

# Lenny Kravitz

## Quotes

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Love , creativity, and opportunity is in the air. Take it in and do your thing.

~Lenny Kravitz

Music is my life, it is a reflection of what I go through.

~Lenny Kravitz

One day we're going to watch people fight to the death, like Roman times. Instead of being in a coliseum, we're going to watch it on TV.

~Lenny Kravitz

I've woken up from dreams and the whole song is there. I'm listening to it in my dreams. I consciously have to wake myself up and get a tape recorder because I hear it like a record.

~Lenny Kravitz

There's certain things in life that I love. One is architecture. And music, culture, food, people. New Orleans has all of that.

~Lenny Kravitz

Being free is a state of mind.

~Lenny Kravitz

The idea of having to conform to someone else's ideal is unacceptable. I'm gonna be me. And if I can't be me, then I'd rather not do it.

~Lenny Kravitz

We weren't put here to be miserable. We were put here to do the best we can, and we should take our energy and improve our state of being.

~Lenny Kravitz

I am not trying to change the world. I am just offering my gift that God gave me, and if somebody is moved by it, that's beautiful.

~Lenny Kravitz

I've always been into films. I've been offered lots of films but they've always been these very stereotypical roles. They wanted me to play some gangster or street guy, or pimp, drug addict.

~Lenny Kravitz

If you listen to a lot of old funk records, the drums are really small. But you don't perceive it like that because the groove is so heavy.

~Lenny Kravitz

Love is the most powerful energy there is.

~Lenny Kravitz

My dream is to become a farmer. Just a Bohemian guy pulling up his own sweet potatoes for dinner.

~Lenny Kravitz

If you look at the guys in the '70s, like Led Zeppelin, they had bigger planes than we do, they had more money. But they weren't singing about it.

~Lenny Kravitz

I knew Slash in high school, but not very well. Just knew him as this kid that used to hang out in the hallway. Pretty much looked then the way he does now.

~Lenny Kravitz

Confusion makes people uncomfortable. They can't put their finger on me.

~Lenny Kravitz

My life is perfect because I accept it as it is.

~Lenny Kravitz

Change is growth. For me it has been a very spiritual and musical

rebirth.

~Lenny Kravitz

I find cooking to be the one thing that relaxes me. I don't get to do it often . . .

~Lenny Kravitz

You're never promised your next breath.

~Lenny Kravitz

Things that would shock us years ago are like nothing now.

~Lenny Kravitz

When I'm making my music, I'm writing it, I'm producing it, I'm playing all the instruments, I'm performing. It's my own world where I do what I feel, and nobody tells me anything.

~Lenny Kravitz

My mother's side of the family is from the Bahamas, and I spent time there on and off when I was growing up. It's the place where I feel at peace.

~Lenny Kravitz

God is love and if you are ready, he always is.

~Lenny Kravitz

I don't pull, I just receive.

~Lenny Kravitz

God gave me the gift to be able to play instruments and I have to play.

~Lenny Kravitz

It was amazing to me that, all of a sudden, I was hearing my music on the radio and coming out of cars.

~Lenny Kravitz

I am still into the people I listened to growing up, so I completely remember what is like to be a fan, I haven't changed.

~Lenny Kravitz

Today, people are more into the glitz and the glamour of everything. We don't even read the inside of records anymore.

~Lenny Kravitz

People see my photos and think I labor over my image and I'm this cool, brooding artist. But I'm just having fun with it.

~Lenny Kravitz

For the last few years, it's been so chic for everybody to be miserable. Like if you're in with the cool crowd, you can't be happy.

~Lenny Kravitz

I made the record that my life had me make. Each one is like a diary.

~Lenny Kravitz

I feel like I'm only in the beginning of my career. I've only made five albums. It's not a lot.

~Lenny Kravitz

I was taught by my grandfather that anything that your mind can conceive, you can have. It's a reality.

~Lenny Kravitz

I have a great time with my band and on the stage we get along well.

