

# Ben Whishaw

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The criminal justice system, like any system designed by human beings, clearly has its flaws.

~Ben Whishaw

I think the sensation of being moved by a piece of art is something that is really good for a person's soul.

~Ben Whishaw

I can be shy, but I'm not really. I try to be better at overcoming these things people have said.

~Ben Whishaw

I find it weird that people want to know about you.

~Ben Whishaw

I find it really hard to say anything coherent or interesting about the work I do.

~Ben Whishaw

I'm not tortured and neurasthenic - I'm really not.

~Ben Whishaw

Your one certainty in life, your power as a human being, is that you have a choice in every situation about what you do next and about how you take what has happened to you.

~Ben Whishaw

I am a typical Libran. I tend to see two sides of everything.

~Ben Whishaw

I reckon domesticated cats have a pretty good life.

~Ben Whishaw

It's fun to pretend you're good at something you know you wouldn't be

good at in real life.

~Ben Wishaw

When you have a character to work with, you carry them around in a strange way - they make you look at the world in a different way.

~Ben Wishaw

I do get stopped on the street, although rarely. And they always have something lovely to say.

~Ben Wishaw

I would have loved to have been a painter or a sculptor. I'm still fascinated by those things.

~Ben Wishaw

I love films. I love music. I love poetry and stories. All of that I feel I sort of get very excited and fed by.

~Ben Wishaw

One of the things I find very difficult about theatre is the repetition - that something can slide away from your original intentions.

~Ben Wishaw

For me, it's important to keep a level of anonymity.

~Ben Wishaw

I think that sometimes in theater, I don't prepare much beyond going to the rehearsals.

~Ben Wishaw

My favorite Bond films are the really early ones, the first ones in fact, like 'Dr. No' and 'From Russia with Love.'

~Ben Wishaw

The thing about acting is that it's fairly random. At the end of the day you take what drifts past you or what's given to you.

~Ben Wishaw

I'd like to have a go at directing.

~Ben Wishaw

Filmmakers tell stories to explore human nature, which is always a flawed thing.

~Ben Wishaw

I don't have any ambition to make lots of money or win an Oscar or anything like that. It's not about that for me.

~Ben Wishaw

We are so mired in the complexity of our reactions to other people that when you come across someone who is asocial, there is a simplicity that is refreshing.

~Ben Wishaw

When I finished my A-levels, I assumed I'd be able to get work as an actor. But I couldn't. I didn't get an audition. Nothing. So I thought I'd better train and then the parts would come.

~Ben Wishaw

I think I have a degree of confidence, but I also have terrible insecurity, like anybody does.

~Ben Wishaw

I was quite a shy child - not chronically, but I tended to blend into the background.

~Ben Wishaw

I used to collect knick-knacks, like wizards, trolls and little buddhas, and

arrange them like precious things on a shelf.

~Ben Wishaw

What I notice about people who are gifted in filmmaking is that they're great thinkers. They engage with big ideas and they engage with people.

~Ben Wishaw

I wish that the arts were better supported, and you can't say that enough times, but I also believe that whatever happens, artists will keep going.

~Ben Wishaw

In film, I find it very useful always to do some preparation before you start rehearsals or start shooting, because there's so much that's against you on a film set.

~Ben Wishaw

I've gone on workout regimes, but I seem to have a system that is very resistant to changing.

~Ben Wishaw

I don't think I am especially interested in celebrities, but I love talking about what is going on with people and why they do what they do.

~Ben Wishaw

I love the characters I've had the opportunity to play.

~Ben Wishaw

Even today, England is a very repressed, repressive country, and there's pressure to be kind of a certain way, so people do things that ultimately make them sad.

~Ben Wishaw

My intuition comes up with better stuff than my head, I think.

~Ben Whishaw

I think being very thin has had a lot to do with how I've been cast.

~Ben Whishaw

I'm really hopeless with technology - I don't even have a computer.

~Ben Whishaw

I don't think anyone can walk through the world in a state of vulnerability all the time, can they?

~Ben Whishaw

Keats himself spoke about how Shakespeare was capable of erasing himself completely from the characters he had created. As an actor, that is what I'm trying to do.

~Ben Whishaw

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