

Liev Schreiber

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I didn't think that a career in theater was very realistic so I thought the only thing I could make money doing and still be somewhat artistic was, god help me, advertising.

~Liev Schreiber

Its the difference between instinct and intuition.

~Liev Schreiber

I was a writer. I just wasn't a very good one. I was lucky enough to have a playwriting teacher who told me that I'd be a better actor than I would a playwright.

~Liev Schreiber

I grew up in the Lower East Side of New York.

~Liev Schreiber

I'm misrepresented as a scary person. I'm not. It's all about my size and my eyebrows.

~Liev Schreiber

My publicist told me not to talk about politics but, yes, I think we have a president who stole the election.

~Liev Schreiber

As soon as you know what you're doing, you're doing it wrong.

~Liev Schreiber

I think that everything I've ever done at some point is part of someone else's legacy.

~Liev Schreiber

I'm not that interested in working with impervious people.

~Liev Schreiber

I don't think I've ever been a huge target for the press, and I value that to a degree, because there's a certain value for actors staying beneath the radar so they can play characters.

~Liev Schreiber

You watch a hockey game, and the hand-eye coordination and the speed is really miraculous; how those guys track the puck alone, just following it with their eyes.

~Liev Schreiber

There's the private persona and the public persona and the two shall never meet

~Liev Schreiber

I live with an 18-month-old Jack Russell named Chicken. He moved in about 15 months ago, and it was very hard at first because I work a lot and he doesn't.

~Liev Schreiber

There's something cathartic about swearing 150 times after spending ten hours in the editing room.

~Liev Schreiber

I was always drawn to tough girls. I liked that domineering thing.

~Liev Schreiber

And I think for me there's a lot of neurosis involved with where you should be or thinking about where you are all the time instead of being where you are.

~Liev Schreiber

I was always curious about motivation and intention, and really, that's a lot of what acting is.

~Liev Schreiber

Style, no matter how outrageous it is, is still an expression of someone's personality. And my personality is somewhere stuck in the classics.

~Liev Schreiber

A lot of times in Hollywood you're as good as your last job.

~Liev Schreiber

I've always been more interested in the audience than I have in the plays. I like that idea of all those people sitting in the dark together. It's kind of fun.

~Liev Schreiber

I really don't think there is anybody in the business with better eyes than Elijah Wood.

~Liev Schreiber

You know, I have a deep, deep affinity for Dr. Suess.

~Liev Schreiber

I get very nervous around famous people and I get nervous around beautiful women.

~Liev Schreiber

Don't hit people; don't let it get you too angry; remember that everything you do can and will be used against you. And take a breath and have some perspective.

~Liev Schreiber

If I'm doing my job as an actor, the audience knows everything I know about the character.

~Liev Schreiber

You are what you know, as an actor, so you gotta try to know as much

as you possibly can.

~Liev Schreiber

Film is such a bizarre vehicle for acting. It's such a bizarre experience. I don't think you ever really get familiar with it. If you do get familiar with it, you're probably not that good anymore.

~Liev Schreiber

I direct in the same way that I act, which is thinking about what the scene needs.

~Liev Schreiber

I want to forget what I've learned about the character, but the reality is that you can't, because you've absorbed it. It's there in that moment when you need it. The hard part is to trust it.

~Liev Schreiber

As soon as you know what you're doing, you're doing it wrong. That's what I find with acting. As soon as it becomes padded, it becomes pat.

~Liev Schreiber

You always have to create the character from the ground up.

~Liev Schreiber

I'm drawn to people who share that sense of loss. All actors are trying to repair damaged relationships. I think that might be why I've been drawn to other actors.

~Liev Schreiber

I actually loved Winnipeg. Everyone told me I was going to hate it, but it was great.

~Liev Schreiber

I love having that creative discussion where, at the end of the day, you

both feel better for having done it. Maybe it's a typically Jewish thing, where you sort of go at each other.

~Liev Schreiber

I manage to hide in my movies.

~Liev Schreiber

I get panic attacks in big crowds.

~Liev Schreiber

That's one of the benefits of working on big budget films. You work with people who have a lot of experience and you get to learn a lot.

~Liev Schreiber

When you're in a place like New York or D.C. you just can't beat it, and it's so hard to recreate because they are both such distinctive places.

~Liev Schreiber

If you fall in love with somebody you're working with, fine, but wait till your project is over.

~Liev Schreiber

I am very good with dialects, but the two that I can't do for some reason are the South African and Australian.

~Liev Schreiber

It's good to overexpose yourself with work. But don't expose yourself too much with the press.

~Liev Schreiber

I am so used to being able to express myself from being an actor. So when people don't understand me, I'm just completely lost.

~Liev Schreiber

The funny thing is that I write and I act a lot about being Jewish, but I don't really think about it as a regular person.

~Liev Schreiber

Where else do you find great directors? Acting is one of the places.

~Liev Schreiber

I'm a typically lazy person. It is sort of characteristic of actors.

~Liev Schreiber

Actors are as good as they allow themselves to be, and to portray life, you have to have as broad an experience of it as you possibly can, so everything's worth it.

~Liev Schreiber

Pitching. You're pitching yourself constantly which is probably why there are so many plays about sales. I think also it's like life.

~Liev Schreiber

You can think about your career or you can think about your job. I like to think about my job.

~Liev Schreiber

I'm kind of an obsessive-compulsive person, like, neat obsessive.

~Liev Schreiber

If you are going to remake a film, you may as well remake a classic.

~Liev Schreiber

Call me communist, but I think that's something that everyone, regardless of their family's income, has a right to, and I was fortunate enough to have a mother who felt that way as well.

~Liev Schreiber

I find that the most interestingly written parts happen to be the bad guys.

~Liev Schreiber

Some actors need to be rattled and some need to be focused

~Liev Schreiber

Ever since I was a little kid I was obsessed with films, and I always wanted to make them

~Liev Schreiber

The best gig is the one you've got.

~Liev Schreiber

I'm actually a very bad surfer, which is good because everybody likes a bad surfer. Nobody likes a good surfer.

~Liev Schreiber

Part of what I enjoy about the theatre and acting is that sense of history.

~Liev Schreiber

I think people respond to truthful, simple narrative, and the more you try to dress it up to try and do something else, the harder it is for people to relate to.

~Liev Schreiber

Acting is like an addiction - once you start, you can't stop.

~Liev Schreiber

And you know, I hate to admit this, but I don't always think in terms of Shakespeare. When I eat, I do. When I'm at a restaurant, I'll think, 'Hmm, what would Macbeth have ordered?'

~Liev Schreiber

I really do think that if you're doing your job right, you're never gonna be what the other actor was, but you can be influenced by his intelligence and his choices.

~Liev Schreiber

You should never ask actors about politics.

~Liev Schreiber

Actors, you know, they're often awkward people in real life.

~Liev Schreiber

No, I grew up admiring people who played ice hockey.

~Liev Schreiber

Every girl I've gone out with has said something to me first.

~Liev Schreiber

The skill set for hockey is so specific to skating and if you haven't been skating as a kid it's impossible to play - and I wasn't a skater.

~Liev Schreiber

I think New York will always be this incredible international crossroads, and I don't think that will ever change.

~Liev Schreiber

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