

# Oren Peli

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There is so much misinformation out there. If you give people even a little bit, it gets blown out of proportion then you have to go put out fires. So it's much easier to say, 'No comment.'

~Oren Peli

I'm having fun with what I'm doing but I'd never categorically say no to something because it's not horror. I'm keeping an open mind.

~Oren Peli

For a found-footage-style movie, there's a definite advantage in using unknowns, because it helps sell the illusion that it's real. A known actor would get in the way of the suspension of disbelief.

~Oren Peli

By trade, I am a software programmer, so I never really had any experience with movies before. I started out with 'Paranormal Activity.'

~Oren Peli

The less people know about 'Paranormal Activity,' the more they enjoy it.

~Oren Peli

I've never owned an Apple product. I like the fact that PCs are open architecture and not locked down like Apple products. I feel that Macs are also unjustifiably overpriced.

~Oren Peli

I think the traditional explanation is that demons just find someone, they pick on them and try to break down their spirit so they can... take control of their bodies. Why exactly? I don't know.

~Oren Peli

I believe that whenever I want to learn something I can learn it much better and faster by myself if I'm motivated to learn it as opposed to

kind of doing it in more a standard, institutionalized way.

~Oren Peli

It's always about finding the right balance between answering some questions and raising new ones to keep your story going.

~Oren Peli

I'm pretty content with what I have, but the one thing that I don't have is something like the iPod - but PC-based. I think that would be cool.

~Oren Peli

Don't know if I'm a nerd - I'm more of a geek.

~Oren Peli

In many cases your imagination is much more effective than what can be shown. It primes you to know something is about to happen - the anticipation and anxiety is worse than what ends up happening.

~Oren Peli

Not knowing the thing that's chasing you is a lot scarier than seeing it right in front of you

~Oren Peli

Almost any movie, no matter how original, is borrowing from some other movies.

~Oren Peli

After I watched 'The Exorcist' I refused to watch any other movie that had anything to do with ghosts or demons. I didn't even watch 'Ghostbusters' until I was much older.

~Oren Peli

I pay a lot of attention to box office because I understand it. TV ratings? I don't know how to interpret them, since I'm new to TV, so I'm just

going to wait for somebody to tell me.

~Oren Peli

Because of the way we let the actors improvise, it feels like you're watching people react rather than actors reading lines - so I think that's always going to be something I like.

~Oren Peli

I do not buy CDs any more; I usually stream Internet radio. For movies, I hardly ever buy any DVDs. I have a DVR, so just record things off HBO, Showtime and so on.

~Oren Peli

I'm just considering myself extremely lucky. All I wanted is to have 'Paranormal Activity' be released and become successful. And everything that's happened since then is just an enormous bonus.

~Oren Peli

I've always had better luck learning things on my own. And I really love the challenge of doing it yourself and kind of being alone against the system.

~Oren Peli

I've been having a lot of fun exploring different aspects of filmmaking, like writing and producing. There isn't a specific plan and I usually don't know what's going to be the next thing I do.

~Oren Peli

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