

# Penelope Keith

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We have this wonderful language and we don't appreciate it. That's old-fashioned me, but when I went to school, everyone had elocution lessons, not to sound posh but so you could be understood.

~Penelope Keith

Shyness is just egotism out of its depth.

~Penelope Keith

I plant a lot of trees. I am a great believer in planting things for future generations. I loathe the now culture where you just live for today.

~Penelope Keith

I think I'm a better actress for having friends and interests outside the theatre. I wouldn't want to live my life surrounded by other actors all the time.

~Penelope Keith

We always had chocolates and my mother was careful to make sure they were unwrapped in advance so the paper wouldn't rustle in the middle of a performance.

~Penelope Keith

Older people, who just happen to have been around longer, may not be cleverer than the young, but they have seen more.

~Penelope Keith

Everyone wants instant everything, and they want instant success, but I always think you should treat things in the arts like a garden, and let them grow.

~Penelope Keith

I don't feel 'vibes' when I enter a building - don't feel the previous owners looking down on me. But I do know when a place feels friendly.

~Penelope Keith

So often actors only mix with actors, which is quite incestuous, and doesn't give them the insight into how other people work.

~Penelope Keith

With a play, you do it and it's gone. Films always date. Television drama always dates. Television comedy, for some reason, seems to go on.

~Penelope Keith

I'm a bit of a Scotophile. I have a house on the Black Isle, so I'm in Scotland quite a lot and think Edinburgh is just the most beautiful city.

~Penelope Keith

I don't think actors ever retire, they just stop being asked to work.

~Penelope Keith

I think it is very sad that 'sitcom' has become a pejorative term.

~Penelope Keith

I love touring, I really do.

~Penelope Keith

In my book, all manners are is thinking of somebody else.

~Penelope Keith

I'm not against accents - my husband's from Lancashire and has a rural Lancs accent. We've just got back from Scotland yesterday, and I love that Highland burr.

~Penelope Keith

Young people don't want to sit at home and watch television; they'd sooner be out doing their own thing.

~Penelope Keith

Language is my bugbear. Everyone says things now like 'I was sat' instead of 'I was sitting', which just sounds so ugly.

~Penelope Keith

I'm sure that is a reason why young people occasionally bash up old people - because the ages don't mix any more.

~Penelope Keith

I don't believe in public humiliation. It went out with the stocks.

~Penelope Keith

I always used to say when I was on television that I prefer to be on stage and when on stage I prefer to do television. Typical human condition.

~Penelope Keith

A lot of people have it - that fantasy of being lord or lady of the manor, either in the present or at some time in history.

~Penelope Keith

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