

# M. Ward

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I don't like the way recording to digital sounds.

~M. Ward

The South of France is one of my favorite places in the world.

~M. Ward

It's a luxury to not have to just be performing with other people to have my music heard.

~M. Ward

It was endlessly amusing to me to try to imitate John Lennon and Paul McCartney's harmonies using the guitar.

~M. Ward

Every record turns into whatever the listener gets out of it.

~M. Ward

It's no fun for me to cover a song and produce it the exact same way as it already exists. When I hear that happening, I have to say, 'What's the point?'

~M. Ward

I had the naive, simplistic idea that producers and writers and artists of the time helped in a minuscule way to change the mind-set of America.

~M. Ward

When you work on a record for three years, it's a great sense of relief when it is finally out in the world. It just feels good.

~M. Ward

My grandparents are from Mexico, so I grew up with great Mexican food.

~M. Ward

From a very early age, I started to get really interested in how songs were put to tape. Not just listening to the songs, but the way the songs were recorded.

~M. Ward

Try to take your vision and ego as far away from the song as possible. Give as much respect as you can to the song and the initial inspiration.

~M. Ward

I went every Sunday to church when I was growing up, and I think that music had an affect on me before my memory can recall.

~M. Ward

The best live recordings capture elements of surprise onstage.

~M. Ward

I learned a long time ago that fame and money is not a ticket to happiness.

~M. Ward

I do watch 'American Idol' sometimes. It's not really that pleasurable... I take that back. It is the epitome of a guilty pleasure. Sometimes there's some good singers on that show.

~M. Ward

I always prefer other people's interpretations over my own, so I'm not very quick to make explicit what exactly a song or record is about.

~M. Ward

I believe in working with songs that have personal value for me.

~M. Ward

I've worked with just as many talented women as I have talented men, and I feel fortunate enough to have that great balance.

~M. Ward

I don't really watch TV series because I don't want to get hooked on them and have them suck up all my time.

~M. Ward

Even though someone has died, a piece of their spirit can still be alive. That's an exciting world for me to take music into, or to attempt to do that.

~M. Ward

The production process has a great way of bringing songs to light and that's a big part of it.

~M. Ward

As a producer, I like to bring in unexpected voices, unexpected musicians, like Watt and Joey Spampinato of NRBQ.

~M. Ward

I get annoyed with movies or books, songs or records that deliberately try to make you feel a certain way.

~M. Ward

When I was about 15, I picked up the guitar and learned how to play by going through Beatles chords books. I got this Christmas gift with the entire Beatles catalog.

~M. Ward

Certain things you have to stumble on to. They can't be preprogrammed.

~M. Ward

I'm somebody who gets a lot of inspiration from dreams.

~M. Ward

I get most of my inspiration from older records and older production styles, and that ends up rearing its head in the records that I make.

~M. Ward

There's at least one fist bump every interview.

~M. Ward

I have a very strong belief in God.

~M. Ward

I love the sound of Elmore James, the sound early guitarists like him got just by using minimal means.

~M. Ward

It's a hard thing to explain, but the more I arrange for strings, the more I realize the possibilities.

~M. Ward

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