

# David Ogden Stiers

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Family means no one gets left behind or forgotten.

~David Ogden Stiers

There are a couple of roles I haven't played that I want to. I would love to play Shiloh.

~David Ogden Stiers

I had a meeting in LA in which they took a really overstuffed hour and a half. It was as close to old Hollywood as I remembered it in the last 20 years.

~David Ogden Stiers

Something happens to us all when we experience something as a unit that doesn't occur when we're on our couches or holding our little portable DVD players.

~David Ogden Stiers

I am certainly not a mainstream religious man.

~David Ogden Stiers

Kids now are so used to surround sound and the power in theater speakers, that the concert hall is a disappointment to them.

~David Ogden Stiers

I'd forgotten I'd done the anime called Spirited Away, the English version of a Japanese film.

~David Ogden Stiers

We lament the speed of our society and the lack of depth and the nature of disposable information.

~David Ogden Stiers

I am not a long-run actor. I admire actors who can do that.

~David Ogden Stiers

You hear the same work by different orchestras, different conductors, violinists, pianists, singers, and slowly, the work reveals itself and begins to live deeper in you.

~David Ogden Stiers

Every time I hear, Cut. Print, something cold and electrical goes off in my head, because I'm never going to change that film.

~David Ogden Stiers

When something really extreme happens, you have to find a way to embrace that and include it in how you think about the character. Sometimes it's not easy.

~David Ogden Stiers

Very often when I go in to meet for movies or pilots, I'm put on videotape. I hate the notion that that tape is going to sit on a shelf and never get better.

~David Ogden Stiers

People are nice enough, but you can hear the giant tick of the second hand. People are so harried.

~David Ogden Stiers

What we have to get clear to kids is that when you offer your stillness and open yourself to the experience of music, it pays you back more than you give.

~David Ogden Stiers

It's rare to be treated like a friend you haven't met in a Hollywood meeting.

~David Ogden Stiers

Because I don't take money, I'll go anywhere and do a benefit concert with almost any orchestra.

~David Ogden Stiers

In television you go in with this operating system that it is a crapshoot.

~David Ogden Stiers

A lot affects the outcome. It boils down to scheduling and the commitment of the network.

~David Ogden Stiers

I love pulling people into concert halls who might not otherwise go and getting their ears tuned.

~David Ogden Stiers

I will never master this craft. Orchestras are very, very forthcoming with me.

~David Ogden Stiers

My father, who died a few years ago, was a good, simple, very honest man. His faith and affection for his family was just unassailable, without question.

~David Ogden Stiers

If it's right and true, it's listened to and accommodated.

~David Ogden Stiers

Very often, I don't make it through moments of recording because it is genuinely funny and absolutely ridiculous that a 60-year-old grown man is making these noises.

~David Ogden Stiers

Writing is hard work. Generating stories that catch people's attention and holding it are very difficult.

~David Ogden Stiers

It's really important to stay engaged and involved in the character.

~David Ogden Stiers

High school music teachers... nobody makes a living off it.

~David Ogden Stiers

I've played Lear three times, I would love to do it again.

~David Ogden Stiers

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