

Penelope Spheeris

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The first Decline I did was out of sheer love and appreciation for the music. In 1977, it was more about bands, because punk was a new form of music. It was groundbreaking and political.

~Penelope Spheeris

When men have money and power they get turned on, sexually. They get horny as hell. Can't imagine why, though.

~Penelope Spheeris

I actually picked up copies of Decline I and II at a flea market once. I walked out without paying.

~Penelope Spheeris

This generation has given up on growth. They're just hoping for survival.

~Penelope Spheeris

For the most part, studio movies have huge budgets. They don't do anything under 30 to 40 million. When you have that much money at stake, you have so many people breathing down your neck.

~Penelope Spheeris

I was always into music. I think everyone is when they're a teenager, as a way to drown out the world.

~Penelope Spheeris

I really feel kind of guilty spending 80 million dollars. People are starving in the world.

~Penelope Spheeris

Nobody wanted to touch Decline III when they found out what it was about.

~Penelope Spheeris

Arnold and Jamie Lee must have worked over the years with directors that did 50 takes, because I'd get like three takes or so and say, Ok, that's it, we're done.

~Penelope Spheeris

Decline III, I funded myself, from the studio money. That, and I sold a lot of drugs. Kidding. Don't print that.

~Penelope Spheeris

I got IRS records to finance what I wanted to do.

~Penelope Spheeris

I live on this nice three acres in Hollywood.

~Penelope Spheeris

Before you approach a production entity or even a potential producer, you should write up a treatment and register your show with the Writers Guild of America.

~Penelope Spheeris

Those movies, Decline I and II and Suburbia, are dearly loved, but they never made any money. I didn't even have the rights for some of them.

~Penelope Spheeris

I like to think about society as being a flock of birds: There seems to be a common consciousness in different time periods, and the new common consciousness reacts to the old standards.

~Penelope Spheeris

Different parents have different standards for their children.

~Penelope Spheeris

I love punk rock, but I also love metal.

~Penelope Spheeris

Big studio comedies are such a headache.

~Penelope Spheeris

If you are looking for a producer, try to contact established producers. Don't let the fear of theft paralyze you, or you will never get anywhere with it.

~Penelope Spheeris

I can't believe I actually was in my own movie.

~Penelope Spheeris

It is fun to try figure out the things that really are real and the things that aren't.

~Penelope Spheeris

Now, it's almost impossible to go out and do a film about a new form of music.

~Penelope Spheeris

What I found interesting is that it's human nature to have a family.

~Penelope Spheeris

Many people have been able to get pitch meetings by just cold calling, especially the smaller networks and especially with the reality shows.

~Penelope Spheeris

My mother was a barmaid and I was raised in a trailer park. I'm used to that language. I put it on the screen so that people could interpret it as they wish.

~Penelope Spheeris

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