

# Alfonso Cuaron

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Cautionary tales were fantastic in the '70s.

~Alfonso Cuaron

I'm interested in new worlds, new universes, new challenges. I always said the only reason to make a film is not for the result but for what you learn for the next one.

~Alfonso Cuaron

Style is just an impression. Style itself is hollow. Style, its ok style as long as it is part of a language. Style for style itself is just something very hollow.

~Alfonso Cuaron

We're born first humans then after they stamp our passport.

~Alfonso Cuaron

Technology is technology. Technology doesn't have a, it is not good or bad. Technologies are tools.

~Alfonso Cuaron

Learn from your experience shooting your film, and then move on to the next.

~Alfonso Cuaron

You have to be very focused about the music that you have inside.

~Alfonso Cuaron

I guess I have a short attention span! I'm interested in new worlds, new universes, new challenges.

~Alfonso Cuaron

I left Mexico for artistic survival. If I had stayed, I would have been forced by the government, who control the movie business, to direct TV shows or commercials or infomercials for the government.

~Alfonso Cuaron

I was not aware of how much I loved 'Canoa' until I saw it after doing 'Y Tu Mama Tambien' and realized that my voice - over about the story's historical context - that narrator - came from 'Canoa'.

~Alfonso Cuaron

Every film is difficult. Making films, you're always going to have problems, there's always going to be challenges.

~Alfonso Cuaron

The great thing about the moon landing is that my grandmother got the first color TV in order to be able to see the moon landing that was in black and white.

~Alfonso Cuaron

I produce the way I would love to be produced: In ways to create the best conditions to make your movie, but also to create a space in which the director calls the shots.

~Alfonso Cuaron

When you work with kids, people tell you to be very delicate, but that's the last thing you should do with kids. They feel patronized if you're like that. They just want you to be normal.

~Alfonso Cuaron

When I learned to switch jealousy for admiration, it unblocked a lot of things.

~Alfonso Cuaron

I have this thing that, once I finish a movie, I never see it again.

~Alfonso Cuaron

The amazing thing is that the more money it takes for a movie to get

made, the more you feel like everybody wants you to fail.

~Alfonso Cuaron

The only reason you make a movie is not to make or set out to do a good or a bad movie, it's just to see what you learn for the next one.

~Alfonso Cuaron

The two real leads in 'Children of Men' are Clive Owen and the social environment. You know, this same movie without the social environment maybe is just like a generic chase movie.

~Alfonso Cuaron

I have to say, 'Gravity' is better in 3-D, even though in 2-D the quality of the picture is better. But the 3-D is better.

~Alfonso Cuaron

No 'rules.' What are you, British or something? I guess I'm too nice... No wonder people take advantage of me.

~Alfonso Cuaron

I used to be very controlling with visuals and editing, and I would pretty much craft the performances; now I have learned to trust the material and the actors.

~Alfonso Cuaron

The long takes process doesn't allow for that many takes. In the past I have shot over 50 takes of different shots. Sometimes you end up using take 64, sometimes take four.

~Alfonso Cuaron

There is a certain thing that you have to just stick to the plan, stick to what you want to do, and you try to work with studios and executives that they get it.

~Alfonso Cuaron

I find it very stupid that teenagers could only see caricatures of teenagers but they couldn't see films that you try to be a truthful context, a truthful portrayal of teenagers.

~Alfonso Cuaron

If I would rescue one of my movies, it would be 'A Little Princess.'

~Alfonso Cuaron

I love L.A. I always have such a great time in L.A. The way I kind of define me and L.A. is the noise of the factory doesn't let me sleep well.

~Alfonso Cuaron

What's the point of being an Australian guy traveling through India if you are going to go to India to meet other Australians?

~Alfonso Cuaron

Story is important but the most important is the theme and how you're going to convey theme cinematically. I'm a believer also.

~Alfonso Cuaron

I really believe there is the possibility of something great that can happen in the right hands.

~Alfonso Cuaron

I think it's always important to give immediate positive reinforcement.

~Alfonso Cuaron

I have to confess that I don't read much of what is written about me.

~Alfonso Cuaron

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