

Idris Elba

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Waking up in TRUTH is so much better than living in a lie.

~Idris Elba

What an honor it was to step into the shoes of Nelson Mandela and portray a man who defied odds, broke down barriers, and championed human rights before the eyes of the world.

~Idris Elba

I want to go to Sierra Leone with something - whether it's some sort of contribution to healthcare, or to the entertainment industry. My cousin is a nurse; we are talking about opening a clinic.

~Idris Elba

I'm never shaken or stirred.

~Idris Elba

My Father always told me that a fool at 40 is a fool for life.

~Idris Elba

I was always a real athletic kid. Then when I got older, I just figured it was part of life to keep training.

~Idris Elba

I've been DJing mostly, and most DJs end up producing. That's just me.

~Idris Elba

The less I talk about being black, the better.

~Idris Elba

I'm tactile, very tactile. A woman who has really nice, looked-after skin is such a turn-on for me. It's always sexy.

~Idris Elba

I knew that if I wanted to be all I could be, I would have to go to the US. It took three years to get the accent right.

~Idris Elba

I've got two smoking guns that just look incredible, and I love to pull them out whenever I can.

~Idris Elba

The only thing I change mainly is my sneakers. I love sneakers. But everything's sort of black or jeans. Jeans, always.

~Idris Elba

I love working. I'm a workaholic and I'm really privileged for some of the jobs I get offered and so I just want to keep going.

~Idris Elba

In 'Pacific Rim' I had to have a haircut I wouldn't usually rock. However, the moustache I had in the film - that might have to come out again. It was a good moustache. Good times.

~Idris Elba

[Sometimes] I sit in front of my [gaming] console with my headphones on and I play. I love that. It's a nice form of escapism.

~Idris Elba

The audience loves it when you pay attention to details.

~Idris Elba

I love to play different roles. That's just the kind of actor I am.

~Idris Elba

I love bikes. I used to own one, but I fell off it when I was younger and that was the end of my bike riding days until now.

~Idris Elba

The English are good at bad guys - the James Bond-style villain, cunning, slow-burning. The Americans are much more obvious about it.

~Idris Elba

What really excites me in a project is when it goes in a way you haven't been before.

~Idris Elba

If I was gonna go to jail, I don't want to go to jail for stealing a bottle of water. I'll steal that \$20 million. At least then it was worth it.

~Idris Elba

Working at BBC, at the head of one of the top dramas, is a tradition for great actors.

~Idris Elba

Africans, we hold on to our youths and whip them into shape.

~Idris Elba

As an actor, you're trained to do the right thing, be politically correct, say your lines, say the right thing about the people you're working with...

~Idris Elba

When you come from an under-privileged background, oftentimes, you feel a little overwhelmed by your education or your lack of.

~Idris Elba

It's really funny because the same people who loved me as Stringer Bell were the same people that were watching Daddy's Little Girls literally in tears.

~Idris Elba

I still sing on bits and pieces. Singing's something that I love to do, but it's not something that I pursue as a career.

~Idris Elba

In some countries, no one knows who Idris Elba is.

~Idris Elba

My definition of bad-ass is that I'm a force of nature and true spirit. I'm self-admitting that, and it sounds vain to say that, but I am.

~Idris Elba

There's a fast-track if you can do the networking. For some personalities it works, but for mine it doesn't.

~Idris Elba

Sean Connery wasn't the Scottish James Bond, and Daniel Craig wasn't the blue-eyed James Bond. So if I played him, I don't want to be called the black James Bond.

~Idris Elba

I've never had to explain Prometheus to people, ever. Most people get it.

~Idris Elba

It was deeply important for me to understand where Mandela came from. Because we know where he was going, and that's a famous story, but who was he? Where did he come from? What was his upbringing?

~Idris Elba

It's actually quite criminal how 'The Wire' was systematically ignored.

~Idris Elba

It could be Grammy night, Oscar night, whatever - I don't feel the

pressure to be there.

