

# Cary-Hiroiyuki Tagawa

## Quotes

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That's the worst thing for an actor: when you say to someone, "Yeah, I was in that movie," and they say, "You were?"

~Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa

It's not whether you fall or make a mistake, it's what you do when you fall. And I say you stand up. You keep standing up. It's not how many times you fall, it's how many times you stand up.

~Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa

I really believe that breath, in and of itself can become the ultimate self-healing tool.

~Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa

Actors are always looking for ways to build a character.

~Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa

My major intention for coming to Hollywood - besides the fact that I was just enamored with acting from a very young age - was that I was tired of seeing wimpy Asian actors.

~Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa

People say, "How come you play bad guys so much?" And I say, "Well, have you seen many Asian good-guy roles?"

~Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa

When you start working on a series, it's almost too much work. It's like a movie a week.

~Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa

The power and depth of Japanese acting certainly inspired me, so I was determined that Hollywood was going to get a taste of that, that Americans were going to get a taste of Japanese action.

~Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa

In fact, I think new media is going to make a big difference with injecting more people of color into Hollywood and non-Hollywood.

~Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa

There are a lot of wannabe men in Hollywood. But when you have that Hollywood mentality, there aren't a lot of real, grounded people.

~Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa

I used to be a street performer, and performances on Venice Beach, it's like playing the Apollo: They let you know if they don't like you!

~Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa

Kids keep getting wiser younger, which is dangerous, and adults need to stop taking themselves too seriously.

~Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa

You can't just replace someone with a regular-looking guy who didn't say any of the lines.

~Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa

I don't know if many people realize that Dolph Lundgren is a chemical engineer. He's not a dumb blond guy. This guy is smart and he's a martial artist.

~Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa

The power of Hollywood, as we know, is that it can create these images in people's minds, and they live with those images for their whole life.

~Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa

Bruce Lee was the first guy to bring film recognition of Asian men not being wimps, so it made me want to be as powerful as he was.

~Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa

I've been in a lot of cult movies, but I've been very fortunate to have

been involved in projects that people remember.

~Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa

I have to humbly say people really like the bad guys.

~Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa

Americans really don't understand the Japanese nature, but it's not an easy thing to understand.

~Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa

Looking back at my career, if there's one word that most people use to describe me, it's intense.

~Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa

In Hawaii, there are 50-year-old grandfathers, because they got married so early.

~Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa

The worst thing that can happen is that the effect that they create behind you is bigger than the performance you're putting out.

~Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa

I was excited about working with Richard Gere. Oh, and Joan Allen! Oh, my God, she is such a force of nature, it's mind boggling.

~Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa

American comedies about Asians have never been funny to me. That always kind of pissed me off.

~Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa

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