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It was funny to just take a backseat and be like, 'Wow, I might be in this crazy place, but maybe I don't need to understand everything, maybe I don't need to be someone else.'

~Zach Condon

The more I know, the more I realise I don't know. And the more I realise I'll never truly understand.

~Zach Condon

You always know when a real inspiration is behind the melody, arrangements, even lyrics. And I know that's really vague, but it's true.

~Zach Condon

Raucous drunken trumpets and instrumentation tend to guide the way you think. They can give you a path to follow lyrically.

~Zach Condon

As a teenager and a young adult, I never felt like my own story was interesting enough to tell, so I always wrote lyrics from someone else's perspective - told someone else's story.

~Zach Condon

My dad is obsessed with music, so I was raised around this guitar player that really wanted me to be a guitar player.

~Zach Condon

I think that sonically, music speaks volumes more than words do, and I have always thought that and will continue to think that for the rest of my life.

~Zach Condon

I'm sure that's every adolescent's complaint about their home town. When a city is unstimulating, you get pretty isolated.

~Zach Condon

I want a song that raises the hair on the back of my neck when I sing it live and I want to feel it every time.

~Zach Condon

I feel like I've met most people I look up to musically. I just want to meet Chef.

~Zach Condon

I think, if I had my choice, I would spend all my time in the studio writing, and creating music.

~Zach Condon

I could probably spend the next five years reworking an album from ten years ago, if given the chance, to make it better - make it best, so to speak.

~Zach Condon

I was always looking outside of myself for stories and ideas and influences and then I kind of realized in 2010, that all of this time, I've developed a "sound." And I've never fully explored it.

~Zach Condon

It's just not an image I had ever put out about myself - the bedroom synth guy. The whole thing seemed ridiculous.

~Zach Condon

Often when I find myself listening to music, at least 60 to 70% of it is foreign, so I don't understand a word of it. Melody to me will always be a million times more important than words.

~Zach Condon

There was always a unique Beirut sound, it was always there, and so this time I just dove straight into that, instead of daydreaming and wandering.

~Zach Condon

I can't work in Brooklyn. Unless I'm completely locked away in a studio, there's just too much distraction and stimulation.

~Zach Condon

I think that within the world of music that we work in, which is so not perfect, I think that you really do have to learn to accept your own mistakes as part of the beauty of music itself.

~Zach Condon

I just reached the point where I realised, I need to stop repeating myself if I'm ever actually going to enjoy the music I'm creating.

~Zach Condon

As much as I try to grow as a lyricist, I tend to laugh at even calling myself that, because I think that my actual talents lie more in arrangements than they do words.

~Zach Condon

It feels much more natural to move forward and grow with the instruments I've grown accustomed to. Piano, accordion, brass, ukulele.

~Zach Condon

In the age of the mp3, you gotta make the package special, something that's worth owning.

~Zach Condon

I love the community and the entertainment too much. I'm used to it - it's what I saw first.

~Zach Condon

In some ways, I feel like I've been such a dilettante for so many years,

just picking up instruments and stretching myself so thin.

~Zach Condon

After so many years of whispery, DIY vocals, there's this new generation of voices that are really starting to burst through the seams.

~Zach Condon

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~Zach Condon

You can never not feel like that, as a working artist these days. It's funny - time off makes me nervous, but so does time on. At least the pressure wasn't coming from outside.

~Zach Condon

I'm swept along by larger forces out of my control.

~Zach Condon

I tend to hear rhythm and melody, chord-progressions, long before I hear words.

~Zach Condon

My thought with harmonies and melodies in general, is that if it doesn't come right away then it's never going to come at all.

~Zach Condon

I put myself in the studio and I really made sure to say, 'Well, if I would normally reach for a trumpet, why don't I reach for the next nearest instrument instead?'

~Zach Condon

I can't be a student. I always hated that lifestyle.

~Zach Condon

I spent my entire life working with the smallest budget I could get. Just working with old, junky, donated equipment. The only things I bought myself were the trumpet and the \$9 ukulele.

~Zach Condon

It's a natural tendency of mine to not even listen to lyrics.

~Zach Condon

When I came back to America, I realized that world music is no joke, it really has a lot to it.

~Zach Condon

I dropped out of high school and I tried to go to community college for a little while. I can't be a student. I always hated that lifestyle.

~Zach Condon

I like to think that location, travel, etc, is a launching point for purely imagining.

~Zach Condon

I try to shut my brain down as much as possible. And let the melodies flow, if possible.

~Zach Condon

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