

Kevin Spacey Quotes

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I feel it's a responsibility for anyone who breaks through a certain ceiling... to send the elevator back down and give others a helpful lift.

~Kevin Spacey

Sometimes the person who is the most logical is the person whom we call insane.

~Kevin Spacey

Stay true to your brand and true to your voice and audiences will respond to that authenticity with enthusiasm and passion.

~Kevin Spacey

People have different reasons for the way they live their lives. You cannot put everyone's reasons in the same box.

~Kevin Spacey

The only thing worse than a loser is someone who won't admit he played badly.

~Kevin Spacey

You have to always be ready, always be alive, and always be willing to move in a new direction.

~Kevin Spacey

I find it sad that by not talking about who I sleep with, that makes me mysterious. There was a time when I would have been called a gentleman.

~Kevin Spacey

Mediocrity is the elephant in the room.

~Kevin Spacey

We're all victims of our own hubris at times.

~Kevin Spacey

I think you need the failures to get the success. You learn more from that.

~Kevin Spacey

The story is everything, which means it's our job to tell better stories.

~Kevin Spacey

I was not a studious kid, and I struggled to find things that would command my attention and engage my ideas and energies.

~Kevin Spacey

Wanting people to listen, you can't just tap them on the shoulder anymore. You have to hit them with a sledgehammer, and then you'll notice you've got their strict attention.

~Kevin Spacey

I have never played a game in my life.

~Kevin Spacey

The journey that we go on as actors is an interesting one and sometimes a revealing one.

~Kevin Spacey

You can't turn a "no" to a "yes" without a "maybe" in between.

~Kevin Spacey

If you're lucky enough to have done well, then it's your responsibility to send the elevator back down.

~Kevin Spacey

Success is like death. The more successful you become, the higher the houses in the hills get and the higher the fences get.

~Kevin Spacey

There are good people in the lobbying industry. Lobbyists can serve a very useful purpose.

~Kevin Spacey

For me, coming to work every day has turned out to be exactly what I hoped it would be.

~Kevin Spacey

When I was young, I learned very early on that I could make my mother laugh. And that was one of the greatest sounds I ever heard.

~Kevin Spacey

I open myself up every time I walk on screen and give you everything that I am. There are parts of me that are in every movie that I've done. That to me is what my job is.

~Kevin Spacey

I'm aware that, from the outside, this looks like I've got quite an ego.

~Kevin Spacey

It's Hard to Stay Mad When There's So Much Beauty in the World

~Kevin Spacey

There's something very interesting about the way each individual actor approaches stuff.

~Kevin Spacey

My job as an actor is to serve the writing and help the author get his ideas across.

~Kevin Spacey

When the story is good enough, people can watch something three times the length of an opera.

~Kevin Spacey

The legal profession, politics and acting are very closely tied: the whole point is to have an idea and get it across to a listener, whether it is one person or five thousand in a hall.

~Kevin Spacey

Being an actor sometimes requires that you ask yourself questions you'd rather not know the answers to.

~Kevin Spacey

If you haven't turned rebel by twenty you've got no heart; if you haven't turned establishment by thirty you've got no brains!

~Kevin Spacey

If you're not concerned about maintaining an image, you can pursue roads that another actor might not take.

~Kevin Spacey

The greatest trick the devil ever pulled was making us believe that he's not real.

~Kevin Spacey

Let's let people live their lives and do it the way they want to do it.

~Kevin Spacey

Studios and networks who ignore either shift - whether the increasing sophistication of storytelling, or the constantly shifting sands of technological advancement - will be left behind.

~Kevin Spacey

I don't play villainy. I wouldn't even know how to play it.

~Kevin Spacey

No one's personal life is in the public interest. It's gossip, bottom line. End of story.

~Kevin Spacey

Am I now supposed to go on Oprah and cry and tell you my deepest, darkest secrets because you want to know?

~Kevin Spacey

It's much more interesting when you go to different places - make a left turn when nobody expects you to make a left turn, and make a right when nobody expects you to do that.

~Kevin Spacey

Exposure to the arts and culture is enormously valuable.

~Kevin Spacey

The process of doing a play is an organic one and the process of doing a film is totally un-organic.

~Kevin Spacey

The audience, the place you're in, has everything to do with how your performance goes.

~Kevin Spacey

I always thought that, in a way, you want your Superman to be a total unknown.

~Kevin Spacey

For kids growing up now, there's no difference watching 'Avatar' on an iPad or watching YouTube on TV or watching 'Game of Thrones' on their computer. It's all content. It's just story.

~Kevin Spacey

To look in the eyes of audiences and see the kind of naughty glee that they got with being on the inside, the audience becomes your co-conspirators.

~Kevin Spacey

I'm a relatively ugly character who's done pretty damn well in film.

~Kevin Spacey

I mean we all played as kids. You play games, you take on different characters, you imitate; the fun and the love of play has never left me.

~Kevin Spacey

You can't win a marathon without putting some bandaids on your nipples!

~Kevin Spacey

The less you know about me the easier it is to convince you that I'm the character on screen.

~Kevin Spacey

I've been on sets where things weren't relaxed because someone was creating tension for no reason.

~Kevin Spacey

Directing a film was something I was yearning to do. I always wanted to see if I had the capacity to be a good storyteller.

~Kevin Spacey

Talent is one thing, it is how you nurture and develop it, and never walk away from it. You can be rich, successful, you win awards, but it can always be better.

