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I've gotten bored with jazz to the point where I wouldn't mind something bad happening. Slapping hurts, but at some point it'll wake you up. I feel like jazz needs a big-ass slap.

~Robert Glasper

Jazz is like a big secret club. The mainstream media doesn't pay any attention to it, it's like 1 percent of the music market - no one cares. Why? Because the majority of jazz is old.

~Robert Glasper

Jazz is a state of mind. There's no boundaries.

~Robert Glasper

When I hear the words jazz pianist, that just means I have the skills to do most things. Because to be a jazz pianist, even to be a bad jazz pianist, you have to be pretty good.

~Robert Glasper

I think there's good music out there. I just think that radio stations don't play it.

~Robert Glasper

There is a modern take on certain things you can do that, to me, is still jazz.

~Robert Glasper

I grew up in church. That's how most young African American musicians learn how to perform. You could be six years old and playing organ or drums in front of thousands or hundreds of people.

~Robert Glasper

A lot of times, jazz musicians try to educate people. What other genre does that?

~Robert Glasper

I'm not really married to the craft of jazz - I'm married to me, and my style, and whatever I produce.

~Robert Glasper

If you really dissect hip-hop you will find a whole lot of Charles Mingus, Ron Carter, Ahmad Jamal, a lot of classic jazz samples in there.

~Robert Glasper

"Cannonball Adderley said, 'First 20 minutes we'll jazz out, then the last hour it's gonna be songs that people paid to see.' Which is why he was driving a Rolls-Royce."

~Robert Glasper

It's the repetitive thing that brings space. That's one of the things I love secretly about hip-hop. Jazz doesn't have that element. It changes every bar, nothing is ever the same.

~Robert Glasper

I feel like certain people think that certain styles of music will taint their jazz style.

~Robert Glasper

Instead of hearing, "Oh, he's good," I'd rather hear, "Wow, you changed my feelings today, you made me feel different."

~Robert Glasper

Experiment is actually doing the art. That's the experiment and then you get to experience the experiment.

~Robert Glasper

I think we're an inspiration to young people, to know they can be honest and not run away from influences that are not jazz. We're definitely breeding a new wave of jazz, for real.

~Robert Glasper

That's a skill that I'm proud of: to be able to be a jazz musician and go a bit crazy sometimes and other times be able to pull it all in and lay it down like a track.

~Robert Glasper

My first memories of life were in rehearsal; that's why I can sleep through anything.

~Robert Glasper

I do feel a responsibility because most people like me that are my age or younger, they don't quite make it over to the jazz side. They flirt with it, but they don't quite marry it.

~Robert Glasper

Once I started getting mainstream people to my shows, I realized we were taking too many solos, and they were too long. I started gauging when people were going on their iPhones.

~Robert Glasper

If I was a singer who won those Grammys, I'd be gracing all the magazine covers... I barely got asked to do an interview.

~Robert Glasper

Everybody's not going to like jazz, let's just be honest about it. Everybody doesn't like everything. There's a disconnect in generations and some people just aren't going to feel that music.

~Robert Glasper

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