

Saul Williams

Quotes

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Hip-hop is still cool at a party. But to me, hip-hop has never been strictly a party; it is also there to elevate consciousness.

~Saul Williams

I think that the heart is a lot like those wonderful fruit, like coconut and mangoes, you know, you have to break the skin, you have to break it open to get to the good part.

~Saul Williams

If we're gonna progress as a people we are going to realise that, as one of my favourite poets says, the other is a lie. There are no other people. Race is a social construct.

~Saul Williams

she stuck a bookmark in my heart and walked away

~Saul Williams

Sometimes our thoughts and feelings are our most prized possessions... and then there are times to let go of your possessions and wander.

~Saul Williams

I surrendered my beliefs and found myself at the tree of life injecting my story into the veins of leaves only to find that stories like forests are subject to seasons

~Saul Williams

There is nothing more negligent than attempting to address a problem one finds on a branch than by censoring the leaves.

~Saul Williams

I think that good writing is based on good reading. Maybe it's not about writing today, maybe it's about reading today. Maybe it's about finding the sort of book you would never read.

~Saul Williams

I dance for no reason, for reasons you can't dance, Call me an activist of intellectualized circumstance You can't learn my steps until you unlearn your thoughts Spirit, soul, can't be store-bought.

~Saul Williams

My love is my soul's imagination. How do I love you? Imagine.

~Saul Williams

Legislation won't necessarily start a riot. But the right song can make someone pick up a chair.

~Saul Williams

Fax me a fact, and I'll telegram a hologram.

~Saul Williams

Some rather seek up high Than dig and grind that inner truth

~Saul Williams

When I can feel you breathing into me i, like a stone gargoye atop some crumbling building, spring to life a resuscitated angel.

~Saul Williams

the greatest Americans have not been born yet they are waiting patiently for the past to die

~Saul Williams

Music has always pushed ahead social movements and can do much more than just dumb down a populace.

~Saul Williams

I have offered myself to the inkwell of the wordsmith that I might be shaped into new terms of being.

~Saul Williams

You can travel through literature, and you can expand your mind through literature. It's so cheap to buy that kind of ticket.

~Saul Williams

intelligence is intuitive you needn't learn to love unless you've been taught to fear and hate

~Saul Williams

I spend my time sitting in train stations, parks, parking lots, cafes, just looking at people - eavesdropping, basically. I'm vulnerable to all of it.

~Saul Williams

Come, my love, we have oceans to sail.

~Saul Williams

The music aids the message, it's there to punctuate and abbreviate and shape the silence

~Saul Williams

she kissed as if she, alone, could forge the signature of the sun

~Saul Williams

I was always making up rhymes. But I never thought that poetry would become my life.

~Saul Williams

Art can play a major role. I look at art as an alternative source of energy, the same way we might look at wind or solar or lithium batteries.

~Saul Williams

I hear the weed is really strong in California.

~Saul Williams

Dying is something you have no control over. Why waste your life being afraid of it?

~Saul Williams

I think it's misleading to think that art is only there for escapism, only there for our dreams of being rich and f - king whoever we wanna f - k.

~Saul Williams

There's so much to be found in literature, especially if you don't have the money to travel or the means to get out of your neighborhood or get off work.

~Saul Williams

Books are carefully folded forests/void of autumn/bound from the sun

~Saul Williams

I can't say that I always want to get out of bed, you know.

~Saul Williams

I have a very family-like connection to hip-hop, which is why it frustrates me so much.

~Saul Williams

I was fed by the music I listened to as a kid. Hip-hop fed me psychologically, spiritually, politically. I learned from that music.

~Saul Williams

I have an acquired taste for language, yet it is seldom an actual focus of mine.

~Saul Williams

Vulnerability is power.

~Saul Williams

only through new words might new worlds be called into order

~Saul Williams

The wind is the moon's imagination wandering.

~Saul Williams

We all have different relationships with music. But the music is always there.

~Saul Williams

It's crazy when you see very little reflection between what's played on the radio and what people are talking about in the streets. It lets you know how far off we are from a real movement.

~Saul Williams

I don't really believe in writer's block or anything like that. If I'm not feeling words, I may pick up an instrument and play with sounds or delve into different types of creativity and expression.

~Saul Williams

Half of the popcorn sh-t that's out there, we know it's popcorn. But we're like, "It's my guilty pleasure." I feel like we have more guilty pleasure than actual f - kin' pleasure.

