

Jean-Pierre Jeunet

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It's always more interesting and more difficult to make something positive than negative. To be negative is very easy.

~Jean-Pierre Jeunet

For me, the most important word in cinema is the word freedom. For example, in Europe, we've got freedom, we've got the final cut and that's something which is marvellous.

~Jean-Pierre Jeunet

I like the cinema of people like Terry Gilliam and Tim Burton. I am not keen on trying to reproduce reality - for that you should do documentaries.

~Jean-Pierre Jeunet

I believe in imagination. I was a worker when I was 17. Between 17 and 21, I was a worker in the telephone company and imagination saved my life.

~Jean-Pierre Jeunet

It's always been pretty easy for me to exercise my imagination. The other part of the brain, the one that does mathematics, is a nightmare for me. It doesn't work at all.

~Jean-Pierre Jeunet

I've never made any concessions, so I am 100% responsible for my films. This makes me feel very proud.

~Jean-Pierre Jeunet

All day my mind drifts off into fantasies and little stupid jokes.

~Jean-Pierre Jeunet

In the States, I learned to fight for every idea. Sometimes, a director has to be a tyrant to keep the quality.

~Jean-Pierre Jeunet

If you make the right choice in casting, your work is nearly done already. You don't have to spend a lot of time directing the actors, because they're so well suited to the parts.

~Jean-Pierre Jeunet

I like looking back at people's faces in the dark. I like noticing details that no one else sees. But I hate it in the old American movies when drivers don't watch the road.

~Jean-Pierre Jeunet

In general, I have some precise ideas about everything, because the film is completed in my head before we ever start shooting. With casting, I am always present, even for the smallest character.

~Jean-Pierre Jeunet

I think of a film as being like a toy train.

~Jean-Pierre Jeunet

In France, I am so free. I have more freedom than most American directors could dare to even imagine.

~Jean-Pierre Jeunet

I write scripts by myself. It's not for everybody. It's someone's personal work. I need to be in love with the subject.

~Jean-Pierre Jeunet

I hate to lose time on the set. On the set, you have to go at a good pace, because the clock is your master. For that reason, I have to know exactly what I'm trying to get beforehand.

~Jean-Pierre Jeunet

When you speak about generosity, about something good we have inside ourselves, you're speaking to the majority.

~Jean-Pierre Jeunet

In France, it's very suspect when you have a success.

~Jean-Pierre Jeunet

In Hollywood everything is formatted, everything is compulsory, so therefore we have to follow the law of benefits and profit and money, let us say the law of Hollywood.

~Jean-Pierre Jeunet

I'm very slow, and I do everything myself. I remember I spent three days to change the size of something I had sketched because I felt it was too small.

~Jean-Pierre Jeunet

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