

Kathryn Bigelow

Quotes

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If there's specific resistance to women making movies, I just choose to ignore that as an obstacle for two reasons: I can't change my gender, and I refuse to stop making movies.

~Kathryn Bigelow

I'm drawn to filmmaking that can transport me. Film can immerse you, put you there.

~Kathryn Bigelow

The journey for women, no matter what venue it is - politics, business, film - it's, it's a long journey.

~Kathryn Bigelow

I don't want to be made pacified or made comfortable. I like stuff that gets your adrenaline going.

~Kathryn Bigelow

Something becomes personal when it deviates from the norm.

~Kathryn Bigelow

Whereas painting is a more rarefied art form, with a limited audience, I recognized film as this extraordinary social tool that could reach tremendous numbers of people.

~Kathryn Bigelow

It's irrelevant who or what directed a movie; the important thing is that you either respond to it or you don't.

~Kathryn Bigelow

Cinema has the capacity to be so physiological.

~Kathryn Bigelow

There should be more women directing; I think there's just not the awareness that it's really possible.

~Kathryn Bigelow

Films don't cause violence, people do. Violence defines our existence. To shield oneself is more dangerous than trying to reflect it.

~Kathryn Bigelow

I need to have my hands on the DNA of a film.

~Kathryn Bigelow

Perhaps the only thing in my favor is that I am very tenacious. I don't take 'no' very well.

~Kathryn Bigelow

I choose material instinctually - at the heart of it are characters that I feel are fresh and original, and allow for an opportunity to, I suppose, explore uncharted ground.

~Kathryn Bigelow

I began to exercise a lot of cinematic muscle with the precepts I had learned in the New York art world. Film was intriguing. I began to think of art as elitist, whereas film was not.

~Kathryn Bigelow

I'd love to just think of myself as a filmmaker, and I wait for the day when the modifier can be a moot point.

~Kathryn Bigelow

I don't do what I do to try and break a glass ceiling.

~Kathryn Bigelow

I can't change my gender, and I refuse to stop making movies.

~Kathryn Bigelow

I'm drawn to provocative characters that find themselves in extreme

situations. And I think I'm drawn to that consistently.

~Kathryn Bigelow

There will come a time when the world will look back to modern vivisection in the name of science, as they do now to burning at the stake in the name of religion.

~Kathryn Bigelow

You never think the universe will reward your first choice - it just doesn't work like that.

~Kathryn Bigelow

The Communist regime didn't consider this to be a shining moment in history and assigned no heroism to it. They classified it as merely an accident.

~Kathryn Bigelow

I like high impact movies.

~Kathryn Bigelow

One should make moral judgements for oneself.

~Kathryn Bigelow

Our film examines the heroism, courage and prowess of the Soviet submarine force in ways never seen before.

~Kathryn Bigelow

I don't believe in censorship in any form.

~Kathryn Bigelow

On the other hand, I believe there's hope, because the breakdown and the repair are happening simultaneously.

~Kathryn Bigelow

War's dirty little secret is that some men love it.

~Kathryn Bigelow

One of the elements in the film that really fascinated me was not to look at the world in bi-polar terms of us vs them or east vs west, which was a by-product of the Cold War.

~Kathryn Bigelow

Character and emotionality don't always have to be relegated to quieter, more simple constructs.

~Kathryn Bigelow

My movement from painting to film was a very conscious one.

~Kathryn Bigelow

I really look for peak experiences and dramatic material that can allow peak experiences.

~Kathryn Bigelow

I'm interested in social commentary.

~Kathryn Bigelow

I suppose I like to think of myself as a film-maker.

~Kathryn Bigelow

When I made my first film, I didn't think of it as directing, so it wasn't like I set out to become a director.

~Kathryn Bigelow

I think violence in a cinematic context can be, if handled in a certain way, very seductive.

~Kathryn Bigelow

I'm definitely not drawn to shooting on a stage, I'm just not.

~Kathryn Bigelow

I don't know if I thrive in normal life.

~Kathryn Bigelow

For some individuals - some soldiers, some contractors - combat provides a kind of purpose and meaning beyond which all else potentially pales in comparison.

~Kathryn Bigelow

There's a conventional reaction when you see a star: You anticipate he'll be a part of a particular denouement down the road, so you don't worry for that character.

~Kathryn Bigelow

My criteria for doing a television series never changed. I wanted more stability, I wanted more of a sense of family, I wanted to do light comedy.

~Kathryn Bigelow

Am I a 'woman of action'? I don't think of myself that way.

~Kathryn Bigelow

I thrive on production. It feels very much like a natural environment for me.

~Kathryn Bigelow

What's most galvanizing for me is the opportunity to be topical and relevant and entertaining. That's the holy grail.

~Kathryn Bigelow

I can't stand outside myself and be anybody else.

~Kathryn Bigelow

I realised that there's a more muscular approach to film-making that I found very inspiring.

~Kathryn Bigelow

War's dirty little secret is that some men love it. I'm trying to unpack why, to look at what it means to be a hero in the context of 21st-century combat.

~Kathryn Bigelow

I do have to say I have been very fortunate.

~Kathryn Bigelow

I did a pilot for *Anything But Love* in 1988 that didn't sell.

~Kathryn Bigelow

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