

# Ivan Reitman

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I call it like the domino theory of reality. If you can go one step at a time and it seems to make sense, you can then take your audience into an area that is relatively outlandish.

~Ivan Reitman

I always thought that Bill Murray was one of the great actors that I've worked with. And I've worked with all kinds of people who are known primarily for their dramatic work.

~Ivan Reitman

Then my first film was something called Cannibal Girls, which sounds like a horror movie but was actually kind of a goofy comedy with horror elements. Like a horror spoof.

~Ivan Reitman

My first student film was Orientation, which was basically the set-up for Animal House. There are a couple of scenes that we later borrowed in some form.

~Ivan Reitman

We watch movies about all sorts of things that we don't know anything about, but we do get caught up in the human drama.

~Ivan Reitman

Also watching a movie on DVD is different than watching it in the theater.

~Ivan Reitman

Movies either work or they don't work and they're either funny or they're not and we work very hard. To achieve that kind of work is really kind of delicate stitching.

~Ivan Reitman

The home viewing experience is slightly different and there's room for

these kinds of extra excursions.

~Ivan Reitman

My sense is, I think it's okay for directors to do movies that speak to other work in their career.

~Ivan Reitman

I always see things that I can improve. But frankly with Stripes, I'm surprised at how effective it is, even today, and how vibrant that movie is and how juicy the performances all are.

~Ivan Reitman

I think Junior is certainly a science fiction premise as is Twins, as is Dave, beyond Ghostbusters.

~Ivan Reitman

I love horror and sci-fi.

~Ivan Reitman

Comedy is a very delicate business, especially comedies that sort of attempt to do things in an honest way and in a very naturalistic way the way that 'No Strings Attached' is.

~Ivan Reitman

I don't think there will be another Ghostbusters. I think we're all too old to do it. I think we've done it a couple times and there is not that much to get out of it, to do that would be fresh in it.

~Ivan Reitman

It's sort of the most important thing for acting, is to listen to the person you're dealing with.

~Ivan Reitman

It's been about 15 years, and I've never really worked seriously in CGI

and I thought that here was an opportunity to do the kinds of things that I was not able to do on Ghostbusters.

~Ivan Reitman

Much of romantic relationships today have to do when the people are not in the same room. Whether it's texting or emailing or Facebooking, there's a kind of distance between the participants.

~Ivan Reitman

I've always been a fan of science fiction films, and I've never been able to put my particular spin on it.

~Ivan Reitman

I believe that improvisation is really just a directorial tool. It's a writing tool.

~Ivan Reitman

The real trick for me as a director is to make sure that people don't start pushing because the harder you push as a performer the less funny it becomes.

~Ivan Reitman

I don't think my sense of humor has changed at all; I was born with this, for better or for worse.

~Ivan Reitman

I never like to do parodies. I never do. It's just not my style of comedy.

~Ivan Reitman

Well, actually, I did start out in comedies. Very, very early.

~Ivan Reitman

We got some devastating reviews on Animal House at the start.

~Ivan Reitman

In a comedy it helps enhance things that were already there.

~Ivan Reitman

Evolution .. Just the right formula of science and comedy may get moviegoers through the door.

~Ivan Reitman

I think if people want to see pure sex in the movie, they have the Internet and the extraordinary things are available.

~Ivan Reitman

I'd always been a science fiction enthusiast.

~Ivan Reitman

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