

# Keenen Ivory Wayans Quotes

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I go through a whole process with the actors first, building and creating characters, then I encourage them to sort of live in that character when they're in the screen.

~Keenen Ivory Wayans

We do nods to Charlie's Angels and Mission Impossible because they are popular with our fan base.

~Keenen Ivory Wayans

I prefer the smaller budget versus the bigger budget because the mentality that goes along with big budget filmmaking doesn't really suit me; the mind-set that money is the answer.

~Keenen Ivory Wayans

Creativity is the answer. I always prefer the creative solution to an expensive solution.

~Keenen Ivory Wayans

I'm just calm under fire. I'm not intimidating at all.

~Keenen Ivory Wayans

Comedy has a responsibility to be a voice of society, so within that, there's always going to be those that talk about those subjects and things that are going on in the world.

~Keenen Ivory Wayans

All I need is a camera and I'll make things happen

~Keenen Ivory Wayans

There are two phases to a movie. First you shoot the movie, and then you make the movie. Generally, post-production is longer than filming.

~Keenen Ivory Wayans

I put heavy emphasis on the characters.

~Keenen Ivory Wayans

You never really know until you put the movie in front of an audience. I am a big advocate of screenings, which are getting harder and harder to do nowadays.

~Keenen Ivory Wayans

We felt like we had done as much as you can do with the slasher genre. We were trying to find the next group of scary movies that were ripe for parody.

~Keenen Ivory Wayans

Slot machines are like crack for old people.

~Keenen Ivory Wayans

I think a lot comes from having the experience of doing stand-up comedy. It allows you to figure out the psychology of an audience; what things are funny and not.

~Keenen Ivory Wayans

It's the teenage and university crowd, so we give them lots of sex jokes and gross humour.

~Keenen Ivory Wayans

I enjoy the character interplay. Sometimes the audience is not laughing, but smiling, and that is almost just as good because it keeps them ready to laugh.

~Keenen Ivory Wayans

I'm not on all the time. I like to have fun and be funny, but I'm much more of a thinker.

~Keenen Ivory Wayans

It's rare that you cut out something that is really good. You screen all of

it, and when the audience doesn't respond, you cut out whatever is holding the story down.

~Keenen Ivory Wayans

I put the cameras on her and told her to be obnoxious as she could possibly could be. She was.

~Keenen Ivory Wayans

I have been a director who has starred, participated on both sides of the filmmaking process.

~Keenen Ivory Wayans

People who are innately funny are innately disturbed.

~Keenen Ivory Wayans

My brothers can be a little out of control sometimes and so somebody has to be able to keep them focused.

~Keenen Ivory Wayans

You can kind of feel when things are going to work out

~Keenen Ivory Wayans

A comedian, or any artist, needs their time to develop what they are doing. There has to be some respect for the art form and when it's allowed to be seen.

~Keenen Ivory Wayans

I always prefer the big laugh. That is always the objective, especially with a film like Scary Movie 2

~Keenen Ivory Wayans

The pressures having grown up in this business can be really rough. And it is a testament to you that you have remained focused and NOT lost your mind.

~Keenen Ivory Wayans

In rare instances you have to give up what you thought was a great scene.

~Keenen Ivory Wayans

You do what it takes. It was on me to deliver.

~Keenen Ivory Wayans

Just making a good movie is hard to do.

~Keenen Ivory Wayans

You just can't make any movie and it will be good now. This is a really a difficult time to be in films.

~Keenen Ivory Wayans

We've seen so many films now, that you have to be on par with the best films that have preceded you. You just can't make any movie and it will be good

~Keenen Ivory Wayans

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