

Norman Jewison

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I think all Nazis didn't see themselves as bad people. I've never met a racist yet who thought he was a racist. Or an anti-Semite who thought they were anti-Semitic.

~Norman Jewison

We're always on the side of the animal that's being chased. We always seem to be on the side of the rabbit or the fox and not on the side of the hounds.

~Norman Jewison

I don't like to think that maybe I'm just getting old. I'm not too excited about watching a huge explosion. I'm more interested in people and characters.

~Norman Jewison

Betrayal... is my favorite subject.

~Norman Jewison

Look, I'm just a storyteller. When I make a film, I never want the film to become a vehicle of social propaganda.

~Norman Jewison

When you shoot a musical, you're shooting to lipsynch tracks, so we had to figure out our choreography and work out what we wanted to do with each number before we did it.

~Norman Jewison

Obviously, *In The Heat Of The Night* was a landmark movie because the timing was perfect. It was in the middle of the Civil Rights Movement.

~Norman Jewison

I think I've done pretty well. I've had about 46, or 47 nominations from my movies, and my films have won about 12 awards, so I don't have

any complaints.

~Norman Jewison

Michael Caine is a movie star, but he's also a great actor. I can't say that about every movie star. It's the concentration he has.

~Norman Jewison

I'm in the mood for another Moonstruck experience, for another romantic comedy.

~Norman Jewison

I'm going to do an adaptation of the Italian film, Bread and Tulips. I really like that film.

~Norman Jewison

I was really excited to have the opportunity to make Fiddler.

~Norman Jewison

Every generation deals with the breaking down of its tradition, and I think that they rediscovered the film.

~Norman Jewison

But I've never met a racist yet who thinks he's a racist. That's always the disturbing thing about when we begin to look at ourselves.

~Norman Jewison

I mean they're making remakes of my films and I'm not even dead yet! Why would you want to make a remake?

~Norman Jewison

A lot of American actors I work with are in character all day long. You can't talk to them. It's Method and the whole thing.

~Norman Jewison

Moonstruck... was one of the few romantic comedies to be nominated for a Best Picture Oscar.

~Norman Jewison

I was very disappointed that Denzel didn't win Best Actor for The Hurricane because I thought he deserved it.

~Norman Jewison

Everything Sholom Aleichem talks about in his plays and his short stories is about people, family, man's relationship with his God, the breaking down of tradition.

~Norman Jewison

But Madonna has a small amount of talent when it comes to movies.

~Norman Jewison

The eradication of anti-personnel mines around the world is one of the most important tasks facing the international community.

~Norman Jewison

In America there's no rights for the artist, so whatever films I've made kind of belong to the studio.

~Norman Jewison

I don't make films to win prizes. I make films to make films.

~Norman Jewison

When you deal with a film that takes place in Europe, and you're going to work in English, you'd better work with European actors.

~Norman Jewison

Do what you're told, and everything will be all right.

~Norman Jewison

When the small independent film, which depends on its artistic appeal rather than wide commercial distribution by an MPAA member, is now denied access, the playing field becomes unfair and uneven.

~Norman Jewison

I think you get better as you get older.

~Norman Jewison

It's an entire industry focusing on young male viewers that want action and violence. They sell us something that isn't valid. They're selling films like a product.

~Norman Jewison

I work with a lot of movie stars.

~Norman Jewison

The album for Fiddler really took off. I think it was a combination of John Williams and the score. It was a very classy big album.

~Norman Jewison

We also have a tendency to root for the fugitive. We're always on the side of the animal being chased.

~Norman Jewison

We live in an age of publicity and hype. There's something about success that dehumanizes you, whereas failure reminds you of who you really are.

~Norman Jewison

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