

Laura Mvula

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I like pastels and lighter shades on darker skins. I feel like it lifts everything and accentuates being chocolate.

~Laura Mvula

I respect hippos. They just look the way they do; they can't do anything about it, but they don't seem bothered.

~Laura Mvula

I love church buildings, particularly cathedrals, and I like living in spaces that remind me of music or evoke that creative energy.

~Laura Mvula

My songs are very personal, which means they are fantastically therapeutic to write, but performing them night after night is emotionally draining.

~Laura Mvula

Who made you the center of the universe?

~Laura Mvula

Taxi drivers used to ask me what kind of music I did, and I'd say, 'Well, it's kind of jazz, soul, classical' - but that makes no sense to anyone.

~Laura Mvula

My parents encouraged us to commit to things, so if we wanted to learn an instrument, it was all the grades and all the theory.

~Laura Mvula

I write songs from the heart, and I don't hold back.

~Laura Mvula

I always said when I was younger, I wanted to write film music, and I think that's what my ultimate dream is.

~Laura Mvula

I really love jazz, but I will never be a jazz musician as much as I dream. But, I think that the jazz music I love is there in my music.

~Laura Mvula

You don't have to aim to be the best of everything, thinking that one day you're going to be the top of the world; I don't think it exists.

~Laura Mvula

I don't talk about Amy Winehouse as a 'singer.' She's a pioneer. I listened to her endlessly when I started writing.

~Laura Mvula

Lizz Wright is my favourite singer. Her voice moves me and takes me to another place. She also grows her own food and that inspires me.

~Laura Mvula

London audiences have this reputation for being a bit too cool for school.

~Laura Mvula

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