

# Kalup Linzy

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Sometimes you divorce a part of yourself to save yourself emotionally.

~Kalup Linzy

If I want to do something in the TV industry, I should be allowed to explore that, but not in a way where it has to cancel out or ruin my visual art career.

~Kalup Linzy

Every artist's world is an individual experience and no one thing can prepare you. You have to go in and go where those roles lead you - just allow it to happen and follow your path.

~Kalup Linzy

Sometimes I just cringe. I can feel the emotion, that whole anxiety of being in this new world that I sort of evolved into. I would just do it, put it out there, and go for it.

~Kalup Linzy

As artists, sometimes our work is chaotic; we don't easily communicate our needs to other people in a way that they understand.

~Kalup Linzy

If you want to be somewhere, you should go to that place and check it out.

~Kalup Linzy

When you get a critique, people think you're criticizing them but it's really an intellectual conversation. You can't get emotionally attached.

~Kalup Linzy

I realized [using my own voice] is what creates the performance in the performance art and that's what helps create the distance for the viewers, like the distance that I get when I step back.

~Kalup Linzy

You can dwell on things, and if you open your eyes and pay attention to it, those things start popping up around you.

~Kalup Linzy

If I step out too much while in the process and don't allow myself to get into it, the piece may not get made.

~Kalup Linzy

We all, as human beings, have different layers, and if we become one-dimensional or really superficial, then I still think there are things that happened that got us to that place.

~Kalup Linzy

I've been in some biennales, and some I haven't. I always like the idea of how you meet the curator, hang out, and figure out who you want to work with.

~Kalup Linzy

If I have a piece that's solely based on the web and it's going to also exist in a gallery, it needs to exist in a gallery where it doesn't feel redundant.

~Kalup Linzy

I have the dream to continue being in an art context, but also be able to continue doing stuff in television on the web.

~Kalup Linzy

I've learned that I need to learn how to direct without making the person distracted and keeping them comfortable, and pay more attention to lighting.

~Kalup Linzy

What really made me a performance artist was that I was able to step back and assess. I've always had [that ability], but it was coming to an

understanding.

~Kalup Linzy

I was in that generation where I was torn if you should put it on the web because you're giving it away for free but you also want people to see your work.

~Kalup Linzy

Even though the art world goes through trends, you do know that it'll come up again.

~Kalup Linzy

I realized that was what was happening in my work already. I think that's where, as artists, we begin to master our craft: when we're able to step back and understand things.

~Kalup Linzy

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