

# Baz Luhrmann

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A life lived in fear is a life half lived.

~Baz Luhrmann

The ugly duckling is a misunderstood universal myth. It's not about turning into a blonde Barbie doll or becoming what you dream of being; it's about self-revelation, becoming who you are.

~Baz Luhrmann

Western films don't do very well in India.

~Baz Luhrmann

Don't waste your time on jealousy. Sometimes you're ahead, sometimes you're behind. The race is long, and in the end, it's only with yourself

~Baz Luhrmann

Ultimately, you have to pursue your own path, not someone's idea of the right path. You need to stay on your path.

~Baz Luhrmann

If Paris is a city of lights, Sydney is the city of fireworks.

~Baz Luhrmann

The race is long but in the end it is only with YOURSELF.

~Baz Luhrmann

Be careful whose advice you buy, but be patient with those who supply it.

~Baz Luhrmann

I really believe musical form will go on. There's got to be a way of making musical form in cinema live again.

~Baz Luhrmann

Enjoy the power and beauty of your youth.

~Baz Luhrmann

All good, clean stories are melodrama, it's just the set of devices that determines how you show or hide it.

~Baz Luhrmann

Trust yourself that you can do it and get it

~Baz Luhrmann

I've always loved the old epics that tell a simple emotional story, whether it's the tumultuous relationship between Rhett and Scarlett or Lawrence of Arabia's passion to get lost in a faraway place.

~Baz Luhrmann

You really think that on my films people tell me what to do? I don't think so. On my films I decide.

~Baz Luhrmann

I wouldn't take a directing job if I didn't think it was enriching life.

~Baz Luhrmann

In terms of the mechanics of story, myth is an intriguing one because we didn't make myth up; myth is an imprinture of the human condition.

~Baz Luhrmann

I feel a kinship with anyone who feels that their road, their life or who they really are is not good enough. I really relate to that.

~Baz Luhrmann

Don't worry about the future.

~Baz Luhrmann

The food in Sydney is an Asian Pacific cuisine. It's eclectic but above

all it's fresh, inventive and creative and that's what I love about it.

~Baz Luhrmann

I grew up around jazz. I love jazz.

~Baz Luhrmann

I always have a point of view. It may not be right, but it's my own.

~Baz Luhrmann

When you're in theater or the circus or film - to me it's all one - affairs happen. People fall in love.

~Baz Luhrmann

Why live life from dream to dream, and dread the day when dreaming ends.

~Baz Luhrmann

There's a whole system in Hollywood where the director never speaks to the studio, but I like to engage them in a discussion. I listen.

~Baz Luhrmann

I never see things I make in the same way that the audience does. You can never do that.

~Baz Luhrmann

I feel funny about owning art. I don't really want to say: "Wow, come and see my Monet - it's in a dark room at the bottom of my cellar."

~Baz Luhrmann

One of the great things about Sydney is that it has a great acceptance of everyone and everything. It's an incredibly tolerant city, a city with a huge multicultural basis.

~Baz Luhrmann

My father made sure that I had lots of levels of education - from ballroom-dancing to painting, commando training, theatre and magic.

~Baz Luhrmann

At a very young age I was allowed to go into the cinema and watch adult films.

~Baz Luhrmann

Australia, to the rest of the world, is just far away, and Australia in the Thirties was the faraway of the faraway.

~Baz Luhrmann

Your choices are half chance, so are everybody else's.

~Baz Luhrmann

I mean, '8 ½' to me is such a great dissertation on the whole, you know, act of filmmaking and creativity.

~Baz Luhrmann

Hurt him. Hurt him and save him

~Baz Luhrmann

I don't have fights with actors. In absolute honesty, I've never fought with any actor ever.

~Baz Luhrmann

In the '60s not everybody was wearing flowers in their hair and flowing caftans.

~Baz Luhrmann

So, what is creative freedom? We can make what we want, how we want. The only constraint is: not for any budget.

~Baz Luhrmann

I do find walking is fundamental to my creative process.

~Baz Luhrmann

I feel like a member of any group comprised of outsiders.

~Baz Luhrmann

Fitzgerald coined the phrase the 'Jazz Age,' and now we're living in the Hip-Hop Age.

~Baz Luhrmann

I mean the future has become old fashioned.

~Baz Luhrmann

It's pretty hard to get mugged in Manhattan.

~Baz Luhrmann

In the '80s, everyone wanted to be in opera. It was groovy.

~Baz Luhrmann

Having grown up far, far away in a small country town in Australia, I was only slightly aware of hip-hop.

~Baz Luhrmann

One of my great all-time loves in cinema, and I've seen it three times, is Bondarchuk's 'War and Peace.' Not a lot of people may have seen that film. It was made during the Soviet era.

~Baz Luhrmann

I am always worried when someone says, 'This is perfect.'

~Baz Luhrmann

To be honest, there is a tourists' trail; my family had a farm and a gas station, and you can go and see my birthplace, though where I lived is actually under a freeway now.

~Baz Luhrmann

The party is a true art form in Sydney and people practise it a great deal. You can really get quite lost in it.

~Baz Luhrmann

Look, I had a passion for comic books growing up.

~Baz Luhrmann

The cold-audition process is not a science, so I ignore that.

~Baz Luhrmann

Accept certain inalienable truths.

~Baz Luhrmann

I think dance in any culture, in any form, is a true leveler.

~Baz Luhrmann

When I was growing up you would see big American films that really mythologised their landscape, that really showed the vastness and the drama of their country.

~Baz Luhrmann

Some of the greatest relationship films of all time, the two stars have hated each other, but mostly you see that chemistry.

~Baz Luhrmann

I understand that anything actors are doing, good or bad, is motivated by fear.

~Baz Luhrmann

My wife is the fact-checker, I'm in the story telling business.

~Baz Luhrmann

Everything I make starts very personally.

~Baz Luhrmann

Advice is a form of nostalgia.

~Baz Luhrmann



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