~Idris Elba

I get criticized for taking roles in films like Ghost Rider 2, but if you look at my résumé, dude, I've mixed it up as much as I can.

~Idris Elba

Are there differences between black actors' opportunities and white actors' opportunities? Yes, there are. It's been said.

~Idris Elba

Because I was big, I didn't have to listen to anyone doubting me. I was just considered good at football or whatever, there were no questions about it.

~Idris Elba

Nobody likes a celebrity DJ for the sake of style, so I don't do that - I try to be good at what I do. It's all about resetting, it's my escape. It is work, it's a job, but I just love doing it.

~Idris Elba

I did a rendition of Billie Jean which is on my Soundcloud. I put it on Twitter, and it got about 3000 hits that day.

~Idris Elba

I tend to stay away from the comics.

~Idris Elba

I was into Spider Man when I was a kid and that was the only comic I've ever read.

~Idris Elba

White actors still get way more money in Hollywood. It's been that way for a very long time. I hope it'll change, but it's a matter of forcing that

change.

~Idris Elba

I was on a well-beaten path of actors - what we all call 'the Law and Order route'. I spent two years of auditioning for everything... and then 'The Wire' came up.

~Idris Elba

I've always been DJing; it's just I'm making more of a push for it, making it more public.

~Idris Elba

Being able to work with Ridley Scott on this film is like being able to play on the Olympic team for actors.

~Idris Elba

Television, for me, is a medium that I'm probably always going to be attached to, one way or another.

~Idris Elba

People watch three or four episodes at a time of their shows.

~Idris Elba

Yeah, I know, any time you hear an actor say, 'I do music', you cringe. But I want to be gradual with my music. I want to earn my stripes.

~Idris Elba

I was in The Wire for three years, and I left at the highlight of that.

~Idris Elba

I watch my daughter wanting to be like other kids and getting upset that she's not. But I always try and instill in her the idea that she's perfect as she is.

~Idris Elba

You know, film is the ultimate goal in an actor's career. I mean, I still love TV. I have my feet firmly stamped in it. But my opportunities have been bigger and better.

~Idris Elba

The directors [who know every detail] make films that are complete, basically.

~Idris Elba

Television is where I cut my teeth.

~Idris Elba

I'd rather a young black actor read about success as opposed to how tough it was. I get these roles because I can act and that's it. Hopefully that's it.

~Idris Elba

There has been a big debate about it: can a black man play a Nordic character?

~Idris Elba

I'll always be attached to telly in one way or another, whether it's a character or producer or director, I just love the medium.

~Idris Elba

I don't get recognised that much yet in London, but when I do I get a real sense of achievement.

~Idris Elba

Every leading lady I work with, I'll see if I can get a song out of them and put it on an album.

~Idris Elba

Apparently, Daniel Craig said I'd be a great Bond. Daniel, why did you

say that? Dropped me right in it! What an honor it would be, but also, what an indication of change.

~Idris Elba

I'm a little sheepish about it. Whenever I meet fans and they're like, 'Oh, you're so sexy,' I just don't get that. There's no way one man can be universally sexy.

~Idris Elba

Every single film I've done, it's about the character.

~Idris Elba

I would never be fearful of any character.

~Idris Elba

I'm not a popular actor. I don't necessarily want to be famous. I want to be known for great work. I want to be known to surprise audiences.

~Idris Elba

Actors tend to not know how their performances are going to actually be used. Even though the script says one thing, in the edit, it can be something else.

~Idris Elba

I try to fit in workouts whenever I can.

~Idris Elba

I wasn't bad at school, but I was never a bookworm.

~Idris Elba

The long and short of it is that I am now in a position in England to green light movies, and that's really excellent - not high-budget movies, but movies none the less.

~Idris Elba

You watch yourself age and it's hard to feel like a sex symbol.

~Idris Elba

What I like about their films is that you actually feel the momentum of whatever they're shooting. So, if someone's falling out a window, it gives the opportunity to show what that might feel like.

~Idris Elba

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