

Alan Rickman

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Give me a window and I'll stare out it.

~Alan Rickman

I have a love-hate relationship with white silk.

~Alan Rickman

If you could build a house on a trampoline, that would suit me fine.

~Alan Rickman

I get stage fright and gremlins in my head saying: 'You're going to forget your lines'.

~Alan Rickman

I've never been able to plan my life. I just lurch from indecision to indecision.

~Alan Rickman

We're dead as a species if we don't tell stories, because then we don't know who we are.

~Alan Rickman

I suppose with any good writing and interesting characters, you can have that awfully overused word [...] - a jouuuuuurney.

~Alan Rickman

It would be wonderful to think that the future is unknown and sort of surprising.

~Alan Rickman

Talent is an accident of genes - and a responsibility.

~Alan Rickman

Any actor who judges his character is a fool - for every role you play you've got to absorb that character's motives and justifications.

~Alan Rickman

I do take my work seriously and the way to do that is not to take yourself too seriously.

~Alan Rickman

I am hellbent on defying your expectations, at every turn, and even if you don't like what's being done, I dare you to find it uninteresting.

~Alan Rickman

Actors are agents of change. A film, a piece of theater, a piece of music, or a book can make a difference. It can change the world.

~Alan Rickman

The difference between being an actor and a director is simple. The director has to hide his panic; the actor doesn't.

~Alan Rickman

If only life could be a little more tender and art a little more robust.

~Alan Rickman

Nothing gives me as much pleasure as travelling. I love getting on trains and boats and planes.

~Alan Rickman

Mellow doesn't describe me. I'm hungry every day.

~Alan Rickman

I love perfumes. Every morning when my girlfriend and I come down to the courtyard in our block of flats we're assailed by the most delicious scent - jasmine round a doorway. It almost makes me swoon.

~Alan Rickman

I'm still living the life where you get home and open the fridge and

there's half a pot of yogurt and a half a can of flat Coca-Cola.

~Alan Rickman

Those of you who are not aware of my brilliant career as a stand up comic, I'm not aware of it either so we might well wonder what we're doing here.

~Alan Rickman

There's a voice inside you that tells you what you should do.

~Alan Rickman

I never talk about 'Harry Potter' because I think that would rob children of something that's private to them. I think too many things get explained, so I hate talking about it.

~Alan Rickman

I have just returned from the dubbing studio where I spoke into a microphone as Severus Snape for absolutely the last time.

~Alan Rickman

I'm a lot less serious than people think, it's probably because the way my face is put together.

~Alan Rickman

I think there should be laughs in everything. Sometimes, it's a slammed door, a pie in the face or just a recognition of our frailties.

~Alan Rickman

I can only see my limitations. That's just who I am.

~Alan Rickman

Originally, theater was my life. It was what I assumed I'd spend my working life doing - if I was lucky. Then along came movies.

~Alan Rickman

I don't play villains, I play very interesting people

~Alan Rickman

All I want to see from an actor is the intensity and accuracy of their listening.

~Alan Rickman

I think there's some connection between absolute discipline and absolute freedom.

~Alan Rickman

I want to swim in both directions at once. Desire success, court failure.

~Alan Rickman

Maverick is a word which appeals to me more than misfit. Maverick is active, misfit is passive.

~Alan Rickman

One longs for a director with a sense of imagination.

~Alan Rickman

When I get off the plane in England I always feel about two inches shorter.

~Alan Rickman

You can lull the paying customers as long as they get slapped.

~Alan Rickman

What's interesting about the process of acting is how often you don't know what you're doing.

~Alan Rickman

I like it when stories are left open.

~Alan Rickman

Acting is mostly about listening. If you just focus in on what the other person is saying, acting takes care of itself to quite a large extent.

~Alan Rickman

That's it then. Cancel the kitchen scraps for lepers and orphans, no more merciful beheadings, and call off Christmas.

~Alan Rickman

Acting touches nerves you have absolutely no control over.

~Alan Rickman

The point about a great story is that it's got a beginning, a middle and end.

~Alan Rickman

I knew with Snape I was working as a double agent, as it turns out, and a very good one at that.

~Alan Rickman

I'm very aware that when one is acting in the theater, you do become kind of animal about it. And you're reliant on instincts rather than tact a lot of the time.