~Kevin Spacey

If you ignore the murdering and the conniving, Francis Underwood is an effective politician.

~Kevin Spacey

At the end of the day, storytelling is actually very simple in its origin as long as there are people who want to tell stories and there are people who want to hear them.

~Kevin Spacey

While the sciences are hugely important, let us not leave behind a child's imagination.

~Kevin Spacey

It's a really wonderful thing to focus your life on something other than your own personal career and ambition.

~Kevin Spacey

I often make the analogy with tennis. Every match the rules are the same, but no game is ever the same. Theatre is like that. Every time is different.

~Kevin Spacey

The greatest sound in the theater is silence.

~Kevin Spacey

Talent is only interesting if it's challenged.

~Kevin Spacey

I like being able to go to a local pub and have great food and particularly love pubs that welcome my dogs.

~Kevin Spacey

Secondarily, I think films that are driven by music also terrify studios.

~Kevin Spacey

Theatre is alive and it is now, and then it's gone.

~Kevin Spacey

[What's my favourite book?] It changes all the time.

~Kevin Spacey

Sometimes I'll be flipping through the channels and I'll see a movie I'm in. And I'll probably stop and think, 'Sure, I'll watch this.'

~Kevin Spacey

My job is to interpret. I'm an interpreter. I can add things and bring unique qualities to the role that the writer may not have thought of, but someone else created the fundamental idea.

~Kevin Spacey

I don't know who Keyser Soze is, but whoever he is, he is going to get gloriously drunk tonight.

~Kevin Spacey

Anyone with a internet connection and an idea can develop an audience

~Kevin Spacey

If I'm sick of me, I can only imagine how other people feel.

~Kevin Spacey

I just want it to be better, I just want to be better, but this is very encouraging.

~Kevin Spacey

Theres nothing like standing in a place and wanting nothing so much as to change but simply not being able to.

~Kevin Spacey

The Old Vic has always been first and foremost an actors theatre, a home for great talent and memorable performances.

~Kevin Spacey

You learn every single day when youre running a company. You learn as you go.

~Kevin Spacey

Im able to hang up the character with the costume at the end of the movie.

~Kevin Spacey

Im attracted to things that are challenging and fun and interesting, and it certainly seems that audiences enjoy them as well.

~Kevin Spacey

Theres no doubt that some of the greatest films ever made have come from the theater. Its all a matter of finding a way to make the theater experience watchable on film.

~Kevin Spacey

Look, at the end of the day people have to respect people's differences. I am different than some people would like me to be.

~Kevin Spacey

Whether thats positive or not, people are talking about the Old Vic Theater again with passion and commitment and controversy and debate.

~Kevin Spacey

In film, movies schedules are based on three things: actors availabilities, when are sets being built, when you can rent the place youre going to film in.

~Kevin Spacey

What I like about Britain is that I can live a normal life here.

~Kevin Spacey

Its the details and the human element that makes Recount entertaining. Even though we know how the election ends, it plays like a thriller. Its also funny.

~Kevin Spacey

I think that there is no doubt that every experience you have in your life, whether it's playing a character or something else, you bring that to the work.

~Kevin Spacey

For years, particularly with the advent of the Internet, people have been griping about lessening attention spans.

~Kevin Spacey

The most important definition of an actor, the job of the actor, is to serve the writer, not yourself. Way too many actors serve themselves.

~Kevin Spacey

When you know you have 1,000 people sitting on the edge of their seats in silence because of a shift that just happened on stage, there is no better feeling.

~Kevin Spacey

If there is one thing I object to, its actors talking about how tough their jobs are.

~Kevin Spacey

It's the kind of democratization of the Internet that has led to the breaking down of barriers into the creative arts.

~Kevin Spacey

I accept the fact that some things dont go the way you hope.

~Kevin Spacey

I have done films where we all thought the director didn't know what he was doing and it is going to be a gobble gobble turkey. And you go and watch it and it is great.

~Kevin Spacey

The movies are not my first priority - the theater is.

~Kevin Spacey

One can never take the cynicism one comes across in life too seriously.

~Kevin Spacey

I don't want to show deleted scenes. I don't like an audience looking at what the movie might have been - if it's in the movie, it's in the movie.

~Kevin Spacey

It's so easy for us to misperceive and see the things in others that we want to see. And, when we're wrong, and often we're dead wrong, we miss the truth.

~Kevin Spacey

Because my mother was in love with Bobby Darin, I grew up with his records playing in our house all the time.

~Kevin Spacey

If you have done well in whatever business you are in, it is your duty to send the elevator back down and try to help bring up the next generation of undiscovered talent.

~Kevin Spacey

I've never heard of a situation where, because somebody had a particular political belief, they didn't get a part. I think it's a bit of a myth.

~Kevin Spacey

The control is shifting because of the democratisation of the internet. My industry is very good at building walls to stop people getting in.

~Kevin Spacey

I've done big studio films and the big studio films I've done, I've tried to do the interesting ones and the ones where I could live with myself in the morning.

~Kevin Spacey

If you wanna compete, youve got to get into the original content game.

~Kevin Spacey

I dont even think in terms of ambition.

~Kevin Spacey

I dont categorize characters into one syllable. These are fully-rounded characters that I dont judge; I just play them.

~Kevin Spacey

As an actor, youre always nervous as to what a director will do with something.

~Kevin Spacey

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