

# Laurie Anderson Quotes

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Technology is the campfire around which we tell our stories.

~Laurie Anderson

The world is a strange and wonderful place.

~Laurie Anderson

Paradise Is exactly like Where you are right now Only much much Better.

~Laurie Anderson

Art is about paying attention.

~Laurie Anderson

History is an angel being blown backwards into the future

~Laurie Anderson

I've never really had a hobby, unless you count art, which the IRS once told me I had to declare as a hobby since I hadn't made money with it.

~Laurie Anderson

People only stutter at the beginning of the word. They're not afraid when they get to the end of the word. There's just regret.

~Laurie Anderson

I believe that the purpose of death is the release of love.

~Laurie Anderson

I've been trying to avoid goal-oriented behavior.

~Laurie Anderson

It's good to take a longer view and think, what would I really like to do if I had no limitations whatsoever?

~Laurie Anderson

I'm a real workaholic.

~Laurie Anderson

If you're a young artist, wondering what to call yourself, consider 'multimedia artist.' It's so vague. Then, no one can say, 'Hey, how come you're a jazz person, and you're making a pop opera?'

~Laurie Anderson

Literature is the safe and traditional vehicle through which we learn about the world and pass on values from one generation to the next. Books save lives.

~Laurie Anderson

The fewer expectations you have, the better.

~Laurie Anderson

You can do great things with low-tech stuff.

~Laurie Anderson

Freedon is a scary thing. Most people don't want it.

~Laurie Anderson

People are really suffering these days. There's a lot of corporate triumph and a lot of personal despair as they wonder what are they working for.

~Laurie Anderson

I don't take compliments so well. I always hang my head and shuffle and kind of try to immediately forget.

~Laurie Anderson

As a New Yorker, I'm someone who lives on an island and looks across to America.

~Laurie Anderson

My secret dream is to write an epic poem. That's probably the most pretentious thing I've said.

~Laurie Anderson

Don't be afraid of anyone. Imagine your life if you're not afraid of anyone.

~Laurie Anderson

Performance art is about joy, about making something that's so full of kind of a wild joy that you really can't put into words.

~Laurie Anderson

I'm not usually where I think I am. It's kind of spooky.

~Laurie Anderson

A lot of artists who have a certain style are expected to more or less keep doing their style. It's so easy to get into that rut of production.

~Laurie Anderson

A lot of the work in United States is highly critical of technology. I'm using 15,000 watts of power and 18 different pieces of electronic equipment to say that.

~Laurie Anderson

If there are bases on the moon, that would be the end of the moon as we know it.

~Laurie Anderson

You know, for every dollar a man makes a woman makes 63 cents. Now, fifty years ago that was 62 cents. So, with that kind of luck, it'll be the year 3,888 before we make a buck.

~Laurie Anderson

As an artist I'd choose the thing that's beautiful more than the one that's

true.

~Laurie Anderson

I'm an average enough person to point to the things I've gotten to see that are awe-inspiring.

~Laurie Anderson

I so much appreciate it when anybody tries to make something and tries to be an artist - I'm happy to see the work.

~Laurie Anderson

A lot of words in English confuse the idea of life and electricity, like the word livewire.

~Laurie Anderson

The only stuff I don't like are Broadway musicals. I hate them. I don't even like to talk about it. I can't bear musicals.

~Laurie Anderson

There are plenty of ways you can play the game of fighting and really seem to be fighting without going for the jugular.

~Laurie Anderson

I have written a lot about snakes. There's something pretty primordial about it.

~Laurie Anderson

I think women are excellent social critics.

~Laurie Anderson

When love is gone, there's always justice. And when justice is gone, there's always force. And when force is gone, there's always Mom. Hi, Mom!

~Laurie Anderson

When I was four, I was a kind of sky worshipper. I would look at the sky, and I wanted to evaporate into the sky - I loved the sky. I loved looking at the trees, just because they touched the sky.

~Laurie Anderson

At the School of Visual Arts in New York, you can get your degree in Net art, which is really a fantastic way of thinking of theater in new ways.

~Laurie Anderson

My job is to make images and leave the decision-making and conclusion-drawing to other people.

~Laurie Anderson

It's just such a great miracle when things do work, and they work for such a wild variety of crazy reasons.

~Laurie Anderson

Last night, I had that dream again. I dreamt I had to take a test, in a Dairy Queen, on another planet.

