

Jay Roach Quotes

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The success of the second 'Austin Powers' caught us by surprise a little bit. We had decided not to do even a second one, unless the audience wanted it and we could do something better.

~Jay Roach

I figure if it's turns out well the film will have its own momentum and will carry into the video release. So it's hard to really picture the DVD version when I'm in production.

~Jay Roach

I'm not one of these directors, so far, that wants to have a whole separate director's cut of these things. So far they've turned out to be kind of the length that they wanted to be.

~Jay Roach

I learn so much from watching films like that with commentary and then when you get to hear another filmmaker talk about their films it's a really great experience.

~Jay Roach

I think sequels should be earned and we won't do it unless the script is better than the first one.

~Jay Roach

I'm developing some other things in other genres, including one dramatic piece. So, anything's possible.

~Jay Roach

The DVD does make it a little easier for myself to trim things that are otherwise very difficult to let loose of - knowing that they'll make it on the DVD.

~Jay Roach

I think we'll all keep pushing each other, which is a great thing.

~Jay Roach

When I'm shooting, really the audience I'm thinking the hardest about is that first test screening audience who I want to like the film and that first opening weekend audience.

~Jay Roach

We had to do the same thing here. To top that sequel was quite a task. Mike had a couple of good conceptual humour and character ideas, which got me back into it.

~Jay Roach

Mini-Me was the pint sized clone that was the perpetuation of Dr. Evil's own legacy [in Austin Powers]. That concept earned the sequel.

~Jay Roach

My biggest role as director on the film is keeping a sense of the overview - how to cast the movie and shoot it in such a way that it will cut together. And how to design the style and tone.

~Jay Roach

I always had a respect and an admiration for people who got into politics. I certainly have always been interested in law and political science.

~Jay Roach

But I couldn't cut that whole septic tank scene out because the audience liked it so much. So I sort of fell right back into getting a cheap laugh, but I still loved it.

~Jay Roach

Dalton Trumbo was constantly criticizing the membership [in the Communist Party], and was opposite to being a loyalist.

~Jay Roach

[Dalton] Trumbo himself was a terrible Communist.

~Jay Roach

It was a way to try and shut down what the unions were negotiating for, like better hours and pay. [Dalton] Trumbo and his friends joined the Communists mostly for these reasons.

~Jay Roach

Once you're a public figure, there's a certain amount of privacy you do give up.

~Jay Roach

When we did the first sequel [of the Austin Powers] , it was on coattails of the first one doing so well when it was released on video, so we really didn't know what to do with the second plot.

~Jay Roach

To this day, people ask me where is Austin Powers 4? I don't have that answer, it so hard to come up with a story that deserves an encore like that.

~Jay Roach

People are willing to throw our civilization under the bus to discredit the existing system, without any proposed solution to the problems that they're willing to pointing at.

~Jay Roach

People have an actual bias against there being some kind of popularity for political films, and when they get acknowledged, it helps keep the conversation going.

~Jay Roach

Sometimes you fall in love with some things and then you fall out of love with it.

~Jay Roach

I don't stay in the genre because I just like all stories that have a smart hook in them and I can find a comic way through if it's a comedy or a suspenseful way through it if it's a drama.

~Jay Roach

I just always look for stuff that has a character-driven thing.

~Jay Roach

I wish I was sort of someone like Woody Allen who can stage everything in one long master shot, no coverage; just, you know, that's it.

~Jay Roach

I like to shoot a lot of choices. I like a lot of stuff - and so I push to go faster, to shrink the time between the takes so that the takes are what you're spending all your time on.

~Jay Roach

Sometimes perfecting the one thing can be the enemy of getting any traction on anything else.

~Jay Roach

There's people who actually have a whole science devoted to what makes a sticky meme and that idea of that question of why some ideas about how civilizations work catch on and others don't.

~Jay Roach

You can make an idea spread for good but you can also make an idea spread for bad and the power to make an idea spread, memetics, you know which now people talk about memes.

~Jay Roach

I'm pretty opinionated sometimes although my political views change all the time, too. So I'm not very zealous.

~Jay Roach

From our perspective now, there is a not a huge understanding about the totalitarian Communism that Soviet Russia practiced during the 1950s - it was an atrocious system.

~Jay Roach

Hedda's Hopper attitude was 'once a Commie, always a Commie.'

~Jay Roach

John Wayne was never shy about that fervor, but because he was never overly zealous about his politics, and of course his status as a movie, he was embraced by both the right and the left.

~Jay Roach

To his credit John Wayne was open about it, he even portrayed a member of the House UnAmerican Activities Committee in a film called 'Big Jim McClain.'

~Jay Roach

John Wayne was just a very conservative guy, who had not served in World War II, and he was defensive about that - he almost overcompensated his anti-Communism because of that reason.

~Jay Roach

Dalton Trumbo actually was [a hypocrite], because he liked his wealth, which was against the grain of being a Communist. I put title cards at the head of the film that explains the context.

~Jay Roach

That's why we had Louis C.K. portray the harder line Communist, to accuse [Dalton] Trumbo of being a hypocrite.

~Jay Roach

I've recently enjoyed the Paul Thomas Anderson commentaries and the David Fincher commentaries.

~Jay Roach

When something so unjust as the black list happened, [Dalton Trumbo] would come to life in a certain way.

~Jay Roach

[Dalton] Trumbo wrote this incredible pamphlet, almost on the level of Tom Paine's 'Common Sense,' called 'The Time of the Toad.' It's an exquisitely written treatise regarding the black list era.

~Jay Roach

In his life, [Dalton] Trumbo uses wit and comedy to fight these very high-stakes battles.

~Jay Roach

I hope I can now use my ability to communicate, without being too precious or serious. It's good to have some levity, even as you're facing some really dark times, to mix it up a bit.

~Jay Roach

[Dalton Trumbo] always said he fought so many fights, all seemingly different, but all about the concepts of fairness and justice.

~Jay Roach

Dalton Trumbo was obsessed with justice.

~Jay Roach

Bryan [Cranston] created something completely unique, that was earned by its authenticity. That's what gave us the license to push it a bit.

~Jay Roach

For Bryan [Cranston] to go back in time and become this larger-than-life and somewhat theatrical guy, who performed his ideas and rhetoric in public in a melodic and flashy way, was a bit of a risk.

~Jay Roach

The first thing we noticed was how flamboyant [Dalton] Trumbo was in real life.

~Jay Roach

Even modern wars are fought like revenge tales from some petty grievance.

~Jay Roach

I do understand the free market, having my economics degree, and if someone on the right had some good ideas, I'm not so dogmatic that I wouldn't listen to them.

~Jay Roach

I am partisan to some extent on the Democratic side, but I consider myself more of an independent.

~Jay Roach

[Lyndon Baines] Johnson is a big and larger-than-life guy, we just tried to give him the dynamic range that he actually had.

~Jay Roach

It was an interesting process trying to get Bob to talk about the film because he's such a shy person. He generally likes to talk when he really knows he has something to say.

~Jay Roach

I'm a patriot, and I think democracy is the best system available. It's

very flawed, but it works better than anything else.

~Jay Roach

Sometimes I would like the opportunity to do character-driven comedy and that's really what I was trying to do in Meet The Parents. I think in a way this is a more old fashioned type of comedy.

~Jay Roach

It seems like you can't actually have really bad hair or be bald and run for President of the United States.

~Jay Roach

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