

Rick Wakeman

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The secret of breaking rules in a way that works is understanding what the rules are in the first place.

~Rick Wakeman

Success is buried in the garden of failure.

~Rick Wakeman

My life revolves around music and always will. I need to be a part of music and not an observer.

~Rick Wakeman

When I die, I'll probably climb out of the coffin and play the organ at my own funeral!

~Rick Wakeman

Tales From Topographic Oceans is like a woman's padded bra.

~Rick Wakeman

When the first list was being drawn up in the rock and roll book of Genesis, it would have been: In the beginning, God created Pink Floyd.

~Rick Wakeman

As a songwriter, I was influenced by David Bowie - a great writer. A class above everybody in so many ways. Lennon and McCartney, of course. Class stuff. David Cousins was my favorite lyricist.

~Rick Wakeman

But I listen to live recordings of things that I did back in the '70s and then how I've done things since. And there's no doubt about it: if I compare the two, it's like chalk and cheese.

~Rick Wakeman

People like Frank Zappa were amazing for us Brits.

~Rick Wakeman

Country and western is the music of the devil. That's the real truth of the matter. My late Mother, bless her, loved country and western. God, I couldn't handle it.

~Rick Wakeman

I've been married three times and divorced three times.

~Rick Wakeman

Even the two times that I left, I never really felt like I left the band. It's very bizarre. It's like there's sort of an umbilical cord that stretches between us spiritually.

~Rick Wakeman

But I'd play on everything from pop records to a lot of the glam stuff to rock stuff to classical stuff. I used to get called to do all those things, it was great.

~Rick Wakeman

Coming back to Yes is like never having left. Even when I have not been in the band, I have always felt part of it.

~Rick Wakeman

I'm always writing or playing because that is my life.

~Rick Wakeman

The studio is not the place to write. You need to be 75% ready when you go into the studio, and then the music can develop to the next stage.

~Rick Wakeman

I was born in 1949 - which seems like a long time ago... Actually, it is a long time ago, when I think about it.

~Rick Wakeman

Actually, I only left twice. I left then, and then rejoined literally two years later for Going For The One.

~Rick Wakeman

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