

# Martin Short Quotes

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I pretend I'm one of the royal family when I'm in a hotel and that the hotel belongs to me - it is a palace.

~Martin Short

I've chosen to treat my life more like a party than something to stress about.

~Martin Short

If you have wonderful moments, don't second-guess them, just enjoy them.

~Martin Short

The thing you can always rely on, your core person, comes from your family's attention and love.

~Martin Short

You try to figure out things to keep yourself interested. It's very easy to get lulled.

~Martin Short

People do think I'm Jewish. But we're Irish Catholic. My father had a brogue.

~Martin Short

A musical is only as good as its director. The same can also be said for the CIA.

~Martin Short

What's great about being a character actor is you know that you can survive forever. It's not about the gloss of your eyebrows.

~Martin Short

I still do live concerts all over the country - about four a month - with singing and characters and improv. It keeps me limber. I'll never lose

that. And comedy is still the bread and butter.

~Martin Short

I think I'm funny because my family, my siblings were funny.

~Martin Short

I think loss can fuel how you lead your whole life.

~Martin Short

Someone once asked me what was the weirdest question I was ever asked. And I was stymied.

~Martin Short

All you're trying to do in an improvisation is get as much material as possible for the editing room.

~Martin Short

One of my great influences was Don Knotts as Barney Fife.

~Martin Short

All these things that enter your head are assignments. You write them up and then throw them out there and if someone wants to do it, your assignment is done.

~Martin Short

My mother was the concert master of the symphony. Absurdity and eccentricity were not criticized.

~Martin Short

I have a kind of objective luxury about my career.

~Martin Short

Sometimes people get passionate about the obscure jokes.

~Martin Short

I hate to lull the audience into letting them think that something is something. It's always fun to defy expectations.

~Martin Short

I think I've been really lucky to keep my career so varied, and to be open. There's safety in repetition, but there's also a trap there.

~Martin Short

People have very specific opinions of comedy. Slapstick was an art form in the '20s and the lowest form of show business in the '50s. Who's right, who's wrong? Who's an idiot, who's not?

~Martin Short

I'm an actor who loves doing comedy.

~Martin Short

No one is any one thing.

~Martin Short

I have sometimes imagined my own death and brought myself to tears.

~Martin Short

An actor can spew out thoughts, but they're not all gold.

~Martin Short

Being the youngest of five, you're adored, you're fueled with confidence.

~Martin Short

I've never done an improvised movie as a fictitious character. I think that's the challenge.

~Martin Short

I've done lots of improv things but not a whole movie.

~Martin Short

Ill give you an idea of how Jewish Mel Brooks is: Thats a nose job.

~Martin Short

When you start a new project and they say, "Your director is going to be Joe Blo," you're hoping that Joe Blo will be the next Martin Scorsese, but it doesn't always work out that way.

~Martin Short

You go through publicists because it's easy for a publicist to say to another publicist, 'No'.

~Martin Short

Whether arrogantly or what, I view myself simply as an actor.

~Martin Short

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