

John Mulaney

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Excuse me: I am homeless. I am gay. I have AIDS. I'm new in town.

~John Mulaney

It is 100% easier not to do things than to do them, and so much fun not to do them - especially when you were supposed to do them. In terms of instant relief, canceling plans is like heroin.

~John Mulaney

The more you do stuff, the better you get at dealing with how you still fail at it a lot of the time.

~John Mulaney

I'll book a ticket on some garbage airline. I don't wanna name an actual airline so let's make one up, let's just call it like Delta Airlines

~John Mulaney

I was always the squarest person in the cool room, and alternatively, sometimes the weirder person at the mainstream table.

~John Mulaney

Why do people shush animals? They've never spoken

~John Mulaney

I have a lot of stories about being a kid because it was the last time I was interesting.

~John Mulaney

In terms of, like, instant relief, canceling plans is like heroin.

~John Mulaney

I'm a very lucky person. I'm an idiot, and I've shoveled through life rather nicely so far, so I don't feel like I deserve good treatment.

~John Mulaney

If you're comparing the badness of two words and you won't even say one of them [the n-word], that's the worse word.

~John Mulaney

All my money is in a savings account. My dad has explained the stock market to me maybe 75 times. I still don't understand it.

~John Mulaney

I plan to join the 'SNL' band as a maraca player and stand behind saxophonist Lenny Pickett. That way they will at least cut to me before commercial breaks. I'll be sure to look right into camera.

~John Mulaney

I like when things are crazy. Something good comes out of exhaustion.

~John Mulaney

Comfort is everything. You start doing something and you want it to be perfect right away, but most babies are born ugly and then they shake it out and you get beautiful toddlers.

~John Mulaney

I like making fun of myself a lot. I like being made fun of, too. I've always enjoyed it. There's just something really, really funny about someone tearing into me.

~John Mulaney

I kind of thought, wouldn't it be funny to take a swing at being on the weird side of mainstream?

~John Mulaney

Stand-up for me is just my opinions on things, so it wouldnt be as fun translated into a sketch. Nor would a sketch be as fun if it were me standing there saying it.

~John Mulaney

Being president looks like the worst job in the world.

~John Mulaney

You can't always see both sides of the story. Eventually, you have to pick a side and stick with it. No more equivocating. You have to commit.

~John Mulaney

Things have to be funny first, and if they want to have a point, that's awesome.

~John Mulaney

I'm a very straightforward person. But that's fine for a comedian. Because a lot of times you're talking about everyone else.

~John Mulaney

I definitely look like a toddler. I feel comfortable and I have a lot of fun out there [John Mulaney Show]. And if I were to be extremely egotistical, I'd say I got a tiny bit better.

~John Mulaney

Things don't exist until they exist.

~John Mulaney

I remember writing standup jokes without having done sets. But as soon as I did my first set, it didn't matter. Everything I thought would work didn't work. And everything I was iffy on was funny.

~John Mulaney

People having expectations maybe means they've enjoyed what I've done.

~John Mulaney

In every case, I find pre-planning noble, but not always that useful in

comedy. You know comedy once you're doing it.

~John Mulaney

It was funny to be an emcee, because you're so at the mercy of the club. You can show up for the weekend hoping to get the \$400 - and get fired. I had to prank whoever they told me to prank.

~John Mulaney

I've done festivals in the past where I'd be a guest, it was like, Wow, maybe someday I could play Town Hall - but that'll be a long way off. So it's very exciting.

~John Mulaney

I like that idea that what I do might be mainstream. Might be.

~John Mulaney

There are a lot of great jokes you can sit down and write, but that's just a written joke, versus the comedy of the situation. Ideally, you're pulling as much comedy out of the situation as you can.

~John Mulaney

Understudies don't normally get invited to openings.

~John Mulaney

I do longer runs on things, a lot stories. I really like one-liners, I like a lot of different kinds of standup but I've always been long-winded.

~John Mulaney

You all have a relative who is an expert even though they really don't know what they're talking about.

~John Mulaney

Everyone's very relaxed about brand names in television.

~John Mulaney

I had a lot of fun writing things that died during dress rehearsal. Sometimes I remember the crazy ones that died even more fondly than the ones that did really well.

~John Mulaney

Having done stand-up on television and in stand-up specials for like Comedy Central, you learn quickly that for that type of performance you're playing to the camera.

~John Mulaney

I always wanted it to be multi-cam from the beginning. In the first seeds of the idea, I wanted a live audience, multi-cam show. That was very important for me.

~John Mulaney

Maybe I just have high self-esteem, but I have a lot that I really enjoy.

~John Mulaney

I wish I could go tell 12-year-old me like I don't worry that you just fainted in front of all the girls, one day you'll be able to make this into an episode of TV.

~John Mulaney

As I got into high school and after puberty, I was a little more inward. I was a real extrovert when I was little, but I don't know, I just got quieter. With my friends, I was still an extrovert.

~John Mulaney

My standup persona is like I'll heighten things, but I'm observing the world as it is in sort of a heightened emotional state.

~John Mulaney

It's really fun to be writing and producing your own sketches. You almost have more control.

~John Mulaney

An episode that is near and dear to my heart is the entire cast in one room for the night because we get bed bugs in our apartment building so we have to stay with Martin Short.

~John Mulaney

If something is very, very funny but possibly controversial, if it's truly funny, then it's worth doing. Things aren't worth doing for the sake of being controversial.

~John Mulaney

I have tons of jokes with moments in them over the years in stand-up that don't get a laugh but I love them so they stay.

~John Mulaney

With the first episode [of John Mulaney Show] I tell a story that happened to me accidentally chasing a woman down the subway.

~John Mulaney

Part of standup is being loose and having a good time yourself and that translates to the audience.

~John Mulaney

On Friday night, it was fun [to know] that if you bombed, or whatever was going on, that you'd be on TV at 11. It was a cool feeling, and you'd get a couple hundred dollars.

~John Mulaney

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