

# Fiona Shaw

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Even when they have nothing, the Irish emit a kind of happiness, a joy.

~Fiona Shaw

There once was a demographic survey done to determine if money was connected to happiness and Ireland was the only place where this did not turn out to be true.

~Fiona Shaw

And by endlessly sanitizing our feelings, we actually feed a disgruntled nation.

~Fiona Shaw

The energy released by it is enormous and it becomes quite addictive, the power between the audience and the actor.

~Fiona Shaw

Theater is dangerously open to repetition. Its exciting when you hit on a new way.

~Fiona Shaw

There was no professional theater in Cork, but still I did a lot of performing.

~Fiona Shaw

The Americans are very clear, and obsessed with nouns.

~Fiona Shaw

I would love to write the story of my upbringing in Ireland.

~Fiona Shaw

I certainly had no intention of playing a man.

~Fiona Shaw

I find it incredibly tedious, hate that it murders itself with its own

conservative pomposity.

~Fiona Shaw

Acting doesn't have to be threadbare misery all the time.

~Fiona Shaw

Once you've done one style, you leave it for a while.

~Fiona Shaw

Irish people are educated not only about artistry but local history.

~Fiona Shaw

I take the theater seriously in that I loathe it, I'm bored by it.

~Fiona Shaw

I'm not afraid of chaos and I'm happy talking to strangers. I really love not knowing where I'm going.

~Fiona Shaw

People who are good at film have a relationship with the camera.

~Fiona Shaw

I think America becomes more disgruntled by going to the movies and having an endlessly good time at them.

~Fiona Shaw

Honestly, I get more recognized for 'Three Men and a Little Lady' than 'Harry Potter'.

~Fiona Shaw

One moment cannot be the most important.

~Fiona Shaw

Every generation is obsessed with the decade before they were born.

~Fiona Shaw

Theater dates very quickly.

~Fiona Shaw

I can hardly decide what plays I should be in.

~Fiona Shaw

Now I have begun to get interested in films and I just hope that people start becoming interested in me to do more films.

~Fiona Shaw

There's something about the Irish that is remarkable.

~Fiona Shaw

I enjoy making films, but my heart is in the stage. Every night you have to be on. There's no second take.

~Fiona Shaw

I loathe bad theater and most theatre is very bad because its repetitious, unexciting and, dangerously, it is sometimes praised for those things.

~Fiona Shaw

I had a ball doing Harry Potter.

~Fiona Shaw

I would say the next imminent hot writers are often the writers from the decade before you were born.

~Fiona Shaw

A lot of Irish people perform. They perform in drawing rooms. They sing songs and they play piano.

~Fiona Shaw

There is a great relief in experiencing the worst vicariously.

~Fiona Shaw

I just think that things should be allowed to run their course, and not turned into a Disney ride.

~Fiona Shaw

My mother adores singing and plays piano. My uncle was a phenomenal pianist. My brother John is a double bassist. I used to play the piano, badly, and cello. My brother Peter played violin.

~Fiona Shaw

The word democracy has no meaning. Duty has gone. Only rights remain.

~Fiona Shaw

I'm not on the run from anything and I'm not at all clear about what I'm running towards. But as some great writer put it, I want to be certain that when I arrive at death, I'm totally exhausted.

~Fiona Shaw

This whole tribal loyalty seems to have gone.

~Fiona Shaw

A relationship is sent by God and accident.

~Fiona Shaw

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