

Philip Seymour Hoffman Quotes

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I know I wasn't as handsome as some other guys, but I was OK with that.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

All over the world, young men and young women will always dream dreams.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

The only true currency in this bankrupt world is what you share with someone else when you're uncool.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

The ambition, the drive, the wanting to be the center of attention, the wanting to succeed... They're all inside me somewhere.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

I didn't go out looking for negative characters; I went out looking for people who have a struggle and a fight to tackle. That's what interests me.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

Don't let people treat you like a cigarette, they only use you when they're bored and step on you when they're done. Be like drugs, let them die for you.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

I work constantly but I work at a lot of different things. You know, I run a theater company in New York, I direct plays, act in plays, in movies, so I try to keep it eclectic.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

No one wants to be pretentious about what they do or take it seriously, because that is just weird.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

I think you should be serious about what you do because this is it. This is the only life you've got.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

To be loved, I think, is the thing that gets you up in the morning.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

Creating anything is hard.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

My image of Jesus is someone who is exciting...Were he alive today, he would be causing havoc!

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

Creating something is all about problem-solving.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

I think good art, if I could be pretentious enough to say, I think good art deals with the micro to explain the macro.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

My love for the theater has always been a priority. That hasn't changed. I got into acting that way. The film work that came up was really a surprise.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

Actors are responsible to the people we play. I don't label or judge. I just play them as honestly and expressively and creatively as I can.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

One person's religion is another person's cult.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

My soul is in good shape.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

It's important to say that actors can't act alone, it's impossible. What we have to do is support each other.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

If you're a human being walking the earth, you're weird, you're strange, you're psychologically challenged.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

I always thought I'd be a New York theater actor, riding my bicycle to rehearsal. That was all I ever wanted.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

Well, I think everyone struggles with self-love.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

Sometimes I have a great day of filming and sometimes the theater strikes me better. It just depends.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

Films are always a fiction, not documentary. Even a documentary is a kind of fiction.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

I got sober when I was 22 years old.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

Film's hard when you don't have any relationship with the director at all and you just show up. Then you really are just a gun for hire.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

Learning how to die is therefore learning how to live.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

There's a period of time in your life when I kind of look back, and I'm like, was I happy, or was I just not aware?

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

To act well isn't an easy thing.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

I think directors should be confident in their leadership capabilities. I think directors should be confident in what they want to do.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

Yeah, writers do hate writing.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

I had insecurities and fears like everybody does, and I got over it. But I was interested in the parts of me that struggled with those things.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

There are a lot of things going on with my life right now that don't just have to do with career. So I have a hard time making decisions about work. That's really a luxury problem.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

I've never been on a cruise.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

In film, you have to let go sometimes.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

Acting's difficult for me because I think you have to be passionately involved in what you're doing.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

You can look at anything as a cult. Churches are cults in their own way.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

If I was a little bit younger I would worry more. I'd want to do one thing at a time but now I try to do a bunch of different things at a time if I can.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

I didn't have any idea that I would be able to have a career in film.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

People actually live with their id exposed. They're not good at concealing what's going on inside.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

Good work is the only thing that would make me feel jealous or envious.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

Ultimately what I'll do next is up in the air for me.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

My mum's name is Marilyn O'Connor. She's here tonight and I would like if you see her for you to congratulate her because she brought up four kids alone and she deserves congratulations for that.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

I try to live my life in such a way that I don't have any regrets. That's probably why I work so much. I don't want to feel I missed something important.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

I think you ultimately have to love who you're playing. You have to have that kind of feeling. You have to have passion for the person.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

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If you get a chance to act in a room that somebody else has paid rent for, then you're given a free chance to practice your craft.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

The film is made in the editing room.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

Ultimately, I think writing is a mixture of craft, inspiration, and being incredibly, courageously explorative with yourself - and being brutally honest, too.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

I know some really great actors who are pretty judgmental people, pretty critical people. But they're great actors. When they're acting, that's the craft.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

I don't get nervous when I'm directing a play. It's not like acting.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

My mother's a staunch feminist, so I grew up with very strong feminist messages. As a result, I battled her in my teenage years because my image of being a man was a deformed one.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

