

John Malkovich

Quotes

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Failure's a natural part of life.

~John Malkovich

I've permitted myself to learn and to fail with some regularity. And that is probably the one thing I was given, and that I'm still grateful for.

~John Malkovich

And may the best of you - for it will only be the best of you, and even then only in the rarest and briefest moments - succeed in framing that most basic of questions, 'how do we live?'

~John Malkovich

Nothing you do particularly matters. But I'm not sure that's a great excuse for doing it poorly.

~John Malkovich

I don't have a saviour or a royal family.

~John Malkovich

Imagine how asleep or utterly unperceptive and clueless you would have to be not to see yourself as absurd for the most part.

~John Malkovich

It's not a gift of mine, but one given to me, to be able to criticise myself and not be crushed, by myself or by others.

~John Malkovich

Art is not disposable. If you want it, you have to hold it and smell it and touch it and read the credits and enjoy it and put it on your wall.

~John Malkovich

I'd hate to see any film I'm involved in fail, especially artistically but also business-wise.

~John Malkovich

I think 1973 was the nadir of fashion. When you watch the coverage from that era, you're struck by the astonishing ugliness of the clothes.

~John Malkovich

I'm more boring and more conservative.

~John Malkovich

I don't understand how somebody wouldn't have a sense of humor about themselves.

~John Malkovich

Scary monsters are like Hula Hoops. They come in and out of fashion.

~John Malkovich

I'm a little bit of a fabric lunatic.

~John Malkovich

I'm not a control maniac.

~John Malkovich

I was never a fanatical movie person.

~John Malkovich

It's funny - people think analysis or psychiatry is mad, and THEY go to CHURCH.

~John Malkovich

A dog that has rabies probably will do things it wouldn't do if it didn't have rabies. But that doesn't change the fact that it has rabies.

~John Malkovich

I don't really have a comprehension of being a public figure.

~John Malkovich

I haven't physically attacked anyone in a couple of years.

~John Malkovich

The one natural gift I have is easy access. That's the only natural I gift I have at all. You have to have that, the third eye.

~John Malkovich

People always say life is short. I've never been convinced of that - mine seems to have a tendency to go on and on.

~John Malkovich

I don't wake up drenched in sweat because I haven't been on stage in years.

~John Malkovich

I am inspired by the appearance of a bohemian of the new millennium.

~John Malkovich

You have to play your characters, not like them.

~John Malkovich

I mean, anything that money can be made off will never be a problem to make, no matter what it is.

~John Malkovich

Some directors expect you to do everything; write, be producer, psychiatrist. Some just want you to die in a tragic accident during the shooting so they can get the insurance.

~John Malkovich

Theater is so ephemeral, and I love that.

~John Malkovich

Every country has their problems.

~John Malkovich

I wouldn't describe myself as lacking in confidence, but I would just say that - the ghosts you chase you never catch.

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~John Malkovich

I can have incredible self-discipline. But see, I think it's obviously a form of stupidity.

~John Malkovich

I don't want to be boring. But that's not always easy.

~John Malkovich

The world is ruled by violence, or at least the imminent threat of violence. It always has been.

~John Malkovich

Unlike my grandfather or my brother, I've actually been able to make some money at a racetrack.

~John Malkovich

I don't lose my temper very often now, and if I do, it's well deserved.

~John Malkovich

Where women are concerned, the rule is never to go out with anyone better dressed than you.

~John Malkovich

Even if you do succeed most people wouldn't notice anyway.

~John Malkovich

I don't mind tracksuits. At the track.

~John Malkovich

I only have two rules for my newly born daughter: she will dress well and never have sex.

~John Malkovich

Chicago my favourite American city. I'm very much a typical midwesterner, and I don't think the condition is curable.

~John Malkovich

I'm not a psychiatrist. I'm not treating patients.

~John Malkovich

My father was an exceptionally strong influence on me.

~John Malkovich

Quite often - a lot of the work I had done had been extensively with women. Most especially in the theater, but also quite often in the movies. That has its own delights, and maybe pitfalls too.

~John Malkovich

I like design, I like details, to me it is just another form of self-expression.

~John Malkovich

Things are so much global and Americanised.

~John Malkovich

I know I have a fairly strong feminine side. I find myself really distanced from male behavior.

~John Malkovich

I don't need to be liked.

~John Malkovich

I can see how, given a certain degree of sensitivities, proclivities and rage, I could have ended up differently.

~John Malkovich

Most films, it doesn't matter if you see them or not.

~John Malkovich

I prefer to conduct my life based on how I treat people.

~John Malkovich

Of course it's trivial, but then most things are.

