

Justin Simien

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Sometimes identity can be your salvation. It can be liberating to find your place in the world, but at some point, identity can hold you back.

~Justin Simien

As a director, I try not to implement a way for working, for every single actor, across the board. I try to work with each one, on an individual basis.

~Justin Simien

As a person of color, I was just really tired of the fact that I wasn't seeing my story in the culture.

~Justin Simien

America is a different country, and it will forever be a different country, after the election of Donald Trump.

~Justin Simien

I love the art house, and when I say the art house, I don't just mean little, independent movies but movies that really aim to be about something and say something and I love those movies.

~Justin Simien

It is frustrating having to walk through America having to bob and weave people's impressions of me because they see a tall, black guy walking down the street. That is frustrating.

~Justin Simien

I love when scenes are intentionally and meticulously planned so we feel like this is a handcrafted scene that only works in this moment and this movie, and that's the way I approach my films.

~Justin Simien

Racism is wrong, racism is very dangerous.

~Justin Simien

If the characters [in a movie] aren't real, if their lives aren't realistic, if you call bullshit at any point in their journey, then the rest of it is invalid.

~Justin Simien

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