

Sufjan Stevens

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A musician's attempt to summarize his or her work leads to all this prescriptive chatter, or what I call the Modifier's Madness. A lot of adjectives working overtime.

~Sufjan Stevens

Love is unconditional and incomprehensible. And I believe it's possible to love absent of mutual respect.

~Sufjan Stevens

All the time we spent in bed, counting miles before we said, fall in love and fall apart, things will end before they start.

~Sufjan Stevens

I'm terrified of just being myself because I think it's boring. I know who I really am and I think it's boring.

~Sufjan Stevens

There is nothing more incredible and moving and appealing than good music, and it cannot always be reduced to a story, to exposition. It's so much more abstract and brilliant.

~Sufjan Stevens

When I live, I'll give it all I've got.

~Sufjan Stevens

I quickly learned that you don't have to be incarcerated by suffering, and that, in spite of the dysfunctional nature of your family, you are an individual in full possession of your life.

~Sufjan Stevens

I've never known a man who loved me.

~Sufjan Stevens

I like residing in abstraction.

~Sufjan Stevens

I've always been a visual person, I'm formerly a graphic designer. I've always seen myself as an observer. I like to maintain objectivity and don't get too intimately involved in my subjects.

~Sufjan Stevens

I no longer really have faith in the album anymore. I no longer have faith in the song.

~Sufjan Stevens

Tuesday night at the Bible study we lift our hands and pray over your body, but nothing ever happens.

~Sufjan Stevens

Public school felt like prison - cinderblock walls, fluorescent lights, metal lockers. It was so sterile and unstimulating.

~Sufjan Stevens

We live in community, and we're created in community. We're created out of the unity of two people, and then we're made into a family. It's just inherent in who we are.

~Sufjan Stevens

I've been working a lot on figuring out how to sing differently and better. I want to become a better singer. I want to sing out more. I want to be more extroverted, vocally.

~Sufjan Stevens

There's such a magnitude of record taking. It's so exhaustive. Bandwidth and hard drive space are able to accommodate limitless capacities to take a record of anything and everything.

~Sufjan Stevens

I want to throw my voice more, I want to manipulate melody more... I want to be less deliberate and mechanical... I want less melody.

~Sufjan Stevens

There's a sense of urgency in understanding that your body is not really your own. We can control it to a certain extent through habits and good behavior, but there's so much we don't have control of.

~Sufjan Stevens

I think of the saddest thing I can and then add a sick dog to that. If I think of a sick dog from the beginning, I just stop there.

~Sufjan Stevens

Art is... a reflection of a greater divine creation. There really is no separation.

~Sufjan Stevens

We live in a world that is cruel to the earth itself. Man is a biological terrorist.

~Sufjan Stevens

The Internet is just one big gossip chamber - that's why it's so fascinating and entertaining. It's a fabulous platform for superficial communication.

~Sufjan Stevens

Fiction has always been a thorn in my side, because I've always wanted to be a writer but I can't seem to really do it.

~Sufjan Stevens

I've always been obsessed with electronics and using computers and software. It's always been part of my vernacular.

~Sufjan Stevens

I was feeling privileged and self-conscious about my life as a musician, which feels self-absorbed. I can't help it, I am a musician. This is what I do.

~Sufjan Stevens

My only concern about art collaborations is that I never thought of myself as an Artist. My tax forms say Musician/Songwriter.

~Sufjan Stevens

We stayed a long, long time, to see you, to meet you, to see you at last.

~Sufjan Stevens

That's really where my heart is, unfortunately - I'm less interested in songwriting and more into just making noise.

~Sufjan Stevens

An imaginary baby is so much easier than a real baby. No diapers to change.

~Sufjan Stevens

Pro Tools is an incredible resource. I think it's enabled me to do things that I wouldn't have been able to do without this kind of computer editing.

~Sufjan Stevens

Life is all about toiling and labor. But obviously I get great joy in confronting challenge and taking risk.

~Sufjan Stevens

The round-up is an aggressive tradition. I'm trying to objectively be a steward of the tradition and what it means in its choreography.

~Sufjan Stevens

I think musicians should stay off television generally.

~Sufjan Stevens

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