

Patton Oswalt Quotes

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The idea of, 'The journey is the destination' is put into action by browsing in an indie record store. Besides, a human being is a much better guide than a 'More Like This' link on the internet.

~Patton Oswalt

So when you spot violence, or bigotry, or intolerance or fear or just garden-variety misogyny, hatred or ignorance, just look it in the eye and think, 'The good outnumber you, and we always will.'

~Patton Oswalt

If you hit a midget on the head with a stick, he turns into 40 gold coins.

~Patton Oswalt

Is it bad when you refer to all alcohol as "Pain Go Bye-Bye Juice"?

~Patton Oswalt

I fantasize and idealize myself as Bugs Bunny, but I know deep down I'm Daffy Duck.

~Patton Oswalt

I want to experience as many different tastes, sights, emotions, conflicts, and cultures as possible, so that I can expand the canvas of my memory and enrich my comedy.

~Patton Oswalt

You have to be ruthless with yourself, in terms of being honest about what is working and what is not.

~Patton Oswalt

Meal isn't over when I'm full. Meal's over when I hate myself.

~Patton Oswalt

I hate all sidekicks.

~Patton Oswalt

I identify myself as a stand-up first. Even though lately there's been an explosion of acting on my schedule.

~Patton Oswalt

Cheap liquor is a magic potion that can turn you into a puppet cowboy before it kills you.

~Patton Oswalt

Knowing comedy is knowing human nature.

~Patton Oswalt

I've hung out in the writer's room a few times, but the fact is we've got such a good writing staff, I don't want to get my peanut butter fingerprints on anything.

~Patton Oswalt

We would not be here if humanity were inherently evil. We'd have eaten ourselves alive long ago.

~Patton Oswalt

You can be an amateur and have a passion for something, but it takes a long time to actually become a professional, meaning that you can handle any situation.

~Patton Oswalt

We need conservatives that can accept gays, and then we need hippies that can shave and bathe.

~Patton Oswalt

Growing up there are always those kids who are only happy when they are making someone else upset. That is unfortunately just how some people are. Some people are just born with bad wiring.

~Patton Oswalt

I have a very tiny house in Burbank. I drive an 8-year-old car. I'm gonna drive it into the ground. I enjoy what I enjoy.

~Patton Oswalt

Lot of ugly funny dudes end up with some pretty gorgeous women. Women are much deeper than us in choosing a mate - they see in the long term.

~Patton Oswalt

Having enough money has to go hand in hand with living in a way that you're not being a slave to your possessions.

~Patton Oswalt

It's like our country is being run by a bunch of bad alcoholic dads right now.

~Patton Oswalt

I mean, the death in the late eighties and early nineties really shook out a lot of hacks. The pond just sort of dried up for a lot of really bad comedians.

~Patton Oswalt

90% of every art form is garbage - dance and stand-up, painting and music. Focus on the 10% that's good, suck it up, and drive on.

~Patton Oswalt

I think the kind of person that gravitates toward New York is a person that's not so much focused on controlling exactly how they appear and how they exit. They're more fascinated with the process.

~Patton Oswalt

Any acting job that I ever got, I always treated it like I was a neophyte, I didn't know what I was doing and I was going to work just as hard as I do on my stand-up.

~Patton Oswalt

I have some shorter stories coming out in other books early next year. I might be pitching a re-vamp of Ghost Rider in the spring. We'll see.

~Patton Oswalt

George Bush is not stupid. He's evil. OK? There's a huge difference between stupid and evil.

~Patton Oswalt

With acting, you see some of the kids are literally just off the street, untrained, and they are great. And others are off the street, untrained, and kind of horrible.

~Patton Oswalt

There are times when I have to take, I call it a "silence bath," where I shut off all of the external gadgets. I go walk around, talk to people, and just live life for a while.

~Patton Oswalt

Knock on wood, my groupies tend to be very artistic, creative people - sometimes way more creative than I am.

~Patton Oswalt

I had a romance novel inside me, but I paid three sailors to beat it out of me with steel pipes.

~Patton Oswalt

If the victories we create in our heads were let loose on reality, the world we know would drown in blazing happiness.

~Patton Oswalt

I can't say that I ever abided nerd stereotypes: I was never alone or felt outcast.

~Patton Oswalt

I know how my body operates differently from what it did when it was 30 and when it was 20. As unhealthy as I am, I'm weirdly aware of exactly how my body functions.

~Patton Oswalt

Zombies can't believe the energy we waste on nonfood pursuits.

~Patton Oswalt

I've had some pretty good arguments with people, but I've never regretted it. I've had people come up where it's all emotion and no fact. That's always sad.

~Patton Oswalt

Every audience is different, even within the same venue. You have to just make every audience your audience; you can't pre-judge an audience based on the size of the room or the type of room.

~Patton Oswalt

Every zombie story is fundamentally about a breakdown of order, with the infrastructure intact. That infrastructure might be on fire, yes.

~Patton Oswalt

I have to drink this much to be as unfunny as you.

~Patton Oswalt

I've gotten very cynical and kind of anhedonic about all the things I have to do to get to do comedy: all the travel, hotels, and airports.

~Patton Oswalt

Anything's better than Gen X which is what we got. Thanks Douglas Coupland. We sound like a team of mutant vigilantes with frosted hair and chain wallets. Actually that's not completely horrible.