~Lenny Kravitz

We've always just gotten up there and played. We don't have any dancers, we don't have all that stuff going on, we just get up there and

play.

~Lenny Kravitz

When I was a kid and I bought a record, I ripped that thing open, I wanted to know who was playing what, what studio it was cut at, who was the string arranger, who was the engineer.

~Lenny Kravitz

It's like a dream to come to Spain and stay for a couple of years and get somebody to teach me Spanish music.

~Lenny Kravitz

A dramatic thing, the first time you stand up to your dad.

~Lenny Kravitz

My career has been a gradual climb. I think that's part of the reason why I've had longevity.

~Lenny Kravitz

If I were white, I'd get less criticism.

~Lenny Kravitz

The image that the public gets is whatever they perceive it to be. Everybody has an opinion, everybody has their own vision, so I don't know what my public image is. I have no idea.

~Lenny Kravitz

I think it'd be a real nightmare to put a record out and sell 20 million copies and then that's it.

~Lenny Kravitz

The fans of 'The Hunger Games,' of the book, are very passionate. It's funny: Even at my concerts there are people holding up 'Cinna' signs.

~Lenny Kravitz

I'm more hungry now than I was 11 years ago. Which is great because I see a lot of artists that have been out for a long period of time. They get kind of fat.

~Lenny Kravitz

A lot of people pretty much only listen to the chorus.

~Lenny Kravitz

If you ask a hundred people, they all give you different answers.

~Lenny Kravitz

I wasn't the kind of person that liked waiting for autographs or following them, I just liked to go to the shows, study their records, driving many, many hours to different states to go to concerts.

~Lenny Kravitz

They think I'm being serious when actually I'm a very big clown. But you have to know me to see that. I'm constantly cracking up and cracking everybody else around me up.

~Lenny Kravitz

The story that I wanna tell is pretty much about the way I grew up. Being bi-racial, growing up in a big city and being an artist.

~Lenny Kravitz

I'm half Jewish, I'm half black, I look in-between. I dress funny. I play all these different styles of music on one record. It's like, What is he doing?

~Lenny Kravitz

There's definitely an old school element to my music, but I also think it's modern.

~Lenny Kravitz

It's very important to vote. People died for this right.

~Lenny Kravitz

Oasis are not just influenced by the Beatles; they actually take stuff. Then they get praised.

~Lenny Kravitz

I'm always sort of reflecting on what I do on what I've done. Usually before I make a new album, I'll listen to the previous albums just to see where I've been.

~Lenny Kravitz

I mean, there are only so many notes. What makes something original is how you put it together.

~Lenny Kravitz

I don't play the tuba.

~Lenny Kravitz

We should take time out to really love; we should take time out to find out who we are.

~Lenny Kravitz

I never sit down to write. When I'm moved, I do it. I just wait for it to come. You just hear it. I can't really describe writing. It's in my head.

~Lenny Kravitz

A lot of people don't listen to the lyrics, really.

~Lenny Kravitz

I don't think about the styles. I write whatever comes out and I use whatever kind of instrumentation works for those songs.

~Lenny Kravitz



My mother gave lots of good advice and had a lot to say. As you get older, you realize everything she said was true.

~Lenny Kravitz

I've had to work very hard, and I don't really have a category or fit into any niche, so each time I come out with a new record, it's like, I'm a new guy.

~Lenny Kravitz

I started out making furniture because I couldn't find certain things, and then I really got into it.

~Lenny Kravitz

Let's look at human interactions. I really believe that there is a way for us to settle disputes nonviolently, using our minds, using all of that was given to us.

~Lenny Kravitz

I went to Paris in 1989 when the Americans didn't quite know what to do with me at first. Now, all those years later, it's kind of the same story. Not the same scenario, but kind of the same story.

~Lenny Kravitz

I'm a very open and loving person. My whole thing has been "let love rule" since my first album. I'm about unity and peace and God.

~Lenny Kravitz

I always read the Capitol as fâ€”ked up pansexuality, everybody is doing everybody. Back to Greek and Roman times! It's all happening.

