

Christopher Walken

Quotes

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I became very critical of zoos and circuses and keeping animals in captivity. I wish it was against the law.

~Christopher Walken

I got a fever, and the only prescription is more cowbell.

~Christopher Walken

I'm better off not socializing. I make a better impression if I'm not around.

~Christopher Walken

Acting has to do with saying it as if you meant it, so for me the words are always very important. It's very important for me to know my lines, know them so well that I don't have to think about them.

~Christopher Walken

At its best, life is completely unpredictable.

~Christopher Walken

There's something dangerous about what's funny. Jarring and disconcerting. There is a connection between funny and scary.

~Christopher Walken

No, improvising is wonderful. But, the thing is that you cannot improvise unless you know exactly what you're doing.

~Christopher Walken

I try not to worry about things I can't do anything about.

~Christopher Walken

We have no way of knowing what lays ahead for us in the future. All we can do is use the information at hand to make the best decision possible.

~Christopher Walken

I play so many villains and strange, troubled people. I don't have that kind of life. I live in the country. I've been married nearly 50 years. I have a cat.

~Christopher Walken

My father was a lesson. He had his own bakery, and it was closed one day a week, but he would go anyway. He did it because he really loved his bakery. It wasn't a job.

~Christopher Walken

I have a friend of mine who does me on his answering machine, and when I call him, I answer. It's pretty strange.

~Christopher Walken

Well, I don't play heroes obviously. I never played the guy who gets the girl. It might be interesting to do a part where I was a father in a functional family.

~Christopher Walken

I never know when I am being funny, and the other way too. I don't think you can think about that. I don't think you can try to be funny. Some people are just funny.

~Christopher Walken

I've done a lot of things I cringe when I watch and some things I'm proud of... Movies are strange. You have to be a little bit lucky with them.

~Christopher Walken

My hair was famous before I was.

~Christopher Walken

I'd love to do a character with a wife, a nice little house, a couple of kids, a dog, maybe a bit of singing, and no guns and no killing, but

nobody offers me those kind of parts.

~Christopher Walken

I don't play lovers. I wish I did. At least once I'd like to have a crack at one of those guys. A heartbreaker. Some people are born to it. I'm not.

~Christopher Walken

Because if I don't know my lines, I really don't know what I'm doing.

~Christopher Walken

A man can be an artist... in anything, food, whatever. It depends on how good he is at it. Creasey's art is death. He's about to paint his masterpiece.

~Christopher Walken

As an actor you become that lighting rod between the person who made the play and the audience.

~Christopher Walken

Bear suits are funny - and bears as well.

~Christopher Walken

I look for good possibilities in movies. I don't look for perfection.

~Christopher Walken

There's an impression that actors make a lot of choices. I just take what's there.

~Christopher Walken

I don't carry lucky charms, but I believe in those things.

~Christopher Walken

I'm scared of everything. I think it's only sensible to be that way.

~Christopher Walken

Emotional power is maybe the most valuable thing that an actor can have.

~Christopher Walken

When videotape came so a lot of movies that I do have a kind of afterlife in video. Things where movies that I do would come and go; they still come and go but you can go rent them and see them on TV.

~Christopher Walken

When I was a kid I joined the circus. I did that. It is true. But it's not like you think. There was a guy, he had his own circus. His name was Carol Jacobs and he owned it. It was a small thing.

~Christopher Walken

I've made three musical movies which is pretty good considering that not many are made but I was lucky in other ways. I came along when independent movies were starting to boom.

~Christopher Walken

An actor really is a kind of intermediary between an audience and the piece, whether it's a play or movie.

~Christopher Walken

The minute I start to talk about acting, I realize that I can't. You know, it's an abstract thing, a little bit mysterious even if you do it for a living.

~Christopher Walken

I don't much like being directed. I enjoy being allowed to play.

~Christopher Walken

I've made one or two movies that I haven't even seen, because they were never released. I have made things that I never even saw. But I will always go see the movie I'm in.

