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I love cereal. I eat several bowls a day, mostly a few late at night.

~Paul Dano

You try to get to know your character as best as you can before you start filming - whats written and not written.

~Paul Dano

My favorite color is blue, and my secret favorite color is pink.

~Paul Dano

In tragedy, it's hard to find a good resolution; it's not black and white: it's a big fog of gray.

~Paul Dano

On set, the playground for the character, how much it takes varies. Is it like ballet, is it like jazz? The content always lends itself to the form, and it's really not mathematics.

~Paul Dano

Of course I think it's a movie for everybody [Insane Farting Corpse], but that's probably just because it's a movie for me.

~Paul Dano

The less acting you have to do, the better, I think.

~Paul Dano

I went to tranny bars and kind of got used to being around that and then getting dressed up.

~Paul Dano

I dont normally like getting dressed up, but when I go to events, I like to look put together. Ive got to say, getting in a nice suit feels good.

~Paul Dano

I approach every role from scratch.

~Paul Dano

I remember going to the theatre when I was little and the lights going down and just getting really scared about what was going to happen up there.

~Paul Dano

I feel like having something that you're passionate about helps to keep you young.

~Paul Dano

For me, playing a really bad character is about figuring out what brought the person to where we need him.

~Paul Dano

The only constant I can find is hard work.

~Paul Dano

I always have an adjustment period where I'm so happy to be home, but then my sense of purpose is totally gone.

~Paul Dano

My first thought about acting, growing up here in New York, was theater, and I feel like I need to force myself to go get my ass kicked in a rehearsal room and do one of those plays at some point.

~Paul Dano

Michael Caine is so happy. Happy and healthy. I think he enjoys life. I think he's 82 now, and I have no clue if I'll be working at that age.

~Paul Dano

I like purple too. I looked up color psychology before doing any house painting, because I was curious what the colors I like mean. And purple

is very royal and creative.

~Paul Dano

I try to leave my work at the door when I leave the set. It's almost like summer camp. You go in hard, then you leave, and it's done.

~Paul Dano

Everything you do, every experience that you have, enlightens you a little bit or worsens you.

~Paul Dano

I think it's more important to try and make a good film than give a good performance.

~Paul Dano

One of my favorite films is 'Dumb and Dumber.' I'd love to do some really silly comedy someday.

~Paul Dano

I feel like rumors get crazy and people blow up the whole internet with news. I feel like, once you're doing a job, you shouldn't talk about it.

~Paul Dano

[Swiss Armi Man] was a super joyful film to go make. I mean, there was stuff that was, like, totally bananas. But it was kind of par for the course every day with that stuff.

~Paul Dano

I would say that the emotional content of the film [Swiss Army Man] took me by surprise, and sometimes I would probably want to capture the unique tone of it.

~Paul Dano

Reading the script [Insane Farting Corpse], by page two or three, I felt

that way. I thought, I'm in. It was so beautiful and insane and funny and I wanted to see it happen.

~Paul Dano

If you could call me buff, my version of buff was when I finished that film [Swiss Army Man].

~Paul Dano

I was actually thinking about starting like an app where you can watch videos of me carrying Daniel [Radcliffe in Swiss Army Man].

~Paul Dano

I love that it's such an uncynical film [Swiss Army Man]. I think it's got a lot of love in there, and I think that's a nice thing in this day and age.

~Paul Dano

I think it was a lot of trust as well [between me and Daniel Radcliffe]. If we didn't have that, it could be a very painful film [Swiss Army Man] to go make.

~Paul Dano

I regretted not being a person in shape many a day while we were making this film [Swiss Army Man].

~Paul Dano

Being actors is a strange job. To try to go live that out, it's a very strange thing to want to do when you step back and think about it.

~Paul Dano

This is so lame to say in a magazine, but I just grabbed some pink wallpaper. I find it to be a very relaxing color.

~Paul Dano

Sometimes it's summer camp on location. So it's nice to have a little

New York community of people you love.

~Paul Dano

As your career progresses, you hope that you get some more opportunity, or some more choice.

~Paul Dano

The only exercise I get is playing sports because I hate the gym. I try to learn to love it.

~Paul Dano

I think I was almost 12, so I knew who George C. Scott was, but if I could work with George C. Scott now, I'd be so pumped.

~Paul Dano

When somebody mentions that I did a play with George C. Scott, I'm like, it can't have happened. What was I doing on a Broadway stage at 11 years old? It's so far in the distance now.

~Paul Dano

I would like to do something really big and then something really small, and see what it's like to work in that way, but in front of a live audience.

~Paul Dano

I think that one of the strangest things about being an actor is, it's almost freelance work.

~Paul Dano

I started acting pretty young, so I haven't had too many odd jobs. But I used to sell candy out of my locker in middle school.

~Paul Dano

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