

# Joe Berlinger

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I felt like the universe was tapping me on the shoulder saying, "You're the guy who has to tell this story because nobody else is."

~Joe Berlinger

Life is much more complex than the black-and-white sound bites that you get on television. There are nuances and shades of gray.

~Joe Berlinger

You have to remain open to the situation that you're filming otherwise you might miss the story.

~Joe Berlinger

What you hope, what you're trusting the filmmaker to do, is to capture the emotional truth of the situation.

~Joe Berlinger

If people spend two hours thinking about the direction of their own lives and can relate to the stories they see on screen, to me that's a success.

~Joe Berlinger

Any documentary; any capturing of a non-fiction event, is a hyper-realistic condensation of reality that hopefully reveals an emotional truth. It's never the actual literal truth of an event.

~Joe Berlinger

I'm a filmmaker who is known for these ambiguous portraits that tell multiple sides of the story without really telling the audience what to think.

~Joe Berlinger

The filmmaker is not telling you what to think.

~Joe Berlinger

If a concert film is an experience of the musicianship without critiquing it, then this, too, is dropping you into a world and letting you experience it.

~Joe Berlinger

I like to blow up stereotypes, like taking the icons of metal, the epitome of male testosterone and showing them as regular people.

~Joe Berlinger

I'm an observer in life, not a participant. That's why I'm a documentarian who looks through a camera. I'm not a touchy-feely person; I'm not a seminar person.

~Joe Berlinger

The world is watching, and you better be fair.

~Joe Berlinger

There's a fine line between balanced journalism and trial by television.

~Joe Berlinger

I mean, "The Jinx" is an amazing piece of cinema and amazing television moment, it's rare documentarians can feel the direct impact of their work.

~Joe Berlinger

I never believe I'm presenting objective reality; I also don't want to delude people into thinking that my subject is talking directly to them.

~Joe Berlinger

My attitude is, I am not a lawyer; I am not a doctor; I am not a scientist. I am a filmmaker and I want to present what each side is saying and let the viewer come to their own conclusion.

~Joe Berlinger

One of the great ironies of my career is that people imagine me as some sort of hardcore metal guy because of the Metallica film.

~Joe Berlinger

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