

# Gene Kelly

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You dance love, and you dance joy, and you dance dreams.

~Gene Kelly

I didn't want to move or act like a rich man. I wanted to dance in a pair of jeans. I wanted to dance like the man in the streets.

~Gene Kelly

I got started dancing because I knew it was one way to meet girls.

~Gene Kelly

Any man who looks like a sissy while dancing is just a lousy dancer.

~Gene Kelly

If Fred Astaire is the Cary Grant of dance, I'm the Marlon Brando.

~Gene Kelly

My mother had gotten a job as a receptionist at a dancing school and had the idea that we should open our own dancing school; we did, and it prospered.

~Gene Kelly

Fred Astaire represented the aristocracy, I represented the proletariat.

~Gene Kelly

The way I look at a musical, you are commenting on the human condition no matter what you do. A musical may be light and frivolous, but by its very nature, it makes some kind of social comment.

~Gene Kelly

When Ginger Rogers danced with Astaire, it was the only time in the movies when you looked at the man, not the woman.

~Gene Kelly

I took it as it came and it happened to be very nice.

~Gene Kelly

I never wanted to be a dancer. It's true! I wanted to be a shortstop for the Pittsburgh Pirates.

~Gene Kelly

Come on with the rain / I've a smile on my face.

~Gene Kelly

The finest all-around performer we ever had in America was Judy Garland. There was no limit to her talent. She was the quickest, brightest person I ever worked with.

~Gene Kelly

Like an athlete, [dance] is an everyday job. You have to stay in shape - unless you just want to loaf through a couple of hoofing routines. But that just didn't satisfy me.

~Gene Kelly

I wanted to do new things with dance, adapt it to the motion picture medium.

~Gene Kelly

I love rhythmic dancing - I'm not derogating it at all. It's just that sometimes you want to whisper, "I adore you." And for that you need strings and woodwinds.

~Gene Kelly

I'd studied dance in Chicago every summer and taught it all winter, and I was well-rounded. I wasn't worried about getting a job on Broadway. In fact, I got one the first week.

~Gene Kelly

The future of dance will always be tied up with the public's acceptance

of the star. If they accept the star, then they'll accept the dance.

~Gene Kelly

I think dancing is a man's game and if he does it well he does it better than a woman.

~Gene Kelly

I arrived in Hollywood twenty pounds overweight and as strong as an ox. But if I put on a white tails and tux like Fred Astaire, I still looked like a truck driver.

~Gene Kelly

I still find it almost impossible to relax for more than one day at a time.

~Gene Kelly

I may be rancid butter, but I'm on your side of the bread.

~Gene Kelly

There's nothing revolutionary about Saturday Night Fever . You can see the same kind of movement at your local disco.

~Gene Kelly

Things danced on the screen do not look the way they do on the stage. On the stage, dancing is three-dimensional, but a motion picture is two-dimensional.

~Gene Kelly

I didn't want to be a dancer... I just did it to work my way through college. But I was always an athlete and gymnast, so it came naturally.

~Gene Kelly

I don't even want to discuss Flashdance. I'm no critic, but that's an interesting phenomenon, that picture.

~Gene Kelly

I think Twyla [Tharp] has a lot to say. The great thing about Twyla is that she continues to explore.

~Gene Kelly

First of all, break-dancing has been done for years, though not all of it put together the way it is now. But, actually, the distinctions have been blurring since the 1950s.

~Gene Kelly

America now has more and better dancers than they have ever had in the history of the country, but that won't account for the public wants to see.

~Gene Kelly

When they do let them sustain on screen from head to toe, though, then you know they must think the person is a good dancer.

~Gene Kelly

If I played a tough kid on the street I couldn't go out there and get into fifth position. I had to dance like a tough kid on the street.

~Gene Kelly

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