

# Eric Bogosian Quotes

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As soon as the dirt is hitting the casket, it'll all be forgotten.

~Eric Bogosian

I provide the bricks and mortar with the words and situations - the director and the actors and the designers build the house.

~Eric Bogosian

Well, the real Eric Bogosian is pretty self-conscious of himself.

~Eric Bogosian

It's my duty as a human being to be pissed off.

~Eric Bogosian

Ensemble is hard to do. It's like 3-D chess.

~Eric Bogosian

I was definitely surprised when Talk Radio took off as a play. As a film it has become somewhere between a popular thing and a cult thing.

~Eric Bogosian

If we all knew we were going to live to be 150 years old, we'd all approach our lives very differently.

~Eric Bogosian

I'm not a light-hearted person, so I can't think light-hearted at work.

~Eric Bogosian

I'm not hip, I'm not cool, I'm not glib.

~Eric Bogosian

If all I ever wrote about was inner city freaks, I think it would be dishonest.

~Eric Bogosian

It's a mental fake-out to myself. I make believe I'm making a new show so I forget the material I was working on and make up some fresh material.

~Eric Bogosian

I write my plays to create an excuse for full-tilt acting and performing.

~Eric Bogosian

For a long time, my shows were about people walking out or about getting my gigs canceled or having the presenter not wanting to pay me.

~Eric Bogosian

I know that I'm inadequate, but I never thought that at seventeen. I thought I was doing the best I could. I thought I was being idealistic.

~Eric Bogosian

I do write about people who are complex and are striving with something and can't quite get past their own stuff, which would be a proxy for myself because that's what the deal is with me.

~Eric Bogosian

There is nothing more boring than people who love you.

~Eric Bogosian

I don't know anybody who does what I do. I'm very underground.

~Eric Bogosian

I write for an audience that likes what I like, reads what I read, thinks about the things I think about. In many ways, this puts me in opposition to the people who go to the theater generally.

~Eric Bogosian

I'm very underground.

~Eric Bogosian

I started acting when I was in high school, started writing when I got to New York in 1975.

~Eric Bogosian

I write, but I also act.

~Eric Bogosian

I'm always surprised by things that happen to my work.

~Eric Bogosian

I love playing other people's work. I love acting.

~Eric Bogosian

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