

Mohsen Makhmalbaf

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Because there is so little room for expression otherwise, a lot of people love cinema because they find it a way of expressing themselves.

~Mohsen Makhmalbaf

From my films, you can at least learn about Iran, you can get a sense of the history and the society. But no such films have been made about Afghanistan, so you really can't know much about it.

~Mohsen Makhmalbaf

I was in jail four and a half years. When I came out, I continued the same struggle against injustice, but instead of using weapons, I began to use art and cinema.

~Mohsen Makhmalbaf

The Buddhas had to be destroyed by the Taliban to get the world thinking about Afghanistan.

~Mohsen Makhmalbaf

Afghan society is very complex, and Afghanistan has a very complex culture. Part of the reason it has remained unknown is because of this complexity.

~Mohsen Makhmalbaf

I myself had to grow a longer beard and Afghan clothes. I was in danger of being kidnapped by smugglers, though I didn't know it at the time.

~Mohsen Makhmalbaf

Usually people like to categorise artists. With my films, I categorise people: if I know which one of my movies you like, I can tell which kind of a person you are.

~Mohsen Makhmalbaf

Do you know that every day, 10 people in Afghanistan are injured by

landmines? It will continue for the next 50 years, because the country has the largest number of landmines in the world.

~Mohsen Makhmalbaf

But also, there are no films being made about Afghanistan.

~Mohsen Makhmalbaf

There's an 800 kilometer border between Iran and Afghanistan.

~Mohsen Makhmalbaf

I'm not playing myself. It's a symbolic situation, where I want to introduce a fascist behind the table. I couldn't have had anybody else do that; for it to be successful, I had to do it myself.

~Mohsen Makhmalbaf

The style depends on the subject.

~Mohsen Makhmalbaf

From 7 in the morning to 11 at night, I was reading. I don't think one can find any other time in one's life to be left alone so much to read in peace like that.

~Mohsen Makhmalbaf

I wanted to be left alone to live my life, so it was very easy for people to pretend that they were me.

~Mohsen Makhmalbaf

If I make two films in a year, they'll be different. This is my style - I can't have just one way.

~Mohsen Makhmalbaf

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