

Harold Prince

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The musical has always been in jeopardy - until - or was in jeopardy until it was realised that it is probably the safest living theatre art form.

~Harold Prince

I don't look back. I look forward and plan new shows. That's really feeding the most important part of working in the theater.

~Harold Prince

Audiences are quite happy to be astonished, and they don't care who does that astonishing.

~Harold Prince

I have a terrible memory because I'm not interested in the past. It's done, it's done.

~Harold Prince

A star may guarantee business, but the tradeoff is a very short run.

~Harold Prince

I was there when the quote-unquote golden age of musical theater was flourishing. I met everybody who worked in theater or was famous in theater from the '40s on.

~Harold Prince

Criticism is valuable... and self-congratulatory experiences are not.

~Harold Prince

It's a terrible shame if you're born the brightest guy in your class. If you're not, then you have to hustle-and that's good.

~Harold Prince

I wouldn't want to be just pigeonholed as an extravagant director.

~Harold Prince

The idea that I have to be on the same side of the fence as Dan Quayle is cruelly depressing to me, but the truth is, I believe in family values.

~Harold Prince

I'm always glad to see somebody rethink something rather than reproduce something I did.

~Harold Prince

We've got to find a way to protect the process of making musical theater.

~Harold Prince

The perfect expression of receiving a lifetime award is to be working when they're handing it out.

~Harold Prince

Most of the big money people don't know what would interest an audience if you did it. They only know what interested the audience last time.

~Harold Prince

Despite the successes, you remember the failures - rather lovingly.

~Harold Prince

You think, 'Musicals, they must always be romantic' - You'd be surprised how few of them historically have ever been romantic.

~Harold Prince

I'm a pragmatic man. I'll veer on the dangerous side, because I love dangerous subjects, but I won't shoot a show in the foot.

~Harold Prince

I saw 'On The Town' about nine times. I discovered it. I loved it. I was in college.

~Harold Prince

I was nine. I saw Orson Welles in 'Julius Caesar.' It was involving, emotional, imaginative. I've never forgotten it.

~Harold Prince

I don't like abrasion while I'm working. I don't thrive on chaos. I enjoy what I'm doing, and it seems to work better when I am enjoying it.

~Harold Prince

Nothing is staged exactly as it was, because I can't remember - and I consider that an advantage.

~Harold Prince

I always had a good time in theatre, even when shows don't turn out as well as I'd like.

~Harold Prince

I remember when people actually wore coats and ties to theatre every night. They don't anymore. It's very different.

~Harold Prince

There are wonderful composers and librettists out there. It's the lack of creative producers that is troubling.

~Harold Prince

I don't think there's a defined contemporary American musical, do you?

~Harold Prince

It's nice to stay up nights worrying about the material, and not about the investors who gave you \$10 million to do your musical.

~Harold Prince

What's missing in the musical theater is producers willing to nurture

new work, raise the money and put it on.

~Harold Prince

The truth is, for some absurd reason, no one is willing to admit that the interests of the producers and the theater owners are not the same.

~Harold Prince

Producers want to put their music behind revivals but I don't think that's a good trend for the theater at all.

~Harold Prince

I'm crazy about Dublin. If you went back 3,000 years in my ancestry you wouldn't find a drop of Irish blood in the veins, but I love the place.

~Harold Prince

I didn't go into the theater to be a producer, I went into the theater to be a director.

~Harold Prince

I love big, bold, truthful theater - the tradition of Victorian theater.

~Harold Prince

I really wish people - maybe it's naive - wish people had priorities and were willing to be artistic patrons.

~Harold Prince

I really don't spend time thinking about the past. I think about the future. I'm not stopping.

~Harold Prince

I've never been able to understand where great artists come from.

~Harold Prince

I've seen a lot of 'Show Boats,' but I've never seen the one that

thoroughly satisfies me.

~Harold Prince

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