

Tommy Shaw

Quotes

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I love the idea of stepping out of the band situation into a solo world with no boundaries, no expectations, where nothing is out of bounds.

~Tommy Shaw

Around '75 when the recession hit, club owners started going to disco because it was cheaper for them to just buy a sound system than it was to hire a band.

~Tommy Shaw

Success is fickle, but creativity is a gift.

~Tommy Shaw

When I was about 3, my grandfather used to give me and my sister a nickel to sit out on the front porch with him and sing songs.

~Tommy Shaw

I'm not the kind of guy who deserves to play a vintage guitar because I'm too rough on instruments.

~Tommy Shaw

It was more fun trying to figure out I Want To Hold Your Hand than to take lessons. By this time I knew basic chords

~Tommy Shaw

I wish I had a nickel for every song that I've left in the bathroom, written down on a matchbox, or just totally forgotten about

~Tommy Shaw

Songwriting is the other weight on the opposite side of the scale from touring. They balance me out creatively.

~Tommy Shaw

On acoustic guitar I tend to stay in the key of D for some reason. On electric guitar I keep basic: C, G, D, and A. The key of D minor is also

real good for me.

~Tommy Shaw

If I have an idea, I write it down, although I usually carry a little dictation machine with me because I'm too lazy to write

~Tommy Shaw

I wrote songs all my life, where anyone wanted to hear them or not.

~Tommy Shaw

I was born in Alabama and my first live music experiences were in church. Every Sunday we watched regional gospel groups on television singing their hearts out

~Tommy Shaw

You can have fun, but you also have to put on your thinking cap every day

~Tommy Shaw

We were playing popular music, but we were doing our own arrangements because we were too lazy to sit down and figure out the originals

~Tommy Shaw

I like being on the road, living in hotels. While I've got a real nice house, I go crazy when I'm there.

~Tommy Shaw

When you sign with a label, they do insist upon certain rights, and if you have a competent attorney, your rights will be protected.

~Tommy Shaw

I have always been a sucker for the big, upbeat chorus.

~Tommy Shaw

As a solo artist, I just felt cemented in front of the mike stand. There was very little time to play with the audience and be a band member

~Tommy Shaw

I've always stuck with Gibsons. I've had Guilds and Fenders, too, but I always wind up going back to Gibsons.

~Tommy Shaw

I don't like looking back.

~Tommy Shaw

When a song gets its legs and begins to come to me, this is the euphoric hook that keeps me wanting to continue.

~Tommy Shaw

By the time I did that third solo album, I'd finally learned how to do it, but I'd also learned that I liked being in a band

~Tommy Shaw

I feel like I have the greatest life an artist could dream of.

~Tommy Shaw

When I became 16 I started thinking seriously about singing.

~Tommy Shaw

If music became extinct now, I don't know what I'd be good for.

~Tommy Shaw

We're kind of defined by our mistakes

~Tommy Shaw

I soon gave up instruction for self-teaching

~Tommy Shaw

I don't write on tour. There is so much to do day in and day out when you are on the road.

~Tommy Shaw

There were some older guitarists on my side of town, and I got to know many of them

~Tommy Shaw

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