

Jake M. Johnson

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I like pizza and I like cheeseburgers a lot and I like Chicago food a lot.

~Jake M. Johnson

If you have the ability to work with people smarter than you, always try to be the least smartest person in the room and surround yourself with talent, because iron sharpens iron.

~Jake M. Johnson

You know, I'll tell you, nothing changed after 'No Strings' for me. A lot of people said, like, 'Your game will be different,' but it wasn't. It really wasn't.

~Jake M. Johnson

Aspire to do better. Instead of being the leader of the group, be the little person.

~Jake M. Johnson

I like dogs, but I have more respect for cats.

~Jake M. Johnson

I always thought, if you're gonna do TV, you want to play a straight, solid, pillar-of-the-show kind of guy.

~Jake M. Johnson

I feel like L.A. is more of a showcase, and Chicago is a pure comedy scene where you're doing comedy for comedy. You're doing comedy actually for the audience that's there.

~Jake M. Johnson

I view cats as more like wild animals. We feed it, but a lot of times it's not eating the food because it's murdering other animals outside and eating their meat.

~Jake M. Johnson

I like fictional stories - like, things that never happened but the seed of it starts as real.

~Jake M. Johnson

I got really into writing plays. I did that for years and years and got some produced and didn't like it as much when I wasn't able to control it.

~Jake M. Johnson

I was in a two-person show [with Oliver Ralli] called the Midwesterners where we wrote all of our own stuff and we traveled the country with it. That's what eventually led me to L.A.

~Jake M. Johnson

All of a sudden Mindy [Kaling] was writing on The Office and had sold a TV show. When we'd try to write shows, we'd jokingly call the word documents "Hit Show." We just couldn't crack the code.

~Jake M. Johnson

It's a really weird feeling when you write something and you really know it and then you watch actors come in and do it.

~Jake M. Johnson

Problem is that my athletic abilities in my mind are greater than what my body can accomplish. And my level of fear and anxiety of getting injured is greater than my courage.

~Jake M. Johnson

I never thought I'd be one of those guys who gets recognized.

~Jake M. Johnson

I love when people on Twitter give advice.

~Jake M. Johnson

I had spent 10 days of my life digging for garbage.

~Jake M. Johnson

I'll be honest, I like shooting 'New Girl.' I like the people. The show is still new to me. I've never done TV like this before.

~Jake M. Johnson

I would want to go to the future, 25 years in the future, and see if the Cubs ever win a World Series.

~Jake M. Johnson

I've always been, in games, the bad guy. If there was ever cops and robbers I was always a robber.

~Jake M. Johnson

I don't believe in karaoke. Let's let the singers sing.

~Jake M. Johnson

I'm a grinding actor. That's how I've always viewed myself. You go from one job to the next.

~Jake M. Johnson

If I'm in a bar and I gotta be sitting next to some clown who's like, "It's my tune," I don't want to hear you belt out Bruce Springsteen. That's why we have jukeboxes! Let's let Bruce be Bruce.

~Jake M. Johnson

I prefer to work with first-time directors.

~Jake M. Johnson

You know, what 'New Girl' is doing is they're bringing in really cool people. These are home-run people who aren't your typical guest-star-type people.

~Jake M. Johnson

I was really into classifieds for awhile. I'm a big negotiator. My father owned a car dealership when I was younger... it's just in my blood.

~Jake M. Johnson

I'm not a guy who sees the desire to transform with each part; I'm not a piece of clay.

~Jake M. Johnson

Some actors pride themselves on disappearing into a role. I'm into the game because I like experiencing and exploring themes, so I put a lot of myself into the person.

~Jake M. Johnson

My brother was an improviser. He's now a lobbyist, but he used to perform improv in the city when he was in high school, and one of the funniest guys I know to this day.

~Jake M. Johnson

I try to collect money and I keep it in a special place called the bank. I collect a bunch of things called money, dollar bills, and I keep them in a safe under my bed.

~Jake M. Johnson

I like to move quickly. I don't like the nature of television of just sitting around and overshooting.

~Jake M. Johnson

The craziest thing about TV directing is I turned in a version, and then they made their final changes - so I don't know what they are. So I'm like, "Ooo, I'm dying to see the final print."

~Jake M. Johnson

My day job is acting - I wouldn't direct something if I didn't feel passionate about it.

~Jake M. Johnson

I don't have an interest in being a director-for-hire on sitcoms - but if it's a really cool show that I thought I could bring something to, I would love to do that.

~Jake M. Johnson

Everybody has their different tastes with television - there are some characters people like, some characters people hate.

~Jake M. Johnson

When somebody is doing something really funny, in real life and as a performer, my instinct is to join them.

~Jake M. Johnson

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