~Laurie Anderson

When you follow your thoughts and watch them attach to certain things, it makes certain things real and other things unreal, and you realize that this is all created by your mind.

~Laurie Anderson

I really like books that you can kind of hear as much as think about, that are so graphic and visual.

~Laurie Anderson

Besides all those whaling details, Moby Dick is about someone who's looking for something so huge, something they've wanted all their life, yet they know when they find it, it will kill them.

~Laurie Anderson

I think artists who are attracted to working on the Net will adjust their work to the capabilities of a very small screen.

~Laurie Anderson

I know a lot of people who have weird specialties that are not taught in schools; they're things that you learn in life.

~Laurie Anderson

The best thing about the term 'performance artist' is that it includes just about everything you might want to do.

~Laurie Anderson

And there was a beautiful view  
But nobody could see  
Cause everybody  
on the island  
Was saying Look at me!  
Look at me.

~Laurie Anderson

I didn't really understand that Vipassana is a relatively new form of Buddhism that was based on the storage of pain. So the idea is that every time you don't scream, that's your Buddhist side.

~Laurie Anderson

Shining in the midnight moonlight,  
while the King sings love me tender.

~Laurie Anderson

Not many people care what you do. They care about what you do as much as you care about what they do. Think about it. Just exactly that much. You are not the center of the universe.

~Laurie Anderson

Books are the way the dead talk to the living.

~Laurie Anderson

The problem with prototypes is they don't always work.

~Laurie Anderson

They say that Heaven is like TV... a perfect little world, that doesn't really need you.

~Laurie Anderson

I wanted to stay hooked because it was the first time I've been part of the tradition where forgetting was just fine. You do it, you try, you forget, you fail.

~Laurie Anderson

I realized why movie scores are mostly strings, because it really frees your eyes to look around.

~Laurie Anderson

That's really a very different experience: You don't have to look to be understood. You're already understood.

~Laurie Anderson

I am a New Yorker, one; I'm an artist, two; I'm a woman, three.

~Laurie Anderson

I wanted to impress people because I was kind of a kid who was lost in the crowd - was sort of my, feeling about childhood was being part of a big family.

~Laurie Anderson

It's the tradition of American writers getting away in order to see the country - to get a better view.

~Laurie Anderson

Gut level is a good level to deal with life, and for me, I have to say that Buddhism makes sense for me because it's how I'm an artist.



~Laurie Anderson

Life goes by so fast. It's really - and a lot of times things happen so fast you don't know - how should I react.

~Laurie Anderson

When love is gone, there's always justice.

~Laurie Anderson

Art can be engaged in the world without being specifically politically engaged.

~Laurie Anderson

The right to carry a gun has nothing to do with the rights of other people.

~Laurie Anderson

I don't care about being famous or having a lot of people go, "She's really good."

~Laurie Anderson

Being an artist is a totally godlike thing to do - and I have a god complex.

~Laurie Anderson

I just sort of wish people would dance differently. It reminds me of teenage sex.

~Laurie Anderson

I'm one of the first Americans who wasn't a torturer or an interrogator.

~Laurie Anderson

It's a little hard to speak when you're not supposed to move.

~Laurie Anderson

I'm actually not someone who believes in heaven or anything like that.

~Laurie Anderson

My work is more about trying to ask good questions and not trying to come up with big shows. Every fashion company is doing that, every car company is doing that.

~Laurie Anderson

I really trust audiences as having excellent taste, for the most part.

~Laurie Anderson

No single person who has ever lived will be able to tell you what happens. Period. Nobody's right and nobody's wrong.

~Laurie Anderson

Why do you have to translate and decode things? Just let the image be. It will have a special kind of reality that it won't once it's decoded.

~Laurie Anderson

I have written a few children's books. The first book that I wrote was for children. It was called "The Package", and it was a mystery story in pictures. It had no words.

~Laurie Anderson

I see and write things first as an artist, second as a woman, and third as a New Yorker. All three have built-in perspectives that aren't neutral.

~Laurie Anderson

I think a lot of people in Washington are extremely suspicious of NASA.

~Laurie Anderson

The main thing that attracts me to Buddhism is probably what attracts every artist to being an artist - that it's a godlike thing. You are the

ultimate authority. There is no other ultimate authority.

~Laurie Anderson

Long live the beauty that comes down and through and onto all of us.

~Laurie Anderson

So many things have happened to me in my life that I could be phobic about.

~Laurie Anderson

You need to try to master the ability to feel sad without actually being sad.

~Laurie Anderson

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