

# John Leguizamo

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I like drama. I love being in a drama where I get to be the funny guy. That's what I really love the most.

~John Leguizamo

With kids, the days are long, but the years are short.

~John Leguizamo

Great acting is being able to create a character. Great character is being able to be yourself.

~John Leguizamo

Latins for Republicans. It's like roaches for Raid.

~John Leguizamo

Independent film is for actors that love to act.

~John Leguizamo

It takes time to understand yourself, to go inside yourself and to question yourself and really take yourself to task. That's self-expression.

~John Leguizamo

Is there a God? Yeah, but there's not just one God. There's a whole lot of gods, because one God couldn't have possibly made so many mistakes all by Himself. This had to be done by committee.

~John Leguizamo

I love life, and I embrace every minute of it.

~John Leguizamo

You know, I am kind of a bi-polarish schitzerphrenic. I run the gamut of being incredibly shy and withdrawn to being a crazy-eccentric exhibitionist. And I have always been like that.

~John Leguizamo

Marriage is wild. I thought it was this perfect land of happiness and joy. Wrong! After you say you do, you don't for a long time.

~John Leguizamo

I love independent films, it's the only place as an actor you're totally allowed to breathe.

~John Leguizamo

After kids leave the house, they can decide to do whatever they want, but while they're under my roof, they're going to be lawyers or writers or something, something important, anything except actors.

~John Leguizamo

At Murry Bergtraum High I wanted to be as different from my father as possible. So I acted out in school, I was very anti-authority.

~John Leguizamo

I see the new Latin artist as a pioneer, opening up doors for others to follow. And when they don't open, we crowbar our way in.

~John Leguizamo

Pablo Escobar is one of the great stories of all time. It's a bizarre, dark version of success.

~John Leguizamo

Definitely if you're an athlete, you're gonna be having all the baseball fame you can have. That's the great thing about baseball and sports. You can measure ability.

~John Leguizamo

People can be anonymous when they go on blogs and say crazy things that they would never have the courage to say to your face.

~John Leguizamo

You grow up Latin in this country and you're a third class citizen from the word go, and so you have to deal with everything around you from that point of view and trying to feel entitled.

~John Leguizamo

Teachers are everything. I mean, you're a poor kid from the ghetto, your parents are busy working 24/7, working like a Mexican.

~John Leguizamo

Don't confuse the beginning of my world with the breakup of yours.

~John Leguizamo

I had a great movement teacher - he showed me how to walk so I wasn't becoming like a cartoon.

~John Leguizamo

My parents were incredibly strict, almost military style.

~John Leguizamo

I like helping people achieve their dreams just like people helped me.

~John Leguizamo

I love theater. I think theater, when its done right, is the best, like a religious experience. When it is done badly, it's the worst thing. It's just an incredible experience.

~John Leguizamo

That's the happiest I am, when I'm doing great work.

~John Leguizamo

In Moulin Rouge I could not change the name of Toulouse-Lautrec obviously to Toulouse-Lautrec- Martinez. But in ER I did that, my name is Dr Victor Clemente, so sometimes it is possible.

~John Leguizamo

I wanted to enjoy the process. I wanted to enjoy just being on stage and giving back and the feedback.

~John Leguizamo

I'm just more comfortable with people who are like me than the people who are not.

~John Leguizamo

You can't really walk anywhere. Where are you going to go? Everything closes at a certain hour and it's a highway with bars on it; that's what it is.

~John Leguizamo

Acting is kind of a calling for me so I'm just happy to be there and do great work.

~John Leguizamo

I love life, man, and I embrace every minute of it so maybe I bring that on the set. I love people and I want to have a good time.

~John Leguizamo

Some kids are fine, but often I don't like what I see in child actors. My kids are young and they are already showing an interest, so I have to try to discourage them, squash that in them.

~John Leguizamo

[Brad Furman] wants to try stuff, he's willing to try stuff. And he wants electricity on the camera. And that's what I want, I want electricity whenever I'm performing.

~John Leguizamo

First I went to C.W. Post and I was a psychology and theater major and then I transferred to NYU's Tisch School of the Arts as a drama major.

~John Leguizamo

You just want to go off and be intuitive and wild, and that's what Bryan Cranston brings to the game.

~John Leguizamo

I've been hurt so many times I don't have the balls for it anymore.

~John Leguizamo

It might have been really cool back in the '50s when it was less populated but I don't know.

~John Leguizamo

I had my neck hurt for like five years, I could barely move my neck from doing this stunt, I almost died twice doing stunts, it's really dangerous.

~John Leguizamo

I have a lot of heroes. I don't think people give enough of a tribute to their mentors. They try to act like they're spontaneous generations - they are faking liars.

~John Leguizamo

The beautiful thing about acting is that you can go your whole life if you stay current and you stay fresh.

~John Leguizamo

When I started performing I was like, "Holy hell, how am I going to survive this?" I was giving it my all in 15 minutes but now I had to do it for two hours.

~John Leguizamo

I knew Linda Cardellini from when we did ER together - she was always great, such a cool spirit.

~John Leguizamo

I would be jokesmithing. I had files with tons of disses that I would try to

write as I was on the train going to school.

~John Leguizamo

I did an HBO movie called Undefeated that I directed. It was too hard.

~John Leguizamo

The difficulty of being a Latin kid, a Latin man in this country [U.S].

~John Leguizamo

The more times you do something, the more likely it is you're going to get it wrong.

~John Leguizamo

I did the bible as told through Hispanic people and they laughed and applauded. I thought, "Oh my god, this is what I want to do for the rest of my life."

~John Leguizamo

I had a whole new respect for directors.

~John Leguizamo

Tennessee Williams, one of my favorite playwrights, [lived] down there. You always heard about the Keys and how amazing they are and, well, it's like a highway with some bars on it.

~John Leguizamo

I love cartoons. So when they came to me to make Ice Age and this sequel, I was so happy.

~John Leguizamo

I think as you mature as an actor things open up to you in a lot of ways, especially if you do work on yourself.

~John Leguizamo

Most of the great directors I've worked with - De Palma, Spike Lee - like rehearsals.

~John Leguizamo

It's not quite the same as other kinds of performing, but I love animation. It is just a different kind of experience. The difference is that making a live action movie you are using your whole body.

~John Leguizamo

I did Brad's first film *The Take* and I'm glad Brad [Furman] has not calmed down. I don't want him to ever calm down.

~John Leguizamo

I was just school class clown and that was it. Someday I'll get a job as a cab driver or whatever.

~John Leguizamo

The New York Times made you or broke you.

~John Leguizamo

I'd be terrified even now for a Latin kid wanting to be an actor, but back then? Forget it. They must have thought I was going to be working in restaurants and driving cabs for the rest of my life.

~John Leguizamo

The thing I gravitated to was being the class clown. It was very competitive.

~John Leguizamo

Rehearsals make a huge difference.

~John Leguizamo

To be a comedian, you gotta jokesmith, there's no way around it.

~John Leguizamo



There were no Latin people on 'Star Trek,' that this was proof that they weren't planning to have us around for the future.

~John Leguizamo

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