

Win Butler

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The Flaming Lips have been on Warner Bros. forever, and certainly everything I heard growing up was on a major label in some way, from the Cure to Radiohead to Bjork.

~Win Butler

Being in a rock band, I feel a certain responsibility to have a weird haircut. I mean, who else gets to do that?

~Win Butler

Music is made by individuals. Some artists will be very politically overt in their songs, some will be more subtle. You have to be true to yourself, true to your nature.

~Win Butler

The idea of dancing to bad house music is something I could never get behind.

~Win Butler

I think of hip hop as a mass media, radio, MTV thing. It's been extremely relevant over the last 10 years and rock music is just not anymoreâ€”a tear rolls down my cheek as I say that.

~Win Butler

Whenever you do anything or say anything, you're opening yourself up to criticism. But that's okay.

~Win Butler

What I miss [about church] is being forced to be in community with people that aren't the same as me.

~Win Butler

Actual patriotism has to do with loving a place enough to try and improve it.

~Win Butler

Songwriting is reliant on inspiration, which ideally you don't have that much control over. Songs kind of half make themselves, and then you have to finish them.

~Win Butler

Major labels just lost their way. It's like the housing bubble. They lost a sense of the fundamentals.

~Win Butler

I just wanted to make something in the world and worry about the rest of it later and not get too caught up in rules.

~Win Butler

I think you have to want to be really famous. It's a lot easier to sabotage your career than to have a career to sabotage.

~Win Butler

While there are so many beautiful Baroque churches and it's a beautiful artistic tradition, it almost gets hideous and grotesque if you push it further. You can take something beautiful and overdo it.

~Win Butler

A lot of artists write about the same things their whole career.

~Win Butler

I think filmmakers all secretly wanna be musicians and all musicians secretly wanna be filmmakers.

~Win Butler

The film *Black Orpheus* is one of my favorite films of all time, which is set in Carnival in Brazil.

~Win Butler

I don't think the emotional quality is the defining quality of the music but

it's definitely something that people have picked up on a lot

~Win Butler

I try not get too self-aware when writing lyrics.

~Win Butler

When I was living in Boston I worked in this store that played the college radio station. I had to listen to it all day, and I didn't care for most of it.

~Win Butler

I find myself a lot more open to bands if I just hear their song. It gives you an opportunity to engage with the thing itself and not be overwhelmed by everything else that surrounds it.

~Win Butler

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