~Patton Oswalt

The process is to me is going onstage night after night after night after night until I get a new hour. And then once that hour is solidified and recorded, I move on.

~Patton Oswalt

I grew up in such a featureless, personality-less suburb. There was nothing to push against.

~Patton Oswalt

All the truly great stand-ups say, "I go onstage, and I work on jokes. The inspiration will happen while I'm doing my work." To me, in the end, the surest thing is work.

~Patton Oswalt

Even if it's other people, like on MySpace pages, we're just as collective of enthusiasts now. That seems to be the world we're in.

~Patton Oswalt

There's something kind of beautiful about that pure love of things. Like, "I'll show that I love the thing I love by hating everything else."

~Patton Oswalt

Any comedian who tells you how dark and dangerous they are, they're not dark and dangerous.

~Patton Oswalt

I like to write, I like to do stand-up, I like to act.

~Patton Oswalt

You just do as many shows as you can to hone what it is you're working on.

~Patton Oswalt

Stand-up is something I just truly love to do, so I'll always go back to it. I'll never stop doing it, that's for sure.

~Patton Oswalt

If Kevin James or Paul Giamatti drop weight, I'm done. I don't want to be the last pudge out there.

~Patton Oswalt

To get asked to do stuff like 'United States Of Tara' and 'Caprica' is terrific. I can't complain.

~Patton Oswalt

I think right now is the best time for stand-up, ever. I sincerely do.

~Patton Oswalt

Doing 'Young Adult' was really reassuring to me in a lot of ways. It confirmed a lot of suspicions I had about great actors.

~Patton Oswalt

When you put an album out, you can't do any material from the album if people are paying to see you.

~Patton Oswalt

I never said that movies were struggling behind TV. I'm just saying that movies have a better creative cache.

~Patton Oswalt

In my mind, I was always a comedian who was going to branch into writing.

~Patton Oswalt

I mean, all alternative comedy is are comedians that have being doing it for so long, for so long, that they were relaxed enough to start becoming personal on stage.

~Patton Oswalt

Before doing my first open mic, I was sitting in the back watching all these comedians banter back and forth and fire jokes and up each other, and I thought, This is where I wanna be.

~Patton Oswalt

Yeah, there were a few years in the early nineties where I really began to hate what was valued as funny and just sort of what was valued in stand-up, period.

~Patton Oswalt

Even if you're popular, there are times when you just feel like you're not a part of things.

~Patton Oswalt

I love the beginning of Magnolia, the thing about the dealer. That scene is genius. Brilliantly acted.

~Patton Oswalt

If you play comedic scenes like they're really serious, then it's so much more funny than if you're going for a laugh.

~Patton Oswalt

I'm so beyond genre, drama, comedies, I just want to do really good, interesting projects.

~Patton Oswalt

I think I realized it was an art form at the beginning, but it took me a really long time before I was able to view what I was performing myself as an art form.

~Patton Oswalt

People will find transformation and transcendence in a McDonald's

hash brown if it's all they've got.

~Patton Oswalt

If I were to just focus on stand-up, I could actually, paradoxically enough, be home way more, because I would leave on a Friday, go do a couple theaters Friday, Saturday, maybe Sunday, come home.

~Patton Oswalt

I'm not familiar with the metric system.

~Patton Oswalt

I really had to imagine the kind of person that I would have been if I had never left my hometown... I don't think I would have been a very pleasant person.

~Patton Oswalt

I'm always trying out new stuff onstage. That's where I do all my writing.

~Patton Oswalt

I don't want to get into extended conversations with people on MySpace, because there are friends I have extended conversations with every day.

~Patton Oswalt

Somebody is going to find a way digitally that is just as innovative. In the end, the tools can change, but there is always someone who can think of something cool to do.

~Patton Oswalt

I'm grateful that I had that uphill battle for 10 years of going onstage and having nobody know who I was, because you have to win them over.

~Patton Oswalt

Here's what I'm afraid of. I know a lot of comedians, friends of mine, who just got into the "Doesn't matter what I say. It doesn't matter. They're just gonna laugh anyway."

~Patton Oswalt

If you actually do cold readings, it's very close to how people actually talk, because you're experiencing these thoughts anew every moment, and trying to make them come out coherently.

~Patton Oswalt

There's nothing wrong with doing comedies, and I'm not against comedies, either, but I always want to do stuff that keeps me off my guard and gets me out of my comfort zone.

~Patton Oswalt

Just think of yourself as starting from zero every time. That's what I do with every new role. I'm at zero, and I'm going to do the work.

~Patton Oswalt

I would always rather shoot for something unique and fail than do a script because I feel like they're hitting all the right mainstream beats.

~Patton Oswalt

One of my groupies gave me a film that they made, and it ended up being amazing, so I got it shown at South by Southwest. If I can help get their stuff out there, then great.

~Patton Oswalt

As much as I know people love the method and what you can draw out of yourself, a lot of acting is very imaginative.

~Patton Oswalt

The Kentucky Fried Chicken corporation made a bobble head of me and sent it to my management. No card, nothing.

~Patton Oswalt

As unhealthy as I am, I'm weirdly aware of exactly how my body functions.

~Patton Oswalt

I remember, when 9/11 went down, my reaction was, 'Well, I've had it with humanity.' But I was wrong.

~Patton Oswalt

It's the method of consumption, not what's on the plate.

~Patton Oswalt

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