~John Malkovich

If you don't interfere with me, I'll always do something really good.

~John Malkovich

If you're too smart it can limit you because you spend so much time thinking that you don't do anything.

~John Malkovich

Some people die before their time so that others can live. It's a cornerstone of civilization.

~John Malkovich

When you think of how history is revealed, we know certain things to be facts at certain periods of time, which turn out not to be so factual as time marches on.

~John Malkovich

I find it hard to pre-plan every element of everything I do. It's not my thing.

~John Malkovich

I'm more likely to lose my temper on a film set than almost anywhere. Often the level of idiocy is so exalted that it's impossible to comprehend.

~John Malkovich

Most of the women that I like have a haunted quality - they're sort of like women who live in a haunted house by themselves.

~John Malkovich

I wouldn't say anything I ever did in film would be something I'd use the word proud about. I've done better work in the theater.

~John Malkovich

I don't care what other people think. I don't think it matters.

~John Malkovich

I go around the world, working with all kinds of people who I love.

~John Malkovich

I mean, a lot of time rehearsals are taken up with other things other than preparing a character.

~John Malkovich

I'm more comfortable with whatever's wrong with me than my father was whenever he felt he failed or didn't measure up to the standard he set.

~John Malkovich

It seems whenever I've had a method or what I perceived to be an intellectual groundwork of some sort - a kind of game plan - it's always been the most morbid failure.

~John Malkovich

In New York in the Forties or Fifties, everybody's in a suit, an overcoat

and a hat.

~John Malkovich

I've always been an avid reader. Everyone in my family read a lot. Considering we were from a little town, we were pretty literate.

~John Malkovich

I never wanted to be with someone who just hung around the house.

~John Malkovich

As an actor there are no drawbacks.

~John Malkovich

The most evocative thing to me is probably when a writer and a group of performers can collectively put together something compelling that asks the really simple question: 'How do we live?'

~John Malkovich

I don't throw things or yell.

~John Malkovich

One doesn't know if one had a happy childhood or not. I don't really know what it means.

~John Malkovich

You know, I'm really not interested in someone telling me that something's good or bad.

~John Malkovich

Anybody doing something brings something to it.

~John Malkovich

I love to watch good actors who surprise and amuse me.

~John Malkovich

I don't really go through a process, it goes through me.

~John Malkovich

And if you say a word about this over the radio, the next wings you see will belong to the flies buzzing over your rotting corpse.

~John Malkovich

I like to direct movies, but I don't like to goof around for eight years talking about it.

~John Malkovich

I don't want a trillion-dollar empire to run.

~John Malkovich

Sigmund Freud said we act out our own dreams, but if you are only an actor you are not acting out your own dream. You are simply participating in someone else's dream.

~John Malkovich

There will be people who hate everything you do. And some people will really love it. But that's not really different from the people who really hate it.

~John Malkovich

Utopia means elsewhere.

~John Malkovich

It's tough to figure out how do we compete in Europe and North America, when obviously a living wage for us is very different than a living wage in Indonesia.

~John Malkovich

The projects I look for to produce or direct would not be ones in which I would want to act.

~John Malkovich

You have to do things people see or you don't get to do anything.

~John Malkovich

I don't think my parents know what I do.

~John Malkovich

I always wanted to be fashionable.

~John Malkovich

You can be a mason and build 50 buildings, but it doesn't mean you can design one.

~John Malkovich

I wasn't really raised to be the type of person to have doubts.

~John Malkovich

There are many, many benefits to being known for whatever it is you do. To deny that would be sort of asinine and vulgar.

~John Malkovich

Well, I like to have fun at work.

~John Malkovich

I think I was born at a time when an American male had so many advantages and opportunities that weren't available to men before or after, just a very brief period.

~John Malkovich

There's a reason screens are only this thick.

~John Malkovich

I've done quite a few big American films.

~John Malkovich

My life before children I don't really remember. I've heard references to it, but I really don't remember.

~John Malkovich

It's a little bit hard to have personal things subject to public scrutiny, and it's a pressure that other people aren't under, but then they're under a lot of pressures that we're not under.

~John Malkovich

Reviews are destructive by their very nature.

~John Malkovich

The media can make anything true or untrue. So if you do 80 films and you play a bad guy ten times, then you're a bad guy, and then the media repeats that.

~John Malkovich

Anybody doing something brings something to it. It's not for me to say if it's "growth". Just by the nature of everyone has a different take on the material. Some people would.

~John Malkovich

To a certain extent in Hollywood you're a product, and your product is whatever sells the most, and whatever sells the most is whatever the public likes to see you do - if anything.

~John Malkovich

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