

Joan Chen

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The lowest budget U.S. films are ten times times better (than shooting in Tibet).

~Joan Chen

The romantic love we feel toward the opposite sex is probably one extra help from God to bring you together, but that's it. All the rest of it, the true love, is the test.

~Joan Chen

I grew up in Honolulu. It's not the ballet cultural mecca by any stretch of the imagination. People are much more familiar with hula than they are with ballet.

~Joan Chen

Acting is actually private.

~Joan Chen

I would never offer advice without the person asking for it. I, in general, don't believe in giving advice, actually, as a human being I don't.

~Joan Chen

The difference between me and American-born actors is that I came here with the expectation of not being treated fairly.

~Joan Chen

All teenagers have this desire to somehow run away.

~Joan Chen

My fairy-tale life ended the moment I wanted to apply for a passport.

~Joan Chen

All Asian parents are into your children having a respectable, decent stable job. Acting was unimaginable to my parents.

~Joan Chen

As an actress I find the most enjoyable part of acting is really just to please the director. I just want to please my director.

~Joan Chen

Since age 14, I know what actors fear, what they like; I know how to get things out of them and I listen to them better, since I've been there.

~Joan Chen

Not very many companies go through Hawaii on their way to anywhere. San Francisco Ballet was the only company I remember, and Bolshoi, coming through Hawaii when I was younger.

~Joan Chen

America and China need to understand each other.

~Joan Chen

For the past few years, I was the more visible Asian performer, and I think it gave young girls a kind of role model showing it's possible to actually reach success doing movies.

~Joan Chen

When you feel so strongly about something and other people feel equally strongly, you have to feel stronger about it in order to succeed.

~Joan Chen

I love any opportunity to be able to dance. It's in my blood. I mean, I need to do it as an artist. I need to always do it.

~Joan Chen

Since my mom is the President of Ballet Hawaii, I'm always in touch with stuff going on.

~Joan Chen

How I was raised is what I am today.

~Joan Chen

I danced in a Lifetime film. We shot in Canada and I got to work with a lot of the dancers who do So You Think You Can Dance, Canada.

~Joan Chen

There is no theoretical study of motherhood. You know, before I became a mother, I did play a mother, but I was like - I was more thinking of my own mother. I was doing my mother.

~Joan Chen

I take class. I'm always ballet ready. I'm ready to go - got my tights and my shoes.

~Joan Chen

I don't want to tell people what I make. It's a lot more than I ever dreamed of as a kid. I never think about it.

~Joan Chen

I never went on an audition - when they were really looking at everybody.

~Joan Chen

I will always have a career. I believe in working. I don't believe that taking care of your house and children is enough for a woman. You don't feel complete.

~Joan Chen

Physical hunger and physical poverty is something I could only imagine. I've been poor when I was in China... As kids we never had to starve, but just didn't have enough meat, enough rice.

~Joan Chen

If you know how to do a job very well, you keep doing it.

~Joan Chen

Acting for me is not a bad habit like smoking that I must make an effort to quit. I love acting; I love directing.

~Joan Chen

I'm more interested in...I'm more of a descendent. I'm more critical. It comes from a different place and nowadays the young people know how to make just light entertainment.

~Joan Chen

I don't find intimate scenes more difficult than other scenes.

~Joan Chen

I enjoy going back to work now because cinema is going through an exciting period because young people are now going back to the movie theaters. But things are different though.

~Joan Chen

I was frustrated. I was doing some bad movies, movies that I knew going in were not going to be great.

~Joan Chen

If you have the right costumes you feel more confident as the character, they really help you act.

~Joan Chen

If the costumes are wrong, you feel awful in them and it lessens your acting.

~Joan Chen

I would say it's like a meditative process, to have everything done for you every morning.

~Joan Chen

I miss directing. I see stories in images and music more so than in dialogue.

~Joan Chen

It's the sacrifice I'm not willing to make right now to leave my children because I felt it wasn't only my choice.

~Joan Chen

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