

Zachary Cole Smith

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Music is much more of a multimedia sort of thing than I expected.

~Zachary Cole Smith

There are a million things out there every single day that trigger me - songs, smells, even the season that we're in, fall. Something about the air.

~Zachary Cole Smith

There are just some things that you can't deny.

~Zachary Cole Smith

All I'm trying to do is make music that people like and that makes people happy.

~Zachary Cole Smith

I am super-interested in fashion. I love being a person whose clothes get discussed. That makes it more interesting for me.

~Zachary Cole Smith

It's so easy to hate something. It's harder to genuinely appreciate something.

~Zachary Cole Smith

I'm glad that, despite everything, I was able to get work done and finish something. I never finish anything. So just being able to finish record and to make music is a great gift.

~Zachary Cole Smith

A record is worth 10,000 live shows.

~Zachary Cole Smith

I'm like part of the Kurt Cobain school of writing lyrics, which is the syntax of the words is more important than... is where it all comes from.

~Zachary Cole Smith

If I play Coachella, it's sponsored by a company - that's corporate, too. But we're playing it because we're getting paid and we want to be a part of the festival.

~Zachary Cole Smith

One of the 12 steps is to admit that you're powerless, but I think that's bullshit. I think it's important to empower yourself by facing the stuff that triggers you.

~Zachary Cole Smith

It's totally true: Ariel, Christopher Owens, me, and Courtney Love, all in Saint Laurent ads, all with the same haircut.

~Zachary Cole Smith

I don't think fear necessarily is a core human emotion, but I do think fear of death is something that is at the core of every person's existence.

~Zachary Cole Smith

Recovery culture teaches you that you have to repent. I don't think that's necessary.

~Zachary Cole Smith

I guess I do feel the need to repent. I do feel like I owe the world a great album. I don't know why I feel that way. I just do.

~Zachary Cole Smith

When I read about myself and how writers have focused on negative stuff, it hurts my feelings.

~Zachary Cole Smith

Music journalists are some of the lazy, most uninspired, dull people I've

ever met...

~Zachary Cole Smith

The music starts as being way separate from the lyrics, and I write - I have notebooks that I fill with drawings and just words, and stuff that I've written.

~Zachary Cole Smith

I feel like every great record is like a world in itself.

~Zachary Cole Smith

There's a lot of stuff that I've been through in my life in the past couple of months that I don't really want to share with people who are close to me, but I have no option if it's my art.

~Zachary Cole Smith

Nobody really wanted to do that one European tour. For one, it was budgeted to lose money. They would've made something, but I would've lost a lot of money.

~Zachary Cole Smith

There's positive attention and there's negative attention - negative attention is easy, positive attention requires actual hard work.

~Zachary Cole Smith

I went with Beach Fossils and we played 40 shows because we wanted people to see us.

~Zachary Cole Smith

We were a commodity used by corporations to make their brand look fashionable, but then they used us to keep kids out of venues.

~Zachary Cole Smith

I spent my life working before I started band. I worked construction,

landscaping. I worked in kitchens, cleaned dishes. I worked demolition.

~Zachary Cole Smith

Drugs are fine for you alone at home, but when it comes to being a family, which a band is, it just messes everything up.

~Zachary Cole Smith

I think that when people download the record they're kind of missing out on part of the experience, because it's really meant to be an immersive experience.

~Zachary Cole Smith

The touring band is DIIV, and the songs are always written with them in mind. But the new record is going to be more "me."

~Zachary Cole Smith

For me, it's always been important to have the live band be one thing, and the recorded band be kind of another thing.

~Zachary Cole Smith

I had to have the record literally taken away from me. I am such a perfectionist.

~Zachary Cole Smith

Obviously there's so much about me on the Internet that you can turn against me, and you can make me into any person you want.

~Zachary Cole Smith

It's pretty easy to lose money on tour - most bands do on their first couple of tours. We're more established, but I think it was just poorly booked. It was a mess from the get-go.

~Zachary Cole Smith

What I wanted was just to make music, and so, originally I just wanted

to hide behind the album cover of the last record, and I wanted it to be almost anonymous.

~Zachary Cole Smith

Music is an opportunity to say every single thing that you want to say. People will pore over whatever you say and however you say it and, for me, it represents complete freedom of speech.

~Zachary Cole Smith

Three years between records is longer than average. Double albums are much more of a statement. I really wanted to put myself out there as much as I possibly could.

~Zachary Cole Smith

I wanted to show a different side of ourselves. I wanted to see in what ways I could explore something new. I felt like working on a double record would give people a lot to have.

~Zachary Cole Smith

I wouldn't say music is my passion, or my calling, or anything like that. I mean, I don't really believe in that kind of stuff. Life is a series of chance happenings, so I just fell into it.

~Zachary Cole Smith

People are going to be way more patient listening to what I have to say now. I don't have five seconds to get their attention, I have five minutes. That's a huge window.

~Zachary Cole Smith

My mom worked at [American] Vogue before I was born. She has always been fashion-minded. I grew up with original Yves Saint Laurent sketches on the wall in our house. A lot of that rubbed off on me.

~Zachary Cole Smith

[YSL creative director] Hedi [Slimane] is a music-obsessed guy. I might've originally met him through Sky.

~Zachary Cole Smith

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