

Ingmar Bergman Quotes

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I am living permanently in my dream, from which I make brief forays into reality.

~Ingmar Bergman

No form of art goes beyond ordinary consciousness as film does, straight to our emotions, deep into the twilight room of the soul.

~Ingmar Bergman

Here, in my solitude, I have the feeling that I contain too much humanity.

~Ingmar Bergman

Old age is like climbing a mountain. You climb from ledge to ledge. The higher you get, the more tired and breathless you become, but your views become more extensive.

~Ingmar Bergman

Only someone who is well prepared has the opportunity to improvise.

~Ingmar Bergman

We make each other alive; it doesn't make a difference if it hurts.

~Ingmar Bergman

Film as dream, film as music. No art passes our conscience in the way film does, and goes directly to our feelings, deep down into the dark rooms of our souls.

~Ingmar Bergman

My basic view of things is - not to have any basic view of things. From having been exceedingly dogmatic, my views on life have gradually dissolved. They don't exist any longer.

~Ingmar Bergman

There is no art form that has so much in common with film as music.

Both affect our emotions directly, not via the intellect.

~Ingmar Bergman

There's always a tension in me between my urge to destroy and my will to live... Every morning I wake up with a new wrath, a new suspiciousness, a new desire to live.

~Ingmar Bergman

To shoot a film is to organize an entire universe.

~Ingmar Bergman

I don't watch my own films very often. I become so jittery and ready to cry... and miserable. I think it's awful.

~Ingmar Bergman

We walk in circles, so limited by our own anxieties that we can no longer distinguish between true and false, between the gangster's whim and the purest ideal.

~Ingmar Bergman

I could always live in my art but never in my life

~Ingmar Bergman

First, I write down all I know about the story, at length and in detail. Then I sink the iceberg and let some of it float up just a little.

~Ingmar Bergman

I know, of course, that by using film we can bring in other previously unknown worlds, realities beyond reality.

~Ingmar Bergman

I feel very strongly that I'm surrounded by other realities.

~Ingmar Bergman

Self-portraiture is something one should never get involved in, since it is wrong to lie even though one endeavours to tell the truth.

~Ingmar Bergman

I write scripts to serve as skeletons awaiting the flesh and sinew of images.

~Ingmar Bergman

One of ennui's most terrible components is the overwhelming feeling of ennui that comes over you whenever you try to explain it.

~Ingmar Bergman

I hope I never get so old I get religious.

~Ingmar Bergman

To humiliate and be humiliated, I think, is a crucial element in our whole social structure. It's not only the artist I'm sorry for. It's just that I know exactly where he feels most humiliated.

~Ingmar Bergman

When I was young, I was extremely scared of dying. But now I think it a very, very wise arrangement. It's like a light that is extinguished. Not very much to make a fuss about

~Ingmar Bergman

All of us collect fortunes when we are children. A fortune of colors, of lights, and darkness, of movement, of tensions. Some of us have the fantastic chance to go back to his fortune when grown up.

~Ingmar Bergman

Death: Do you never stop questioning? Antonius Block: No. I never stop.

~Ingmar Bergman

Tarkovsky for me is the greatest [director], the one who invented a new language, true to the nature of film, as it captures life as a reflection, life as a dream.

~Ingmar Bergman

To feel. To trust the feeling. I long for that

~Ingmar Bergman

Fellini, Kurosawa, and Bunuel move in the same field as Tarkovsky. Antonioni was on his way, but expired, suffocated by his own tediousness.

~Ingmar Bergman

I think I have made just one picture that I really like.

~Ingmar Bergman

Everything is worth precisely as much as a belch, the difference being that a belch is more satisfying.

~Ingmar Bergman

The theater is like a faithful wife. The film is the great adventure - the costly, exacting mistress.

~Ingmar Bergman

The individualists stare into each other's eyes and yet deny the existence of each other.

~Ingmar Bergman

Occasionally I sense an insane wail deep down in the pit, the echo alone reaching me, striking without warning, a child weeping uninhibitedly, imprisoned forever.

~Ingmar Bergman

I was a very unpleasant young man. If I met the young Ingmar today I'd

say, 'You're very talented and I'll try to help you, but I don't want anything else to do with you.

~Ingmar Bergman

I'd prostitute my talents if it would further my cause, steal if there was no way out, killing my friends or anyone else if it would help my art.

~Ingmar Bergman

I am so 100 percent Swedish... Someone has said a Swede is like a bottle of ketchup - nothing and nothing and then all at once - splat. I think I'm a little like that.

~Ingmar Bergman

Most of my conscious efforts have ended in embarrassing failure.

~Ingmar Bergman

The older I become, the more I think about my mother.

~Ingmar Bergman

I think I'm Swedish because I like to live here on this island. You can't imagine the loneliness and isolation in this country. In that way, I'm very Swedish - I don't dislike to be alone.

~Ingmar Bergman

Today we say all art is political. But I'd say all art has to do with ethics. Which after all really comes to the same thing. It's a matter of attitudes.

~Ingmar Bergman

I have a lot of tics and phobias. I hate to travel. I hate to go to festivals. I hate it when somebody gets close behind me. I'm scared of the darkness. I hate open doors.

~Ingmar Bergman

People ask what are my intentions with my films - my aims. It is a

difficult and dangerous question, and I usually give an evasive answer.

~Ingmar Bergman

I want knowledge. Not belief. Not surmise. But knowledge. I want God to put out His hand, show His face, speak to me.

~Ingmar Bergman

Artistic license sneered through the thin fabric.

~Ingmar Bergman

Growing older is like climbing a mountain: the higher you get, the more strength you need, but the further you see.

~Ingmar Bergman

Either I did away with that fear through writing, or in the course of writing, I discovered it was no longer so intrusive or threatening. The bottom line is, it's gone.

~Ingmar Bergman

I have always had the ability to attach my demons to my chariot.

~Ingmar Bergman

When you die, you are extinguished. From being you will be transformed to non-being. A god does not necessarily dwell among our capricious atoms.

~Ingmar Bergman

One has to manage alone as best one can. (Karin Bergman)

~Ingmar Bergman

A film causes me so many worries and such a lot of reactions that I have to love it in order to get over it and past it.

~Ingmar Bergman

I want to be one of the artists in the cathedral on the great plain. I want to make a dragon's head, an angel, a devil - or perhaps a saint - out of stone.

~Ingmar Bergman

I'm planning, you see, to try to confine myself to the truth. That's hard for an old, inveterate fantasy martyr and liar who has never hesitated to give truth the form he felt the occasion demanded.

~Ingmar Bergman

This damned ranting about doom. Is that food for the minds of modern people? Do they really expect us to take them seriously?

~Ingmar Bergman

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