

Jonathan Demme

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When you're working on a script, every word that's on the page, somebody has to read it. Make every word count in your stories.

~Jonathan Demme

Everything I've made - it doesn't mean they've all been good - but everything I've made so far, big or little, fiction or documentary, has been something that I've been really enthusiastic about.

~Jonathan Demme

I'm guided by my enthusiasm.

~Jonathan Demme

I also feel that the only thing more gratifying than working with someone who you've worked well with is working with someone new and coming up with something great.

~Jonathan Demme

If you're doing a music film, you've got to be singing about something.

~Jonathan Demme

I like finding a great shot and then just staying with it for a long time, not trying to pump things up with some kind of artificial energy by cutting.

~Jonathan Demme

It's a funny thing with documentary films - you want them to feel as entertaining and as gripping as a fictional film. With a fictional film you want it to feel as realistic as a documentary film.

~Jonathan Demme

I don't think of Storefront Hitchcock or Stop Making Sense as documentaries, I think of them more as performance films.

~Jonathan Demme

A trilogy is a pretty abstract notion. You can apply it to almost any three

things.

~Jonathan Demme

Nothing beats a live performance. Nothing.

~Jonathan Demme

Music films are great, but they can never compete with a live performance. Live music is what it is. It's the whole point. You experience it in the moment.

~Jonathan Demme

I had very strong feelings, so the chance to make a film that deals in an imaginative way with stuff you care tremendously about is a real high. It's a really amazing thing to be able to do.

~Jonathan Demme

As a kid, a little kid I loved going to the movies, and now I love making movies.

~Jonathan Demme

I don't think it's sacrilegious to remake any movie, including a good or even great movie.

~Jonathan Demme

I love doing fiction. I love doing performance films and I love doing documentaries that don't have music. I love to shoot and I love to shoot things I'm enthusiastic about.

~Jonathan Demme

When *Silence of the Lambs* did well commercially it was more than anything. My partner Ed Saxon and I were just so relieved that finally we had made a movie that had made some money!

~Jonathan Demme

I've never had a good game plan. At a certain point, making independent films became more and more appealing to me because I like freshness and originality.

~Jonathan Demme

I didn't go to film school so my learning was done out in public and showed up on the screen.

~Jonathan Demme

Extraordinary people are the Green Berets and the Navy Seals and the Olympic athletes - these are the ones who can face these extraordinary physical challenges and be triumphant.

~Jonathan Demme

I remember the Neil Young brand hitting me very hard immediately. He wasn't an acquired taste. I loved him immediately.

~Jonathan Demme

Every film deserves its own unique look.

~Jonathan Demme

I was a sort of rock journalist - whatever that is - in London in the late '60s.

~Jonathan Demme

I only work with actors who take full responsibility for their characters.

~Jonathan Demme

Maybe that's where the new art comes in - to somehow have your eye on the marketplace and harness your art to come up with something you can be proud of creatively.

~Jonathan Demme

It's such a rich experience when you enter into a subject from a

documentary point of view. It's hard for fiction to compete with that.

~Jonathan Demme

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