

Will Oldham

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I don't like the idea of being surrounded by hidden things; people you can't see in buildings and cars.

~Will Oldham

I think that what trips up a lot of great musicians is that they become involved with too many things that aren't where their strengths lie.

~Will Oldham

As it turns out, as an adult I can have a very unpleasant, fierce and unforgiving temper at times. But I don't think I had that when I was a kid.

~Will Oldham

I need to go someplace faraway that doesn't have telephones and doesn't have a record player and doesn't have movie theaters and people walking down the street in order to not do anything.

~Will Oldham

It's nice to be able to backtrack and not be embarrassed by the music you used to listen to.

~Will Oldham

It is more rewarding to be complicit with scarcity than excess.

~Will Oldham

I'd like my records to reach as many people as possible, but I'm also thinking in terms of how I can keep from getting jaded or unhappy with the process.

~Will Oldham

I don't usually read reviews. I usually read the interviews, just because I figure it's a good way to try to do them better if I ever have to do them again.

~Will Oldham

Frank Sinatra's never been handsome, but he's one of my favorite singers. Who needs looks when you have a voice and power?

~Will Oldham

There's very little admirable about being a pirate. There's very little functional about a pirate. There's very little real about a pirate.

~Will Oldham

Sometimes we need to tell ourselves that we're not going to do certain things, just in order to stay sane.

~Will Oldham

I make the songs and part of making them is singing them. But what you hear is not me. It's the song. It's through me.

~Will Oldham

One thing that the Internet has created is the sense that information is at your fingertips, when it's really only a very, very limited, specific, and slanted kind of information.

~Will Oldham

I write a song to be recorded. And to some extent to be performed, but definitely more to be recorded than performed, because the recording will last longer than a performance.

~Will Oldham

I don't think that word - the word pirate - has any real meaning. Or it's something that's had meaning imposed on it.

~Will Oldham

Cities are made for enemies to destroy.

~Will Oldham

Too much emphasis is put on American roots music when people try

and place me. You know, I grew up listening to punk.

~Will Oldham

People are looking for fame or a focus, and I can't provide that.

~Will Oldham

What is normally called religion is what I would tend to call music - participating in music, listening to music, making records and singing.

~Will Oldham

When I was a kid, I always thought that acting was going to be the way to go.

~Will Oldham

Whenever I see something that looks like it could be good - whether it's on vinyl, CD or cassette - if it's not too expensive, I'll take a chance.

~Will Oldham

Sometimes the ensemble 'Eighth Blackbird' will have performances and invite me to be a featured soloist. I think that is what they call it in that world-"featured soloist."

~Will Oldham

I think most great actors have their own life trajectory, the character motion doesn't have anything to do with their life motion.

~Will Oldham

It's good when someone says, "Would you write a song for this purpose," or "would you record a song for this purpose," or "would you help me realize this song," again, for this purpose.

~Will Oldham

To me, recordings are little fourth-dimension artifacts, because they already are representatives of past, present, and future, just inherently

in their existence.

~Will Oldham

You're making something that won't be what it is until some unknown date in the future. All aspects of the personal disappear.

~Will Oldham

It's O.K. to accept good fortune.

~Will Oldham

I don't like going to cities. I don't mind maybe being in a city sometimes for a few hours, but I pretty much don't like cities. I don't even like passing through them.

~Will Oldham

I figure it's okay to make certain rules, whether or not people despise you for it at the time.

~Will Oldham

Sometimes it will be for more money than I've ever been offered before. I mean, am I an idiot again for not doing that?

~Will Oldham

I think everybody works from a defensive position, for the most part, in the film industry.

~Will Oldham

I think that America in general is piratical. Every time we accept a paycheck for doing almost nothing, allowing us to live above the poverty line, we're engaging in piracy.

~Will Oldham

I feel much more physically connected to my voice, and I like the physicality of the voice, and how the voice can physically occupy a

song.

~Will Oldham

It's definitely important to be open enough to seize an opportunity when the opportunity is there.

~Will Oldham

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