

Ritchie Blackmore

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But you have to give your whole life to a cello. When I realized that, I went back to the guitar and just turned the volume up a bit louder.

~Ritchie Blackmore

The only way you can get good, unless you're a genius, is to copy. That's the best thing. Just steal.

~Ritchie Blackmore

I've always played every amp I've ever had full up, because rock and roll is supposed to be played loud. Also, that's how you get your sustain.

~Ritchie Blackmore

Ian Gillan, Roger Glover and I wanted to be a hard rock band - we wanted to play rock and roll only.

~Ritchie Blackmore

When you're around someone good, your own standards are raised.

~Ritchie Blackmore

I have never met one person who likes Grand Funk.

~Ritchie Blackmore

Playing a Fender is an art itself. They're always going out of tune.

~Ritchie Blackmore

When something is not good, it's bad. Period

~Ritchie Blackmore

Pete Townshend used to crash chords and let the guitar feed back. He's overrated.

~Ritchie Blackmore

Combing my hair doesn't make me a better musician.

~Ritchie Blackmore

If you can play well in the studio, you can play well on stage.

~Ritchie Blackmore

I however don't go to clubs to show off and to be seen, and certainly not to make statements. I just want to be able to quietly watch a band.

~Ritchie Blackmore

I like leaping around on stage as long as it's done with class. None of this jumping up in the air and doing the splits

~Ritchie Blackmore

When I was 20, I didn't give a damn about song construction. I just wanted to make as much noise and play as fast and as loud as possible.

~Ritchie Blackmore

A lot of blues guitarists play with only three fingers, and they can't figure out certain runs that require the use of their little fingers. Classical training is good for that.

~Ritchie Blackmore

I'm very moved by Renaissance music, but I still love to play hard rock - though only if it's sophisticated and has some thought behind it.

~Ritchie Blackmore

I don't use the twang bar anymore. It's become too popular.

~Ritchie Blackmore

I don't see myself as such an important guitarist.

~Ritchie Blackmore

I'm not into that Keith Richard trip of having all those guitars in different

tunings. I never liked the Rolling Stones much anyway.

~Ritchie Blackmore

Learning to play with a big amplifier is like trying to control an elephant.

~Ritchie Blackmore

I don't put myself on Jeff Beck's level, but I can relate to him when he says he'd rather be working on his car collection than playing the guitar.

~Ritchie Blackmore

Hendrix inspired me, but I was still more into Wes Montgomery. I was also into the Allman Brothers around the time of those albums.

~Ritchie Blackmore

Jimi... He was the gov'nor and that's it. He was brilliant, wasn't he?

~Ritchie Blackmore

The cello is such a melancholy instrument, such an isolated, miserable instrument.

~Ritchie Blackmore

If a ballet dancer falls over, it's knowing how to get out looking clumsy that counts.

~Ritchie Blackmore

Simplicity is the key.

~Ritchie Blackmore

I was impressed by Hendrix. Not so much by his playing, as his attitude - he wasn't a great player, but everything else about him was brilliant.

~Ritchie Blackmore

I had given up the guitar between '75 and '78. I completely lost interest.

I was sick of hearing other guitar players and I was tired of my tunes.

~Ritchie Blackmore

Those record companies don't know what's happening at all.

~Ritchie Blackmore

In my early days, I never used finger vibrato at all. I originally carved my reputation as one of the 'fast' guitar players.

~Ritchie Blackmore

I can do the old hand vibrato just fine, but I like attacking the strings.

~Ritchie Blackmore

When you've toured for about 10 years like me, you end up feeling like you're always waiting for somebody or something. The whole day is a drag

~Ritchie Blackmore

Stevie Ray Vaughan was very intense. Maybe that's what caught everybody's attention. As a player, he didn't do anything amazing.

~Ritchie Blackmore

I can never remember what I do even in the studio.

~Ritchie Blackmore

I'm not good enough, technically, to be a classic musician. I lack discipline.

~Ritchie Blackmore

Johnny Winter is one of the best blues players in the world. He's very underrated.

~Ritchie Blackmore

Session work makes you more strict. You can't hit notes all over the

place. You've got to make each one really count.

~Ritchie Blackmore

I can turn on some jazz guitarist, and he won't do a thing for me, if he's not playing electrically. But Jeff Beck's great to listen to.

~Ritchie Blackmore

I was impressed by Hendrix. His attitude was brilliant. Even the way he walked was amazing.

~Ritchie Blackmore

I can imagine that Rod Stewart likes giving autographs because he's pure showbusiness.

~Ritchie Blackmore

Everything I do is usually totally spontaneous.

~Ritchie Blackmore

I found the blues too limiting, and classical was too disciplined.

~Ritchie Blackmore

When you're recording, if you're not really clean in your playing, it sounds like a mess.

~Ritchie Blackmore

I criticize my own work pretty harshly.

~Ritchie Blackmore

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