

# Harvey Fierstein

## Quotes

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~Harvey Fierstein

Never be bullied into silence. Never allow yourself to be made a victim. Accept no one's definition of your life; define yourself.

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I do believe we're all connected. I do believe in positive energy. I do believe in the power of prayer. I do believe in putting good out into the world. And I believe in taking care of each other.

~Harvey Fierstein

The great thing about suicide is that it's not one of those things you have to do now or you lose your chance. I mean, you can always do it later.

~Harvey Fierstein

Nothing binds a people to their leader like a common enemy. Voters don't change governments during war.

~Harvey Fierstein

Change your mind as often as possible. Just because you thought something yesterday doesn't mean you have to think it today. Don't ever become a prisoner of your own opinion

~Harvey Fierstein

Art has the power to transform, to illuminate, to educate, inspire and motivate.

~Harvey Fierstein

Time will tell us what we did and didn't do.

~Harvey Fierstein

Anyone with a smart phone is a potential eyewitness cameraman

capturing and transmitting stories at speeds that turn Reuter photos and traditional reporting into, well... yesterday's news.

~Harvey Fierstein

I guess a drag queen's like an oil painting: You gotta stand back from it to get the full effect.

~Harvey Fierstein

What looks absolutely fabulous in rehearsal can fall flat in front of an audience. The audience dictates what you do or don't change.

~Harvey Fierstein

It's a wonderful world. You can't go backwards. You're always moving forward. It's the wonderful part about life. And that's terrific.

~Harvey Fierstein

If you deny yourself commitment, what can you do with your life?

~Harvey Fierstein

I burned out on AIDS and did no AIDS work for a couple of years. I was so angry that people were still getting this disease that nobody can give you - you have to go out and get it!

~Harvey Fierstein

You may feel powerless as a child, but the world will one day be yours. And you're responsible for it. So, seize the day and take charge of it.

~Harvey Fierstein

CBS really wants me on TV. That's their aim. My aim is to have an all-gay sitcom someday, with heterosexuals as token guest stars. Let them be the next-door neighbors for a change.

~Harvey Fierstein

I actually pray everyday, but I don't believe in God.

~Harvey Fierstein

I am thrilled - I can't stress that enough - thrilled when I see kids getting active.

~Harvey Fierstein

A child's kiss is magic. Why else would they be so stingy with them?

~Harvey Fierstein

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Of course people are afraid. But honestly facing that fear, seeing it for what it is, is the only way of putting it to rest.

~Harvey Fierstein

Theater is my temple and my religion and my act of faith. Strangers sit in a room together and believe together.

~Harvey Fierstein

Is a gay play a play that has sex with other plays?

~Harvey Fierstein

Actually, I think the average voice is like 70 percent tone and 30 percent noise. My voice is 95 percent noise.

~Harvey Fierstein

Theater has to resonate in your heart in a way that movies don't.

~Harvey Fierstein

So, did I work with Warhol? I worked with him less on that play than I did on other things. He actually did a portrait of my rabbit and some other stuff. Warhol was definitely... Warhol.

~Harvey Fierstein

Somebody should talk to Dan Quayle and tell him natural blondes don't have dark grey stripes on the sides.

~Harvey Fierstein

In Torch Song, I did that character almost non-stop from 1978 until I made the movie in 1987. Then I had some failure, which also colors how you react to doing other things.

~Harvey Fierstein

My play Safe Sex was picked apart because critics thought it was untrue. It was a play in which no one had AIDS, but the characters talked about how it was going to change their lives.

~Harvey Fierstein

Pork was in 1971, and I stopped hanging out at The Factory by like 1973.

~Harvey Fierstein

Beware of anyone who says they know. Trust me, they don't, or they wouldn't have to say they did.

~Harvey Fierstein

To me, if a heterosexual has a right to do it, then I have a right to do it. And if it's important to the gay youth - who are now setting the agenda - then it's important to me.

~Harvey Fierstein

It would be nice to redefine ourselves - at the moment we are drowning in diversity. That's not a bad thing, it's just going to take a while before we refocus.

~Harvey Fierstein

I don't believe in the afterlife, so I do think when somebody passes, it's worthy of note.

~Harvey Fierstein

How time flies when you're doin all the talking.

~Harvey Fierstein

To work all the time is to be incredibly lucky.

~Harvey Fierstein

And I believe that you never be limited in what you do, so I like to do movies, I like to do television.

~Harvey Fierstein

I just want to be loved, is that so wrong?!

~Harvey Fierstein

It's through sheer will that I can sing.

~Harvey Fierstein

Always admit when you're wrong. You'll save thousands in therapy... and a few friendships too.

~Harvey Fierstein

How often are the perpetrators of hate-crimes discovered to be self-loathing? Valued individuals do not strike out against strangers.

~Harvey Fierstein

I have great faith in the United States. It's the only country I would ever live in.

~Harvey Fierstein

Please, people, do not f- with depression. It's merciless. All it wants is to get you in a room alone and kill you. Take care of yourself.

~Harvey Fierstein

The next time you feel you have to say, "I love you" to someone, say it to yourself - and see if you believe it.

~Harvey Fierstein

A thing of beauty is a joy till sunrise.

~Harvey Fierstein

I just don't like politics. My rule is if I can put a spotlight on something, I'll do that.

~Harvey Fierstein

I have to work really hard, eight shows a week, to get a nice check as an actor. But when I write a play, and it's a - knock wood - hit, the checks come in for many years.

~Harvey Fierstein

Political movements always belong to the young.

~Harvey Fierstein

There are easier things in life than being a drag queen. But I ain't got no choice. Try as I may, I just can't walk in flats.

~Harvey Fierstein

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I got a lovely check today from being a writer that I earned by sitting at home. That's rewarding.

~Harvey Fierstein

As soon as I started writing, other writers stopped wanting me acting in their shows - maybe they thought I was going to rewrite them.

~Harvey Fierstein

The world is full of more interesting things than my voice.

~Harvey Fierstein

It's a lot of fun to play someone you don't normally think of yourself as.

~Harvey Fierstein

A musical takes two to five years. You have to love it to put in the years.

~Harvey Fierstein

Also, if you want to reach people, theatre is not always the best way to do it.

~Harvey Fierstein

I have the world's worst taste in men, so now I simply have wonderful relationships of the friend kind, but trying to settle down with somebody? No, no, no, no, no, no, no. I'm beyond that.

~Harvey Fierstein

I really am a theater person. That means you put something out there, and you let it go. Tomorrow night is a new performance.

~Harvey Fierstein

Well, I always looked at Mulan as a movie about a lesbian coming out.

~Harvey Fierstein

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~Harvey Fierstein

I actually may do a musical next year... not one that I've written; one that I may star in. Plus my concert and other people's work and all of a sudden you've got a very full life.



~Harvey Fierstein

There's nothing I need from anyone except love and respect, and anyone who can't give me those two things has no place in my life.

~Harvey Fierstein

There are times when I don't take roles because I don't want to be perceived a certain way.

~Harvey Fierstein

Movies are all about plot. Theater, even if it's story heavy, it's about ideas.

~Harvey Fierstein

In London they don't like you if you're still alive.

~Harvey Fierstein

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