

# Conrad Hall

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Cinematography is infinite in its possibilities... much more so than music or language.

~Conrad Hall

You are always a student, never a master. You have to keep moving forward.

~Conrad Hall

Dad, wherever you are, you are gone but you will never be forgotten.

~Conrad Hall

It was 100 feet of 16 mm black-and-white film of a car coming to a stop sign, and driving off. I had to decide how to frame and light it. It was magic. There was a sense of mystery.

~Conrad Hall

I was very happy sitting alone at a dining room table, writing a script.

~Conrad Hall

There are infinite shadings of light and shadows and colors... it's an extraordinarily subtle language. Figuring out how to speak that language is a lifetime job.

~Conrad Hall

Every cinematographer I worked with had his own way of solving problems.

~Conrad Hall

Every once in a while, when the audience is expecting to see one thing, you have to show them something else.

~Conrad Hall

Contrast is what makes photography interesting.

~Conrad Hall

But at heart, I am more than a cinematographer.

~Conrad Hall

It took a while for me to grasp that my colleagues believe I have made an impact on the history of cinema.

~Conrad Hall

To me, the camera is like a musical instrument. You use it to control the flow, shape, size and colors of images.

~Conrad Hall

Billions of people have seen and been influenced by movies in the short history of this industry.

~Conrad Hall

Manipulating shadows and tonality is like writing music or a poem.

~Conrad Hall

I don't think of myself as a director or writer. I think of myself as a filmmaker.

~Conrad Hall

In aptitude tests, I scored highest in music.

~Conrad Hall

The closer the source of light is to a subject, the broader the beams are.

~Conrad Hall

It is also difficult to articulate the subtleties in cinema, because there aren't words or metaphors which describe many of the emotions you are attempting to evoke.

~Conrad Hall

My peers say I have made a difference. That means more to me than winning an Oscar.

~Conrad Hall

It's important to know that if you are dealing with shadows.

~Conrad Hall

But you know you haven't done it all because you know everything keeps evolving and changing; and you know you can evolve with it if you grow and develop as a human being.

~Conrad Hall

Painting and writing are solitary arts.

~Conrad Hall

The sun is the most parallel light source because it is so far away.

~Conrad Hall

I hope I'm still shooting when I'm 80.

~Conrad Hall

There are a lot of directors who are knowledgeable about images, and others who aren't.

~Conrad Hall

I can still recall the thrill of shooting my first film.

~Conrad Hall

Photography is a very important part of my life.

~Conrad Hall

I think one of the reasons people quit is because they're afraid they won't be able to get better and better; that they have to come to a zenith of some kind.

~Conrad Hall

I suppose I would still be a communicator, maybe a musician.

~Conrad Hall

That's why I like fast film. It gives you more freedom to light more naturally.

~Conrad Hall

You have to understand the nature of light.

~Conrad Hall

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