~Lenny Kravitz

I want to get away, I want to fly away. Yeah, yeah, yeah.

~Lenny Kravitz

I was in Paris last year, where there's a great appreciation of many different aspects of African culture and of black culture. The music... the art... whatever... And I kind of went with that.

~Lenny Kravitz

My mother passed at the end of the Circus tour. After that I really needed to take some time and just chill out and get my head together.

~Lenny Kravitz

When you see a close person you know pass in front of your eyes, it's hard core. After all that, I just wanted to enjoy every day. That was my goal. And to give thanks and to live fully.

~Lenny Kravitz

Race in this country is still the elephant in the room that no one wants to discuss.

~Lenny Kravitz

People feel they have to live that stereotypical lifestyle in order to be a rock star. You don't have to shoot heroin and act a certain way to be a rock and roll musician.

~Lenny Kravitz

I'm looking forward to going out at the concert with a clear head, with a clear mind, with a clear spirit and experiencing whatever it is. It's great.

~Lenny Kravitz

I never sit down to write or say, "Today, I have to record something." I wait to hear it and then I go for it.

~Lenny Kravitz

I found it a really refreshing change of pace to suddenly be completely directed. It was a type of collaboration that I don't normally have.

~Lenny Kravitz

Eleutheria, the fire is burning. Eleutheria, the tables are turning.

~Lenny Kravitz

I don't go to church so much, the way my life is, but it's in me every day.

~Lenny Kravitz

I wouldn't play together with someone who likes to control everything like me.

~Lenny Kravitz

After listening to "Machine Gun" I have to take a nap.

~Lenny Kravitz

Mothers love you to the end, and she didn't want to hold me back from my livelihood. So I left for a month and called her every couple of days. I came home and she died 24 hours later.

~Lenny Kravitz

If you heard my records and no one told you, I don't think you'd know whether it's a band or one guy.

~Lenny Kravitz

I'm really happy about American Woman, it brought the Guess Who back. They started gigging again and got their song out on commercials.

~Lenny Kravitz

I didn't really listen to rock 'n' roll until I moved to LA. We would ditch school, go get high, put on Zeppelin IV and just bug out.

~Lenny Kravitz

The loyalty rate isn't that high. I could have a big hit, then put out the next single, and they say, Oh yeah, who are you? Prove it again.

~Lenny Kravitz

Eventually you're going to have a digital transfer anyway when you make a CD, so it doesn't matter as long as what you're hitting first is what you want it to be.

~Lenny Kravitz

If I had to associate myself with one song, it would probably be Let Love Rule. It's so simple and to the point. It speaks for itself.

~Lenny Kravitz

I'm not one of those artists who refuses to play their hits. I find that ridiculous. Hits are a blessing.

~Lenny Kravitz

I wanted to make something that sounded very pure, organic, and personal. I wanted to make music that was timeless.

~Lenny Kravitz

Music definitely inspires my design all the time.

~Lenny Kravitz

The image is an image.

~Lenny Kravitz

I used to do plays and some television commercials when I was younger. I guess my mom's being an actress got me interested in that, but music definitely took its place.

~Lenny Kravitz

When I stopped trying to write songs, that's when I'm able to begin writing songs. You have to just use your life, and the things around you for your inspiration.

~Lenny Kravitz

Fly Away changed my life. There are certain songs that do. When I won the Grammy, I was in Paris. I sort of forgot about it.

~Lenny Kravitz

I'm just looking for interesting roles and giving acting the respect it deserves.

~Lenny Kravitz

I haven't thought about making a music film, but if I did, that would be a very interesting idea.

~Lenny Kravitz

Music, for me, is completely self-indulgent. I write it, I play the instruments, I arrange it, I produce it. It's all about me - as it should be.

~Lenny Kravitz

Every night is different, you never know what it's going to be like. I remember every night. I don't like to compare them.

~Lenny Kravitz

I want to do interiors, furniture. I want to do architecture, although I'm not an architect. Nor am I a trained interior designer.

~Lenny Kravitz

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