

# Kevin Kline

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I think every American actor wants to be a movie star. But I never wanted to do stupid movies, I wanted to do films.

~Kevin Kline

The worth of a life is not determined by a single failure or a solitary success.

~Kevin Kline

I'm a real pushover for animals.

~Kevin Kline

The technique's many benefits for actors include minimized tension, centeredness, vocal relaxation, and responsiveness, mind/body connection and about an inch and a half of additional height.

~Kevin Kline

Hindsight. It's like foresight without a future.

~Kevin Kline

I've got the Jewish guilt and the Irish shame and it's a hell of a job distinguishing which is which.

~Kevin Kline

Most of the comedies I've done have been rather farcical and extravagant.

~Kevin Kline

But, I do think, on a very simplistic level, that we can project onto dogs because they are so innocent. They don't come with a lot of baggage.

~Kevin Kline

I totally related to Cole Porter's magnetic pull to any piano that was in the room, which he was famous for doing, as was Gershwin. You couldn't drag them away from a piano.

~Kevin Kline

Just because you're not sweating doesn't mean you're not putting in the work.

~Kevin Kline

Don't kiss a man who hasn't shaved.

~Kevin Kline

I see God as a song-and-dance man. If I had my way, he'd be able to carry a tune, too. Preferably, one of mine.

~Kevin Kline

Dogs do have feelings. I gather.

~Kevin Kline

Ambition without contribution is of no significance.

~Kevin Kline

People ask, 'What's the best role you've ever played?' The next one.

~Kevin Kline

Nothing makes an actor feel freer and more inventive and more creative than being trusted.

~Kevin Kline

I've never felt completely satisfied with what I've done. I tend to see things too critically. I'm trying to get over that.

~Kevin Kline

Some of my favorite characters that I've played have been very pompous because I love making fun of pompous people.

~Kevin Kline

Lots of people fantasize about what it would be like if they were president... Most think they'd be decent and wouldn't be corrupted at all, that they'd remain true to themselves.

~Kevin Kline

You know, actors are fans, too. And talent is very attractive to me.

~Kevin Kline

It was all completely incomprehensible to me. I was fearful of the language. You had to look up every third word.

~Kevin Kline

Playing Shakespeare requires technique. You don't play a Bach toccata by getting in the mood.

~Kevin Kline

I just don't think I'm a very good singer.

~Kevin Kline

I never went to class. That the university graduated me at all is an indictment of our educational system.

~Kevin Kline

When you have satire, it has to be real. No matter how outrageous the comedy becomes, you have to believe in the characters.

~Kevin Kline

I had studied piano since I was 13, but I was surrounded by students who'd been playing since they were 5. I realized I was never going to be anything but mediocre.

~Kevin Kline

I can play characters who sing, but I don't like singing in a nightclub or something. It's not my metier.

~Kevin Kline

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