

Matthew Macfadyen

Quotes

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There's always a concern as an actor that you'll be boring unless your character is swinging from a chandelier.

~Matthew Macfadyen

As much as I long for a sort of security and consistency sometimes, I do enjoy sort of being busted around. I really don't know what's happening sometimes next week, let alone this year.

~Matthew Macfadyen

I love TV and I love making films and I love doing plays. I feel very lucky to be able to do all three.

~Matthew Macfadyen

I think people ought to do what they feel useful at the time. If I do things because I ought to do them, I switch off.

~Matthew Macfadyen

Apart from earning an awful lot of money, why would you go to Hollywood?

~Matthew Macfadyen

I wouldn't want to leave it so long before doing a play again, I get very stolid and sluggish if I do too much telly.

~Matthew Macfadyen

I don't feel like a romantic lead; I guess I feel more like a character actor.

~Matthew Macfadyen

The actor in me would always like to be more dashing, or slimmer, or have nicer hair.

~Matthew Macfadyen

You never know how films are going to do and it is daunting if I think

about it.

~Matthew Macfadyen

My vanity is I'm terribly romantic! But being married is lovely.

~Matthew Macfadyen

I was quite a shy child. I would get terribly nervous and throw up before my birthday party. And then I would be fine. I feel the same now. I get nervous, then it's fine.

~Matthew Macfadyen

I'd auditioned for the National Youth Theatre and I didn't get a place and it was terrifying.

~Matthew Macfadyen

It's a real skill to be able to publicise yourself.

~Matthew Macfadyen

What's exciting is there's a curtain that divides the audience from this other world. You want to see behind.

~Matthew Macfadyen

No one will guide you in the right direction, in the end you have to learn for yourself. You have to grow up yourself.

~Matthew Macfadyen

Actors have to remind people that they can do different things, not just the same style of one role.

~Matthew Macfadyen

I can't throw books away. My wife is always telling me to get rid of some.

~Matthew Macfadyen

I try to be fussy about the parts I play. I think that's quite prudent, it means you're stretching different muscles, and you're scaring yourself by doing something which is out of your comfort zone.

~Matthew Macfadyen

I just loved the whole idea of being an actor.

~Matthew Macfadyen

It must be odd, being recognizable. I would hate to lose that anonymity.

~Matthew Macfadyen

People like to think that actors are terribly worried about ghosts of other actors in the parts they play. But you just have to get on with it.

~Matthew Macfadyen

Some British actors are snobby about telly, and I don't understand that.

~Matthew Macfadyen

You'd never play Hamlet if you started worrying about who's played it before you.

~Matthew Macfadyen

It must be odd, being recognisable. I would hate to lose that anonymity. It happened for a while with 'Spooks.' No one notices me now.

~Matthew Macfadyen

I would hate not to do a play every couple of years. I think it's not me.

~Matthew Macfadyen

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