

John Cassavetes

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No matter how old you get, if you can keep the desire to be creative, you're keeping the man-child alive.

~John Cassavetes

Ricardo Montalban is to improvisational acting what Mount Rushmore is to animation.

~John Cassavetes

The greatest location in the world is the human face.

~John Cassavetes

You must be willing to risk everything to really express it all.

~John Cassavetes

People who are making films today are too concerned with mechanics - technical things instead of feeling.

~John Cassavetes

As an artist, I feel that we must try many things - but above all we must dare to fail.

~John Cassavetes

Filmmaking is exploring. Why would I want to make a film about something I already understand?

~John Cassavetes

An artist can accomplish anything provided he doesn't accept facts or defeat for more than a few minutes.

~John Cassavetes

(Acting) is an extension of life. How you're capable of performing in your life, that's how you're capable of performing on screen.

~John Cassavetes

You can fail in films because you don't have the talent, or you have too much humility, or you lack ferociousness. I'm a gangster. If I want something, I'll grab it.

~John Cassavetes

You can defeat fear through humor, through pain, through honesty, bravery, intuition, and through love in the truest sense.

~John Cassavetes

We only have two hours to change people's lives.

~John Cassavetes

Art films aren't necessarily photography. It's feeling. If we can capture a feeling of a people, of a way of life, then we made a good picture.

~John Cassavetes

To me there is a name for each person. I think it's marvelous to have a name. A woman is not a woman. It's either Gena or my mother or some other person.

~John Cassavetes

I won't make shorthand films, because I don't want to manipulate audiences into assuming quick, manufactured truths.

~John Cassavetes

We don't take the time to be vulnerable with each other

~John Cassavetes

When I started making films, I wanted to make Frank Capra pictures. But I've never been able to make anything but these crazy, tough pictures. You are what you are.

~John Cassavetes

The camera is the slave to the actor.

~John Cassavetes

I'm not good at comparing and contrasting. I take what's in front of me for what it is, although I guess there's something about Paul's realistic writing that is like Cassavetes.

~John Cassavetes

Film is, to me, just unimportant. But people are very important.

~John Cassavetes

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