~Alan Rickman

My definition of palatable might be slightly different from yours.

~Alan Rickman

So you can't judge the character you're playing ever.

~Alan Rickman

I'm a lot less serious than people think.

~Alan Rickman

What is it about actors? God knows I get bored with actors talking

about themselves.

~Alan Rickman

I'm always aware of the camera and it feels like that's the audience.

~Alan Rickman

I mean, language fascinates me anyway, and different words have different energies and you can change the whole drive of a sentence.

~Alan Rickman

A lot of the time I hate the theater. You think, 'I have to climb Mount Everest, again, tonight.' Oh, the theater is a scary place to be.

~Alan Rickman

I think worrying things are going on in England - a real apathy.

~Alan Rickman

Each character I play has different dimensions. I'm not interested in words that pull them together.

~Alan Rickman

On film you put all your energies into a single glance.

~Alan Rickman

In theater, you've got to be aware of your whole body because it involves stamina. It involves two-and-a-half hours and a sustained release of energy, maybe for six months.

~Alan Rickman

If you spend any time in Los Angeles, there's only one topic of conversation.

~Alan Rickman

Why don't I like you?" "Because you think I'm an asshole, and I'm not

really, I'm just British and, well, you're not.

~Alan Rickman

I was 7, and I remember being given a part in a play and thinking, This is exciting.

~Alan Rickman

If people want to know who I am, it is all in the work.

~Alan Rickman

My idea of a real treat is Magic Mountain without standing in line.

~Alan Rickman

The directors you trust the most are the ones, when you ask them a question, they've got the guts to say, 'I don't know.'

~Alan Rickman

Every so often you read a play and a character just speaks to you - almost seems to speak through you, in fact.

~Alan Rickman

I am the character you are not supposed to like.

~Alan Rickman

I do feel more myself in America. I can regress there, and they have roller-coaster parks.

~Alan Rickman

It's a nightmare to sit and watch a film that I'm in. There's a horrible inescapability to it.

~Alan Rickman

The audience should feel like voyeurs. Their response is absolutely crucial.

~Alan Rickman

If you judge the character, you cant play it.

~Alan Rickman

I have this feeling that if I could sort out what's on my dining room table, everything would fall into place.

~Alan Rickman

It is an ancient need to be told stories. But the story needs a great storyteller. Thanks for all of it, Jo.

~Alan Rickman

I don't think it's right that everybody knows everything about me.

~Alan Rickman

You try to find things that are challenging and interesting and hopefully it will be the same to the audience.

~Alan Rickman

I love working in New York theater.

~Alan Rickman

You know, London is so sprawling, and you can sometimes forget that anybody else is on a stage anywhere else.

~Alan Rickman

Somebody with Debbie Reynolds' features doesn't get cast as the Wicked Witch.

~Alan Rickman

I think every English actor is nervous of a Newcastle accent.

~Alan Rickman

Los Angeles is not a town full of airheads. There's a great deal of wonderful energy there.

~Alan Rickman

Who I am gets in the way of people looking innocently at the parts I play.

~Alan Rickman

I was coming from a very cerebral, dark, difficult, layered play by Christopher Hampton and doing an action movie in Hollywood (Die Hard) with explosions, and I was holding a gun.

~Alan Rickman

I always feel that when I come to Edinburgh, in many ways I am coming home.

~Alan Rickman

Actors are actually very supportive of each other.

~Alan Rickman

Being on the stage in New York is always exciting because you feel like you're part of the life of the city.

~Alan Rickman

Market forces impose certain rules before a film can actually get made.

~Alan Rickman

From my experience, I think that every actor has to make sure that they're in charge of their own career somehow or other.

~Alan Rickman

I'm a quite serious actor who doesn't mind being ridiculously comic.

~Alan Rickman

My parents certainly didn't have anything to do with the theater. I'm some kind of accident.

~Alan Rickman

England in the '60s and the '70s was everything that history has said; it was phenomenally exciting, musically.

~Alan Rickman

A wounding tongue. I'm working on it. Perhaps its the Celt in me.

~Alan Rickman

I've learned, having been on a lot of sets, the good news is that by definition you are surrounded by experts. They get fired if they're not - unlike in the theatre!

~Alan Rickman

Parts win prizes, not actors.

~Alan Rickman

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