

Gene Wilder Quotes

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Time is a precious thing. Never waste it.

~Gene Wilder

As they say in Corsica... Goodbye!

~Gene Wilder

Invention, my dear friends, is 93% perspiration, 6% electricity, 4% evaporation, and 2% butterscotch ripple

~Gene Wilder

I never used to believe in fate. I used to think you make your own life and then you call it fate. That's why I call it irony.

~Gene Wilder

So shines a good deed... in a weary world.

~Gene Wilder

If you're not gonna tell the truth, then why start talking?

~Gene Wilder

For what we are about to see next, we must enter quietly into the realm of genius!

~Gene Wilder

A little nonsense now and then is relished by the wisest men. This was said by gene wilder ... what does it mean ?

~Gene Wilder

The suspense is terrible. I hope it'll last.

~Gene Wilder

On stage or in the movies I could do whatever I wanted to. I was free.

~Gene Wilder

Dont put the sheep on the table.

~Gene Wilder

If the physical thing you're doing is funny, you don't have to act funny while doing it...Just be real and it will be funnier

~Gene Wilder

To match the shoes with the jacket is fey. To match the shoes with the hat is taste.

~Gene Wilder

Little surprises around every corner, but nothing dangerous.

~Gene Wilder

When you please your mother by doing something, it gives you confidence that you can please other people.

~Gene Wilder

I'm funny on camera sometimes. In life, once in a while. Once in a while.

~Gene Wilder

I write funny. If I can make my wife laugh, I know I'm on the right track. But yes, I don't like to get Maudlin. And I have a tendency towards it.

~Gene Wilder

I don't mean to sound - I don't want it to come out funny, but I don't like show business. I love - I love acting in films. I love it.

~Gene Wilder

I'd like to do a comedy with Emma Thompson. I admire her as an actress so much. I love her. And I didn't know it until recently that her whole career started in comedy.

~Gene Wilder

My favorite author is Anton Chekhov, not so much for the plays but for his short stories, and I think he was really my tutor.

~Gene Wilder

Where is fancy bred, in the heart or in the head?

~Gene Wilder

Which one of us, anywhere in the world, doesn't yearn to be believed when the audience is watching?

~Gene Wilder

So my idea of neurotic is spending too much time trying to correct a wrong. When I feel that I'm doing that, then I snap out of it.

~Gene Wilder

Actors fall into this trap if they missed being loved for who they really were and not for what they could do - sing, dance, joke about - then they take that as love.

~Gene Wilder

I wanted to do - there was this film called 'Magic' that Anthony Hopkins did. And the director wanted me. The writer wanted me. Joe Levine said no, I don't want any comedians in this.

~Gene Wilder

I love acting, especially if it's a fantasy of some kind, where it's not just realistic, it's not naturalism.

~Gene Wilder

Woody makes a movie as if he were lighting 10,000 safety matches to illuminate a city. Each one is a little epiphany: topical, ethnic, or political.

~Gene Wilder

I was so afraid to feel free to enjoy my own life if my mother was sick and suffering everyday of her's. I didn't think I had the right.

~Gene Wilder

But the acting process - create a human being - was real, not only to the audience, but real to me.

~Gene Wilder

A lot of comic actors derive their main force from childish behavior. Most great comics are doing such silly things; you'd say, 'That's what a child would do.

~Gene Wilder

I'm in complete remission. I'm alive and well.

~Gene Wilder

Gene Wilder characters wanted to be calm, but to the great delight of audiences, they rarely succeeded.

~Gene Wilder

I'm not very funny in real life. I used to want to be a comedian when I was 13, 14, 15, till I saw "Death Of A Salesman" with Lee J. Cobb and Mildred Dunnock.

~Gene Wilder

When your mother gives you confidence about anything that you do, you carry that confidence with you. She made me believe that I could make someone laugh.

~Gene Wilder

And in 'Frisco Kid' and in 'The Woman in Red' I had to ride badly. Then you have to really ride well in order to ride badly.

~Gene Wilder

I want to be an actor, maybe a comic actor but a real actor.

~Gene Wilder

Great art direction is NOT the same thing as great film direction!

~Gene Wilder

I certainly didn't have New York Jewish humor. But I was in three Mel Brooks films so people thought I was a connoisseur of New York Jewish humor.

~Gene Wilder

I had improvised a lot in classes and at the Actors Studio, but I never did it in front of the camera.

~Gene Wilder

Gene Wilder often said that his job as an actor wasn't to make something funny but to make it real.

~Gene Wilder

Zero Mostel wasn't afraid of authority in any form, and that's the part that influenced me the most.

~Gene Wilder

I put out my hand to shake hands with Zero Mostel, and he took my hand [and] he pulled me up to his face, and he gave me a kiss on the lips. And all my nervousness went out the window.

~Gene Wilder

I found a very diabolical way of making myself suffer - not in the same way [my mother] was suffering but to prevent me from enjoying my own life.

~Gene Wilder

I met Richard Pryor for the first time in Calgary, in Canada. A very

quiet, modest meeting.

~Gene Wilder

[Gilda Radner] died in '89, and I got non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in 2000. I've just passed the five-year mark and I'm now what you call - well, it's called complete remission, but I'm cured. I'm fine.

~Gene Wilder

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