~Saul Williams

I think everybody on this planet does that - trying to capture your dream after you wake up.

~Saul Williams

I'm somewhat of an empath, I would say. I relate easily to ideas and stories, books, films, music. I'm moved by all of these things. Art in general. But not just art, you know?

~Saul Williams

i am like a survivor of the flood walking through the streets drenched with God surprised that all of the drowned victims are still walking and talking

~Saul Williams

I remember back in the day when Chuck D called hip-hop the "black people's CNN." Well now, hip-hop is more like Fox News. It's biased, and highly suspect.

~Saul Williams

i laced my shoes with sorrow and walked a weary road dead end streets don't come undone with double knots wing tipped shoes that walk on air through vacant lots

~Saul Williams

I feel that people need to be jolted out of their comfort zones.

~Saul Williams

The hero is the person who's afraid to run away.

~Saul Williams

Two autumns and I have not changed enough.

~Saul Williams

I think everything has its place. So if the ideas or the fluidity isn't coming in writing, maybe it's related to ingestions.

~Saul Williams

the anchor man thrown overboard has simply rooted us in history's repeating cycle

~Saul Williams

The most powerful political voices are those with a different way of seeing and processing the world and the sounds that emanate from it.

~Saul Williams

Jay Z and President Bush have a lot in common, that same brash confidence

~Saul Williams

I think it's a mistake where rap music is these days. It doesn't seem to be able to look out of the ghetto and that's ultimately unfortunate, because it defines our limitations.

~Saul Williams

If you feel something, you should do it.

~Saul Williams

The organization of self, and all self-aligning principles would be those that I promote.

~Saul Williams

Your library teacher would say, "What happens to a generation that doesn't read the Classics?" Me, I'm not your library teacher. But I have some of the same questions and concerns, you know?

~Saul Williams

Punk rock meditation, that's what keeps it going. That's how I let go, you know. It's exactly what I do, I blast it and run around crazy banging my head on the wall.

~Saul Williams

I feel pretty vulnerable all the time.

~Saul Williams

this is her body this is her blood

~Saul Williams

What's wrong with hip-hop is the system that controls the definition of it. There needs to be more balance on the airwaves.

~Saul Williams

I've always been inspired by a lot of work coming out of the UK

~Saul Williams

I didn't ever want to make a rap album. I considered it too limiting. Now that's exactly what I've gone and done

~Saul Williams

Hip-hop is too young to put a definition on it

~Saul Williams

I've never believed it's really so important that you conform to the ways of the system in order to beat the system. I think that the system follows a great deal.

~Saul Williams

Art itself is underserved when we don't realize the power of it.

~Saul Williams

What I'm aiming to do within hip-hop is to point out that the music itself is powerful; it reaches so many people.

~Saul Williams

I'm very excited about the resurgence of vinyl which seems to parallel a growing interest in live performance.

~Saul Williams

You change the beat up, you might change the way people dance to the music. If you change the way they move, maybe they'll think about

it differently.

~Saul Williams

I want to connect music to its highest power - which is heightening consciousness and affecting people's reality. That can't be done in normal ways, not according to my experience.

~Saul Williams

Niggy Tardust' is the voice of a generation, a generation that does not define itself simply by what it's born into.

~Saul Williams

More people than ever are slowly but surely turning their ears toward poetry

~Saul Williams

American culture is often so self-consumed that we often think that our problems are just our problems.

~Saul Williams

The only reason I've been so critical of hip-hop is because I've always been aware of the effect that it has, and the reflection that it gives of the African-American community.

~Saul Williams

A lie preserved in stained glass doesn't make it more true.

~Saul Williams

My father's a preacher, my mother's a teacher, thus... I rhyme.

~Saul Williams

Honestly, I don't always want to get up in the mornings, but I do anyway.

~Saul Williams

I think that heartbreak is a good thing.

~Saul Williams

I'm usually trying to get back into the dream or analyzing the dream.
And yeah, the days, most days begin like that.

~Saul Williams

For all the ghosts and corpses that shall never know the breath of our children so long for the sacrifice and endurance of our mothers and the sustained breath of our fathers we live

~Saul Williams

It was always important to me to be that kid who could rock the party as well as rock the English professor's mind.

~Saul Williams

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