

Rokia Traore

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We need self-confidence in our ability to build Africa. I trust in Mali and I trust in music.

~Rokia Traore

I wanted to come back to the guitar after three albums and almost 10 years. I started to miss this instrument and I wanted to come back to the guitar.

~Rokia Traore

Of course the folk guitar is the one I play very often, but I wanted a more electric sound.

~Rokia Traore

I don't know if it's due to my age, that I'm older now, [but] I love the essentials. I don't like the things around us that are a kind of mirage.

~Rokia Traore

We're repeating the same things all the time; there aren't many new things happening in this life.

~Rokia Traore

I prefer simple things - monotone melodies repeating the same things all the time. Because I think life is like that.

~Rokia Traore

I'm in a state of my life when the essential is very important to me. I don't like long songs with complicated arrangements and breaks anymore.

~Rokia Traore

The audiences are really different in general. Even in the same country or in the same city, from one venue to another, the audiences can be totally different.

~Rokia Traore

At the beginning of the tour, I arrange the live show exactly like the album, but of course from one audience to another, from one venue to another, it can become longer.

~Rokia Traore

Without an audience, all your dreams will not come true at all, because you need an audience to write new songs and continue to do music.

~Rokia Traore

You just have to try before thinking that you can't.

~Rokia Traore

There are some things around us that are not actually useful. I didn't know that before. It's very new for me to understand. That became my way of writing: I can see also the new myself.

~Rokia Traore

It's a great experience just to understand that finally being well known is not the most important thing.

~Rokia Traore

The interesting thing for me is to put together all my influences and all my experiences I got through my traveling with my father.

~Rokia Traore

When you are able to make a living with your job as an artist, that means you have an audience and you have to thank this audience.

~Rokia Traore

Sometimes there are painters or very famous artists who start to become artists after they are dead because an audience or a public know about their art after they die.

~Rokia Traore

When you have a chance to be an artist with an audience in your lifetime, you have to say thanks to your audience. That's a great thing. That's the best thing that can happen to an artist.

~Rokia Traore

You can be a star here in Europe and not be known at all in the United States.

~Rokia Traore

American audiences don't react in the same way as European ones to African music because, I think, Europeans listen to this music through all the festivals that exist here.

~Rokia Traore

I've been in contact with music since I was four or five years old through my father, because of the interest he had in music and all his musical skills. I finally managed to make that my profession.

~Rokia Traore

An artist who doesn't have any audience is not an artist.

~Rokia Traore

Of course I am stressed after I finish working on an album about what an audience will think, if it will be successful or not.

~Rokia Traore

For me, each time I'm on stage, each time I'm working on a new album, it's like a dream. I can't believe it's happening.

~Rokia Traore

The most important thing is to be happy myself with what I am doing.

~Rokia Traore

I don't think I'm unique or that I'm trying to do something unique, but I

feel it is something I would like to hear. This kind of music I would like to listen to but I can't hear very often.

~Rokia Traore

I used to play guitar for myself and write lyrics and listen to different styles of music.

~Rokia Traore

My father was not able to get all the vinyl he used to listen to with me. He couldn't travel as he did it because of his profession as a diplomatic career.

~Rokia Traore

Traveling changed my personality and gave me ability to do the music I do and to think in a certain way that everything can be possible.

~Rokia Traore

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