

# Malcolm McLaren

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The popularity of punk rock was, in effect, due to the fact that it made ugliness beautiful.

~Malcolm McLaren

Be childish. Be irresponsible. Be disrespectful. Be everything this society hates.

~Malcolm McLaren

What matters is this: Being fearless of failure arms you to break the rules. In doing so, you may change the culture and just possibly, for a moment, change life itself.

~Malcolm McLaren

To be a flamboyant failure, that's better than being any kind of benign success

~Malcolm McLaren

Don't kill the golden goose.

~Malcolm McLaren

Punk's influence on music, movies, art, design and fashion is no longer in doubt. It is used as the measurement for what is cool.

~Malcolm McLaren

I've always embraced failure as a noble pursuit. It allows you to be anti whatever anyone wants you to be, and to break all the rules.

~Malcolm McLaren

Stealing things is a glorious occupation, particularly in the art world.

~Malcolm McLaren

I never intended for the Sex Pistols to be immeasurably successful.

~Malcolm McLaren

Try managing a junkie - especially if you've never been one yourself.

~Malcolm McLaren

The Pistols were like my work of art. They were my canvas.

~Malcolm McLaren

Rock and roll doesn't necessarily mean a band. It doesn't mean a singer, and it doesn't mean a lyric, really. It's that question of trying to be immortal.

~Malcolm McLaren

What are the politics of boredom?

~Malcolm McLaren

Too fast to live, too young to die.

~Malcolm McLaren

I've always thought that gaming and YouTube and the web is a very post-punk extravaganza.

~Malcolm McLaren

Nothing changes and very little happens in Paris. This is a great place to work without distraction - and then I run away to New York, where I have a life!

~Malcolm McLaren

It was never about having a Mohican haircut or wearing a ripped T-shirt. It was all about destruction, and the creative potential within that.

~Malcolm McLaren

I saw a picture of Elvis in blue lame, and thought that if I could recreate that suit and walk down the King's Road in it, someone might pick me up and take me off on a crazy adventure.

~Malcolm McLaren

The thing about Paris, it's a great city for wandering around and buying shoes and nursing a cafe au lait for hours on end and pretending you're Baudelaire. But it's not a city where you can work.

~Malcolm McLaren

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