You have all the influence you choose to have.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

I have an awful memory, and I have a great memory. Meaning that, if I'm trying to remember something, I can't remember it. But my recall is fantastic.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

I think you gotta have an honesty and a humility about human nature and that it's not about you at the end of the day.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

Life's pretty funny when you're objectively on the outside looking at it.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

Something that could bring you wealth and fame could also be your end, your undoing.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

I've worked with a lot of characters that are unhinged. I've played characters that are unhinged. That's, like, my job.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

There is no pleasure that I haven't actually made myself sick on.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

When you become a parent, you look at your parents differently. You look at being a child differently. It's an awakening, a revelation that you have.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

I feel like I made a little bit of difference.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

Why you do something is always kind of a mystery to me.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

The strange thing is I never thought I'd do films.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

Great talent admits shortcomings.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

The drama nerd comes out in me when I'm in a theater.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

When you're playing someone who really lived, you carry a burden, a burden to be accurate.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

If all people are encouraged to actually see who they're coexisting with, or even if they're not coexisting with other people. It's like to look at the world you're in.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

Women are the life force we look at for their beauty.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

Sometimes I take a temperature of things just because everyone else does. Especially when I'm doing a play. I want to know what people are thinking, positive or negative.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

Being with a kid always takes you to being a kid somehow, and they really are showing me a childhood I might not have had in some way.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

I feel like the need to want to create and make something is stronger than the difficulties are going through.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

I would never not work on the part without it playing. That's what being an actor is. You use everything that's influenced you to help you get out of yourself or be more creative.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

When you read, you think, and when you smoke, you think. It's a pleasurable thing, and not a duty.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

Bob Glaudini, the writer, he's a wonderfully talented man and all his plays and his screenplays, they all have sense of something bigger, even though you're looking at something very simple.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

In order for something to be born, something has to die. That's not always, but there is something about that that I find to be true. That is, it's a natural thing.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

[Truman Capote] was not only just selling his writing, but he was selling himself as a person.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

Plays never feel like the right thing to do at the time.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

There's nothing risky in talking about your personal life. People do it all the time.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

You have to understand that crew members make movies so they're seeing a lot of actors all the time in their career acting.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

I've seen a lot of friends who have a lot of great projects, whether it's a script or a play or whatever, and it is a great project and they have great people involved, and they can't make it.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

I have so much empathy for these young actors that are 19 and all of a sudden they're beautiful and famous and rich. I'm like, 'Oh my God, I'd be dead.'

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

I didn't really buy LPs or go to concerts.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

I like to come to the set with very strong ideas and strong opinions about how to do things. And I like also dealing with somebody who's like that.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

In life, do you ever really know if you're missing an opportunity? No, you really don't.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

I had a father who was a traveling salesman.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

When you're playing someone who really lived, you carry a burden, a burden to be accurate. But it's one that you have to let go of ultimately.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

I've grown to really love musicals, you know?

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

People aren't going to throw the kind of money at certain people that they used to.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

I've had to make the transition from sweeping in for 15 minutes, doing

my stuff and clearing out, to carrying a movie for the duration - in a dress.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

I do feel like all the people I meet, all the people I'm in discussions with, if I'm working with somebody, I sense the same energy that everybody is suffering from the same predicament.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

I try not to plan that too much.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

My mum is incredibly intelligent.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

A self-awareness moment. All of a sudden everything he has done comes flashing into his mind, a self-criticism that is unbearable.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

I was probably finding my feet more than anybody. I really have to say I was more obsessed with myself faltering than anybody else.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

My girlfriend's a costume designer in the theater.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

I got into plays in high school then I ended up going to college for it.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

Directing is a really kind of amazing thing, because you're helping others and, in the middle of that, you have to worry about yourself.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

My ideal weight is 205, actually.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

People used to be funny about approaching me, but now they seem to think I'm as sane as anyone who's done what I've done in movies can be.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

Well, in the theater, I think you're actually more responsible for what is going on onstage as a director than you are in film.

~Philip Seymour Hoffman

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