

Harvey Keitel

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To create characters, one must build background. And one of the tools we use is improvisation.

~Harvey Keitel

That's like asking a cobbler if he's made too many pairs of shoes.

~Harvey Keitel

The way I see things, the way I see life, I see it as a struggle. And there's a great deal of reward I have gained coming to that understanding - that existence is a struggle.

~Harvey Keitel

You didn't hear the angels singing. It was brought down to Mother Earth, which is where it should be. And that led me to a lot of other reading.

~Harvey Keitel

I believe every day when I wake up and go to bed and during my dreaming time there's some moment of truth that's in front of me that will always be in front of me until the end of days.

~Harvey Keitel

Everything is difficult, and everything worthwhile is difficult. A certain need, a need not unlike Mickey had: to know, to understand, and I had that need to understand and to know.

~Harvey Keitel

Uhm, I'm the one wanting the lessons! I don't want to say too much about it because I'd rather have you see the movie, but he's trying to find his music.

~Harvey Keitel

You're working on being a father, so that is something that when you experience it you'll understand the profundity of wanting to protect

something dear to you.

~Harvey Keitel

They have equal weight and you do the same work you'd do if you were playing a dramatic role.

~Harvey Keitel

What fascinated me mostly about Mickey Cohen was that he, in his later years, hired someone to help him to comprehend literature, to help him to read better, to understand words better.

~Harvey Keitel

Then I heard this genius teacher Stella Adler - I recommend you read anything you might find about her and if you have anyone interested in theatre, you get them one of her books.

~Harvey Keitel

My advice to any actor who's playing, quote, unquote, "extra" to think of it more like Stanislavski did. It's not a small part. You are the lead in the movie, in your own movie.

~Harvey Keitel

But then again, you know, the pimp in TAXI DRIVER has this reason, given the environment he was living in.

~Harvey Keitel

Well, it's such an intricate, beautiful script about eight professional robbers pulling a heist, and it deals with elements of betrayal, trust, instinct, and need for relationships.

~Harvey Keitel

I was out to have a good time and have some fun. It's a fun script and fun people are in the movie.

~Harvey Keitel

So there's no such thing as one too many this, one too many that. I remember, you're reminding me of early in my career, somebody said to me: why are you taking so many roles as a policeman.

~Harvey Keitel

I mean, you work and you try and find the work that suits you the best and you enjoy the most.

~Harvey Keitel

That's sort of like what real life is like in Hollywood. You need stars to gain financing.

~Harvey Keitel

I don't think about those things, really. I work hard on everything I do. Everything is a struggle, everything is hard, everything is difficult.

~Harvey Keitel

It's always a pleasure to see John. I'm fond of telling people that when I was a young actor in NY and had no work ,no money, you know the story because you're heard it before.

~Harvey Keitel

He brought imagination to the story of the Creation.

~Harvey Keitel

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