

# Akira Kurosawa

## Quotes

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In a mad world only the mad are sane.

~Akira Kurosawa

I can't afford to hate anyone. I don't have that kind of time.

~Akira Kurosawa

Man is a genius when he is dreaming.

~Akira Kurosawa

Man is a genius when he dreams. Dream what you are capable of. The harder you dream it, the sooner it will come true.

~Akira Kurosawa

It is the power of memory that gives rise to the power of imagination.

~Akira Kurosawa

The role of the artist is to not look away.

~Akira Kurosawa

There is nothing that says more about its creator than the work itself.

~Akira Kurosawa

Human beings are unable to be honest with themselves about themselves. They cannot talk about themselves without embellishing.

~Akira Kurosawa

If you look at everything straight on, there is nothing to be afraid of.

~Akira Kurosawa

Take me, subtract movies, and you get zero.

~Akira Kurosawa

I suppose all of my films have a common theme. If I think about it, though, the only theme I can think of is really a question: Why can't

people be happier together?

~Akira Kurosawa

To be an artist means to search, to find and look at these realities. To be an artist means to never look away.

~Akira Kurosawa

If you want to be a great director, be a great screenwriter.

~Akira Kurosawa

I like unformed characters. This may be because, no matter how old I get, I am still unformed myself.

~Akira Kurosawa

Human beings share the same common problems. A film can only be understood if it depicts these properly.

~Akira Kurosawa

The truth is in the mystery.

~Akira Kurosawa

For me, filmmaking combines everything. That's the reason I've made cinema my life's work. In films, painting and literature, theatre and music come together. But a film is still a film.

~Akira Kurosawa

The Japanese see self-assertion as immoral and self-sacrifice as the sensible course to take in life.

~Akira Kurosawa

To be an artist means never to avert one's eyes.

~Akira Kurosawa

A truly good movie is enjoyable too. There's nothing complicated about

it.

~Akira Kurosawa

If I were to write anything at all, it would turn out to be nothing but talk about movies. In other words, take 'myself,' subtract 'movies,' and the result is 'zero.'

~Akira Kurosawa

The great appeal of film is its relatability.

~Akira Kurosawa

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