

T Bone Burnett Quotes

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I love loud music. I listen loud, and that's part of how I've learned how to do this. Record softly and play back loud and a whole other thing happens.

~T Bone Burnett

I got out of high school, bought a recording studio and started operating it as an engineer and a producer.

~T Bone Burnett

We live in an age lit by lightnin'; after the flash, we're blind again.

~T Bone Burnett

Risk is what separates the artist from the artisan.

~T Bone Burnett

The more perfect music we have, the more attractive the peculiarities and anomalies of human performance become. Perfection is a second rate idea.

~T Bone Burnett

The essence of show business is, if you see a tight-rope walker go across a tight rope, everybody claps. But, if you see him wobble, everybody gasps.

~T Bone Burnett

When the arts are eliminated, children get bored and tired of school. When the arts are included, children's imaginations are allowed to run wild.

~T Bone Burnett

If it is true that we have a personal relationship with God, then that's enough for me.

~T Bone Burnett

I think we in the Alpha Band, which was a strange group anyway, weren't dealing with any of these issues. They sneaked up on us and took us over, before we know what was going on.

~T Bone Burnett

I've seen a study in the last year that digital sound actually induces stress in the listener.

~T Bone Burnett

Technology changes nothing.

~T Bone Burnett

You know, the thing that struck me about Civil War music was how bloody it was; it was full of hatred. There was incredible vitriol in it.

~T Bone Burnett

It's also ironic that in the old days of tape and tape hiss and vinyl records and surface noise, we were always trying to get records louder and louder to overcome that.

~T Bone Burnett

Everything around a writer, or musician in the record business, probably everything in all the United States or in all of western civilization, is about competition.

~T Bone Burnett

I naturally wanted to be saved, so when I came home I told my mom I wanted to be confirmed. That's the way I related to it, being raised an Episcopalian. I went to Dallas and got confirmed.

~T Bone Burnett

Honesty is the most subversive of all disguises.

~T Bone Burnett

I want to write songs and play them for people - live.

~T Bone Burnett

Almost everything The Beatles did was great, and it's hard to improve on. They were our Bach. The way to get around it may be to keep it as simple as possible.

~T Bone Burnett

At different times in my life I met God from a different point of view.

~T Bone Burnett

My original idea was to produce and not make records myself.

~T Bone Burnett

I figured out early on what I wanted to do.

~T Bone Burnett

I can tell for sure, the technologists have made it clear that they don't care about musicians. The arts have been sacrificed on the altar of technological advancement.

~T Bone Burnett

For centuries, everything was taught through music. History was taught through music; language and mathematics were taught through music.

~T Bone Burnett

Still, records are documents of a period of time. Most records are documents of two or three years, and I just approached it as a record I was doing over a 20-year period of time.

~T Bone Burnett

The internet has surrounded television and turned television into an art form.

~T Bone Burnett

I don't hear any of the popular stuff unless it's good 'cause I pay no attention to popular culture, at all.

~T Bone Burnett

If Picasso walked into Disney looking for a job, they would throw him out on the street. Couldn't draw good enough.

~T Bone Burnett

Music was the medium through which knowledge was passed from generation to generation.

~T Bone Burnett

Probably the deepest use of music and of art is to create conscience.

~T Bone Burnett

My advice for young people is that, if you want to be a musician, the thing to do is practice eight hours a day.

~T Bone Burnett

The hallmark of an artist is generosity.

~T Bone Burnett

I'm not stupid enough to want to be famous. But I would like to be able to earn a living playing music.

~T Bone Burnett

I don't want to make music for people who don't care about music.

~T Bone Burnett

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