. I never thought I'd be off to lecture at a college. It's still shocking to me.

~Kathleen Hanna

I wouldn't want to play Miss Hannigan. I'm not a villain. She's mean to little children! I can't do that. That would disrupt my brand.

~Kathleen Hanna

Every band I've been in, it's just become my total life. I feel like a child star - I've missed out on so much.

~Kathleen Hanna

See who else is interested and join other people's projects that have already started that you like. You don't always have to reinvent the wheel and start your own thing.

~Kathleen Hanna

I don't consider myself a divining rod whom God is speaking through or any kind of crap like that.

~Kathleen Hanna

It's really cool that Miley Cyrus said she's the biggest feminist ever. I was like, 'That's the sound of 200,000 eight-year-olds Googling the word "feminist!"

~Kathleen Hanna

I made the decision that my contribution needed to be more musical than political. My music was enough, politically. Art matters. Art was enough. My music was enough to say what I had to say.

~Kathleen Hanna

I need to see my friends or I'm gonna go crazy. I'm not gonna stay home and work.

~Kathleen Hanna



I've always been like, "Look, you're going to die and it's not going to matter after you die that you got out onstage and bombed."

~Kathleen Hanna

I think this whole Billy Bush thing just pushed women over the edge because it's so visceral.

~Kathleen Hanna

I am such a bossy producer and such a control freak that there's a part of me that really longs to be bossed around.

~Kathleen Hanna

Since I loved underground music, I tried to carve a space for feminism within it. Those were my hopes.

~Kathleen Hanna

No one's female and male, we all have so many different traits. It's just a lie that these certain traits are male and these certain traits are female.

~Kathleen Hanna

I'm living in a world where there are LGBTQ straight alliances at high schools. I feel pretty psyched on that.

~Kathleen Hanna

I didn't even know what the word lesbian meant until I was called one... and then I had to look it up in the dictionary.

~Kathleen Hanna

I don't think I've ever had a woman yell that at me, but women have yelled mean things at me as well.

~Kathleen Hanna

What I've heard from younger women and women my age is that the

albums changed their lives or it was the first time they had heard feminism that they could relate to. So that's great.

~Kathleen Hanna

I feel like there's this weird thing that as a feminist band you get put in this role as ambassadors.

~Kathleen Hanna

I have no clue. I just know I would want to play the least amount of shows that the most people would be able to come to.

~Kathleen Hanna

Internalized sexism that makes us feel like we can't show ourselves not being perfect.

~Kathleen Hanna

If people are like, 'Oh, you're an icon,' then whatever. But who thinks of themselves like that? It's not like I have posters of myself on the wall.

~Kathleen Hanna

I wanna be a legend; I wanna be a cult hero. I do!

~Kathleen Hanna

It's unexpected for women's issues to be brought up in places other than women's centers on college campuses or crisis places.

~Kathleen Hanna

Popularity is totally overrated.

~Kathleen Hanna

I felt it was really, really important, not just in the vein of feminist erasure or whatever but also just as an artist that I honored my work.

~Kathleen Hanna

It's really funny - when I'm depressed or I'm having a hard time, I'll write really fun stuff. And then when I'm really happy, I write really depressing stuff.

~Kathleen Hanna

I really like to talk about my work in a way that is complicated.

~Kathleen Hanna

I can't constantly be trying to write the unwritten song, the song that the 15-year-old girl needs. I need to write the song that I need.

~Kathleen Hanna

I know I love sexy surf guitars, I know I love loud snare. I love really simple repeating bass lines, and I love weird mad scientist keyboard sounds.

~Kathleen Hanna

I just write what I want to write.

~Kathleen Hanna

I really love that I'm giving myself the opportunity finally to not have the pressure of every single song you do having to be "political" or whatever. I'm just making what I wanna make.

~Kathleen Hanna

When I first started out I actually was trying to use music to promote feminist ideas and at certain points, anti-violence against women and girls-type causes I was involved in.

~Kathleen Hanna

I'm in a really lucky position where people will be interested in whatever I do, but what I do is sing.

~Kathleen Hanna

Just because you're wearing a goofy hat doesn't make it performance art.

~Kathleen Hanna

There are so many great artists that are doing interesting things, that I don't want to focus on boring people.

~Kathleen Hanna

I'm not that interested in female superheroes.

~Kathleen Hanna

People have always had these weird things about how you have to be really good looking to be a singer.

~Kathleen Hanna

I would love to make a bunch of country demos and write country songs for really great country singers.

~Kathleen Hanna

Young girls getting into feminism.

~Kathleen Hanna

If I had to choose between the band or the friendships, I'd choose the friendships at this point.

~Kathleen Hanna

I wanted to say to myself as much as anyone else that we made art.

~Kathleen Hanna

I think music can definitely be art; I also think music can be crap and not be art.

~Kathleen Hanna

My mom and I had secret from my dad that we didn't think we were

stupid, that we didn't think we needed feminism to be explained to us.

~Kathleen Hanna

I know what a good question would be for an actor. What's your least favorite thing that you've ever heard an actor say about acting? Or about being in a movie?

~Kathleen Hanna

Gay marriage! That's a huge change and a huge win-win for feminism.

~Kathleen Hanna

You have these Stepford wives who are negating other women. But that's their job. [Donald] Trump is the one who is to blame, no matter how much I enjoy watching his surrogates fail massively.

~Kathleen Hanna

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