~Christopher Walken

Obviously an actor draws on his own experience.

~Christopher Walken

They have a kind of Bob Hope and Bing Crosby thing going on.

~Christopher Walken

I used to love Danish. My father used to make a Boston cream pie. You never see that anymore.

~Christopher Walken

Even in the limo, I buckle my seatbelt. I got that seatbelt on before the car moves.

~Christopher Walken

It's not necessarily how many minutes you're on screen, it's the material you have. It's more important what it is you have to do than the amount of time you're there.

~Christopher Walken

I make up different names for my cat all the time - Flapjack, Bowtie, Popcorn. But he's really, "Hey you, cat."

~Christopher Walken

I tend to play mostly villains and twisted people. Unsavory guys. I think it's my face, the way I look.

~Christopher Walken

I've been married for 46 years, and I live in a nice house, my grass is always cut, I pay my bills, and my cat loves me!

~Christopher Walken

I think I'm getting a little bit of Alzheimer's. Just a little.

~Christopher Walken

I'll tell you, Quentin Tarantino really writes the most amazing dialogue.

~Christopher Walken

It's impossible for me to play a part without thinking about the audience.

~Christopher Walken

Also, I think there are huge reactions sometimes, which are also mysterious.

~Christopher Walken

I think that weddings have probably been crashed since the beginning of time. Cavemen crashed them. You go to meet girls. It makes sense.

~Christopher Walken

Both my parents had heavy accents, and so did everybody they knew. It's a rhythm thing - people who speak English where they have to hesitate and think of the right word. And I think it rubbed off.

~Christopher Walken

Well, you know what they say. A bullet always tells the truth.

~Christopher Walken

In rehearsal you have a good accident that you can repeat. In the movies if you have a good accident you hope the camera's running.

~Christopher Walken

No, but way before that, I've been doing little dances in movies for years. Yeah, that was an amazing chance. You know, at my age to be able to do a music dance video, very unusual.

~Christopher Walken

People come up to me all the time in New York. Not for autographs, but to talk about movies, often in a very scientific way.

~Christopher Walken

Usually in the first performances I'm completely panicked. And I pull myself together. By the time you get to the end of the play, you really start to have fun.

~Christopher Walken

Is typecasting really a problem?

~Christopher Walken

I love spaghetti. And I like to cook spaghetti. And I used to eat it every day. I weighed thirty pounds more than I do now. You can't - you can't do that.

~Christopher Walken

Everybody has to be a little lucky, I think.

~Christopher Walken

I think all men when they get older, they look at the mirror and they probably see their father a little bit.

~Christopher Walken

I like to go to work, and also, I don't have any kids. I don't have any hobbies. I don't like to travel. So going to work is kind of it.

~Christopher Walken

I have a lot of trouble with scripts. I have a lot of trouble imagining things while I'm reading them.

~Christopher Walken

If you're an actor, a hard thing is to stick around, to stay viable. I try to do that by taking the opportunity to do something different every once in awhile.

~Christopher Walken

Yeah, well I've always played comedy. My background is musical comedy theatre and that's really where my training is. As an actor, that's my training.

~Christopher Walken

I used to be prettier than I am, but I think I look better now. I was a pretty boy. Particularly in my early movies. I don't like looking at them so much. There's a sort of pretty thing about me.

~Christopher Walken

When you're onstage and you know you're bombing, that's very, very scary. Because you know you gotta keep going - you're bombing, but you can't stop.

~Christopher Walken

I come from a show-business family, so wanting to become an actor never crossed my mind. It was just a part of my life.

~Christopher Walken

Morning is the best time to see movies.

~Christopher Walken

I don't usually get to play fathers or grandfathers or uncles. Now that I'm older, maybe I can play people closer to myself. I'd like that.

~Christopher Walken

I've made movies that we're very successful that we're a complete surprise, and I've made movies that I thought we're going to be very successful that, you know.

