

# Mark Kozelek

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Thinking, Long, Interest, Appeals, Thank God, Cheated, Perfect, Praise,  
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I wanted to remind people that there was a time when music required an attention span.

~Mark Kozelek

When I get compared to artists like Jose Gonzalez or Bon Iver, I can't help but think, "I've been doing this since they were in third grade."

~Mark Kozelek

We're all human and life is complicated.

~Mark Kozelek

I didn't want to put myself, or anyone else, asleep with another quintessential Mark Kozelek album.

~Mark Kozelek

I make music to process - because I have to, not for praise or accolades or reactions.

~Mark Kozelek

The music business, and the travel that comes with it, is stressful, challenging, redundant, exhausting, exciting, and often very depressing.

~Mark Kozelek

I feel like when the songwriting slows, I'd love to help others with their records. If it's something I really believe in, it's worth the effort.

~Mark Kozelek

Anyone who has toured as long as I have, or who has traveled as extensively, and says that they've never cheated is lying.

~Mark Kozelek

I don't make demos. I don't have the interest or the energy or the time.

~Mark Kozelek

When you get older, you're bothered, or inspired, by other things in life than a girl breaking up with you. Things get heavier as you get older.

~Mark Kozelek

I wanted to give my first instincts a chance without shooting them down immediately, which I sometimes do.

~Mark Kozelek

Songs are puzzles - you get an intro, or maybe an end, but you gotta fill in the rest. Sometimes they come easy and sometimes they're a pain in the ass.

~Mark Kozelek

Trying to cope with the balance between home life and road life has been a theme in my music since early Red House Painters records.

~Mark Kozelek

I'm a boxing junkie, a serial-killer junkie, and a classical guitar junkie. All of these guys are great, poetic references.

~Mark Kozelek

There were a lot more girls at the shows early on. I'd get off stage and there would be options. Those days are long gone, thank god.

~Mark Kozelek

You really think all of those indie music dorks go to SXSW every year to check out music? They go there to wear their laminates and act important and try to get laid.

~Mark Kozelek

Nylon string is still a new love and I'm not tired of it yet.

~Mark Kozelek

"The Moderately Talented..." is just a commentary on the conflict that

happens when a young artist girl looks up to you, but you're attracted to them in a different way than they are to you.

~Mark Kozelek

Demos are something you do in the early stages of your career, but when you get going, you just go in and record the song.

~Mark Kozelek

I'm 45 and I don't have time to spend two years of my life bringing in producers and dragging the record around the planet.

~Mark Kozelek

I'm always moving forward creatively and don't like stalling, trying to find the perfect snare drum sound.

~Mark Kozelek

I've guess I've gotten older and my sex appeal has waned. It's OK. I've got an amazing girlfriend and she keeps me happy.

~Mark Kozelek

When you're a touring musician, you're always turning over new rocks and there's always a certain level of tension in your life.

~Mark Kozelek

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