

Nate Ruess

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May your past be the sound of your feet upon the ground.

~Nate Ruess

I kind of like being depressed.

~Nate Ruess

There's always some level of optimism in every single song.

~Nate Ruess

It takes a lot to still believe in people.

~Nate Ruess

Running in Central Park is my favorite thing to wake up and do. I have my own specific path that I have to run every single time. There's a little bit of OCD involved, but I love it.

~Nate Ruess

I don't play an instrument - I just write in my head, and I usually hear fully formed songs. 'We Are Young' turned out so much like it was in my head. But it also exceeded all my expectations.

~Nate Ruess

But as long as you're creating the art you want to create, if people start liking you, you shouldn't have to apologize. You want your stuff to be heard by as many people as possible.

~Nate Ruess

If I wasn't a musician I'd probably be like a meth addict.

~Nate Ruess

I try and get about eight hours of sleep every single night. And I like to think that I drink more water than anyone, ever.

~Nate Ruess

I don't want to be known for anything other than writing songs.

~Nate Ruess

I tried to play bass in a punk band once, and it was an absolute disaster. I can't play anything. I don't know what it is.

~Nate Ruess

Lyrics are so important, I hate every second of writing them, but it's something I take great pride in when it's finished.

~Nate Ruess

I idolised bands like Pearl Jam and Smashing Pumpkins, who wanted to reach as many people as they could.

~Nate Ruess

If you can make the song a soundtrack to what you're living at the time, I think that's the most important part of a song.

~Nate Ruess

We love a good, hyped sound, but when it starts to sound insincere, that's when I lose interest. I hope that our music, even if it sounds polished, doesn't sound insincere.

~Nate Ruess

I knew how touring was for 10 years, but it's completely different now that things are popping off.

~Nate Ruess

I came from somewhat of a musical family. I had an uncle on Broadway. My dad kind of knows how to play instruments. Although, I always find it annoying when he does play an instrument.

~Nate Ruess

It's important that I get time to run, to just go for a jog for about 30

minutes. It helps with my voice, but it also kind of gives me a little bit of time to myself - and you get to see a city.

~Nate Ruess

The Queen and Electric Light Orchestra harmonies are so distinct and fit in our songs so well sometimes, but we don't know how to do them properly.

~Nate Ruess

It's as simple as finding something on the street and then writing a jingle. If I'm driving and I have my turn signal on and it's rhythmic, maybe I just write a song to that.

~Nate Ruess

I'm not going to lie. I check the iTunes charts. It's all about the iTunes charts. I only go on the Internet for the iTunes charts and basketball blogs.

~Nate Ruess

A lot of times when I'm writing lyrics, I just think about insecurities that I might have and turn them into a scene. Some things may be true, and some things may not.

~Nate Ruess

In a city like New York, any night can be completely different, even in a subtle way.

~Nate Ruess

I don't have a Twitter or a Facebook, but that doesn't mean I'm any more productive than the rest of the world.

~Nate Ruess

I was signed at 19 years old to a major label, and dropped by the time I was 22.

~Nate Ruess

I always wanted to be a singer, but none of my friends thought I could sing.

~Nate Ruess

Eventually, out of sheer will of never wanting to get a job or go to college, I found my way into doing music full-time.

~Nate Ruess

Even now, when I try and think of band names just randomly, I'm so thankful that 'fun.' is the name of the band. I never really think twice about it. It is so simple and so easy.

~Nate Ruess

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