~Christopher Walken

Well, I was sort of a jack-of-all-trades in show business for a long time. I was a singer and a dancer and then I got a job as an actor.

~Christopher Walken

I've been to Chicago a lot - it's one of my favorite places. My wife is from Chicago, and I worked in the theater there a lot.

~Christopher Walken

In the theater you rehearse for a minimum of five to six weeks. And then you get to play it. Which means you get to get better. That's the great thing about the theater.

~Christopher Walken

I don't have kids. Maybe that's kept me young. I have a wife for almost 50 years and she looks after me a little bit like I was seven years-old.

~Christopher Walken

Sometimes a certain innocence is good, but not about yourself.

~Christopher Walken

It's what actors call a big, juicy part, when you're a leading man. I don't get a lot of those. I get a lot of supporting things.

~Christopher Walken

One of the difficult things about being an actor is to stick around.

~Christopher Walken

If you do movies that are modestly budgeted, the way they finance them is they figure out how they can sell them.

~Christopher Walken

Death is wonderful because you can't think about it. How are you gonna think about it?

~Christopher Walken

There probably aren't a lot of actors my age who tap dance.

~Christopher Walken

My favorite characters are the ones that are the most successful movies.

~Christopher Walken

If you play a king, it's better if everybody treats you like a king.

~Christopher Walken

It's interesting - a lot of good actors are good mimes. But I'm terrible. If I tried to do an impression, nobody would know what I was doing.

~Christopher Walken

I know that whenever I think about death, I come up against a stone wall.

~Christopher Walken

I've made quite a number of movies that I've never even seen and I've made some movies that I thought were good that nobody saw... Sometimes they end up on television.

~Christopher Walken

I became an actor by accident. I suppose I figured since I was in musical comedy from the time I was a teenager, I suppose I figured that I'd always been in that world to some extent.

~Christopher Walken

My background is in musical comedy.

~Christopher Walken

I think that a good movie creates its own world, and that world needn't refer to anything that's real. If it's consistent, if it's entertaining, if it's interesting, it justifies its being there.

~Christopher Walken

I play a lot of, maybe a little bit, cartoonish people. I've been a Bond

villain, and I play a lot of villains, people who want to take over something.

~Christopher Walken

I come from a part of New York that was almost entirely immigrants. I was born in America, but all of my friends' parents, everybody's parents, including my own, had come to America from Europe.

~Christopher Walken

I certainly have never been an actor who can play the Everyman guy - or, I don't tend to get those parts. I've tended to play eccentrics. I've played a lot of villains, of course.

~Christopher Walken

I'm not sure I'd write a good cookbook, but I might make a good cooking show.

~Christopher Walken

I grew up listening to people speaking broken English. I probably picked that up. And I probably speak English almost as a second language.

~Christopher Walken

As an actor I'm rather hit and miss, I throw a lot out there, and some of it works and some of it doesn't. But this is a nice part.

~Christopher Walken

I have always refused to do something that has offended me. I have been offered potential roles that are totally vulgar.

~Christopher Walken

Sometimes things work out, sometimes they don't. I never know how successful a movie is going to be - when you make a movie you're always hoping for the best.

~Christopher Walken

I play disturbed people a lot, but always with a bit of distance or tongue-in-cheek. Most of the villains I play are essentially harmless.

~Christopher Walken

I was never a child actor. I was a child performer.

~Christopher Walken

I've never made a movie I wasn't surprised to see.

~Christopher Walken

To be honest, I was never very ambitious. And I still am not.

~Christopher Walken

I don't even like holding them. Whenever I hold a gun, I want to get it out of my hand as quick as possible.

~Christopher Walken

Usually directors hire me because I'm what they are looking for. But once in a while, and it's very rare, they will hire me and then try to make me over.

~Christopher Walken

It's very hard to get a movie made. You could spend your life reading scripts that never got made.

~Christopher Walken

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