

John Frankenheimer

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Casting is 65 percent of directing.

~John Frankenheimer

There are two things I will never do in my life. I will never climb Mount Everest, and I will never work with Val Kilmer again. There isn't enough money in the world.

~John Frankenheimer

The accolades usually come when you're dead or too old to get a job

~John Frankenheimer

I have gotten to a point in my life where I don't want to have dinner with someone I don't like.

~John Frankenheimer

And in Hollywood, you know, everyone is an expert. Most of them are expert editors. They can't direct, they can't write, they can't act, but, by God, they all think they can edit.

~John Frankenheimer

I've found that the more experts you have on a movie, the less control the director has.

~John Frankenheimer

The importance of the assistant director cannot be overemphasized.

~John Frankenheimer

I look at actors very closely. It's not an accident when the actors excel.

~John Frankenheimer

First, speaking for myself, I don't want to ever be in a position where I'm telling other directors how to make movies, because I don't think it's any of my business.

~John Frankenheimer

The first assistant director is just so important that the choice of that person is critical to the movie.

~John Frankenheimer

I feel that my job is to create an atmosphere where creative people can do their best work.

~John Frankenheimer

So I've had really great assistant directors for my last seven movies.

~John Frankenheimer

The world is full of beautiful girls. But they're not Angelina Jolie. She's fun, honest, intelligent, gorgeous and divinely talented. She brings a hell of a lot to the party.

~John Frankenheimer

One of the other things I think that I've been able to do in my life, is to listen well

~John Frankenheimer

You have to be a great storyteller. And you have to master the tools that you have to tell the story which are, in order of importance, the script, the actors and then the technical means.

~John Frankenheimer

If you don't cast well, you can be in real trouble.

~John Frankenheimer

I think I've made some pretty decent films in the '80s and '90s.

~John Frankenheimer

And I kind of feel that I have a responsibility to the people that invest their time and money with me to show up on the set every day and do the best of which I am capable.

~John Frankenheimer

One of the first lessons you learn as an actor is to listen.

~John Frankenheimer

The first thing I can really tell you is I really love the work.

~John Frankenheimer

I really, really love directing films.

~John Frankenheimer

The whole thing of this business is to retain your enthusiasm and, in a sense, retain your innocence and try to practice as much humility as possible.

~John Frankenheimer

If you cast the picture correctly, you have a whole lot of leeway. You can make mistakes in other aspects but pull it off with the right actors.

~John Frankenheimer

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