

# Ray Harryhausen

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~Ray Harryhausen

There's a strange quality in stop-motion photography, like in King Kong, that adds to the fantasy. If you make things too real, sometimes you bring it down to the mundane.

~Ray Harryhausen

When you put a big budget into a film, it doesn't necessarily mean it will be a better picture, but it does help in creating new images on the screen.

~Ray Harryhausen

You could believe that Sinbad could fight a skeleton because that's from a period in the past, a magical period. But if you had James Bond fighting a skeleton, it'd be almost comical.

~Ray Harryhausen

I brought in the stories many times. I don't just do animation.

~Ray Harryhausen

I took courses at USC in film editing and art direction and photography when I was still in high school.

~Ray Harryhausen

One film critic back in the early days said "It's a pity Mr. Harryhausen didn't animated the actors, too."

~Ray Harryhausen

Animation requires a great deal of concentration, and I preferred to work alone because then I'm not deterred by somebody asking me if I want coffee, or the phone ringing or something.

~Ray Harryhausen

That's why I never became a director. I never had patience with people.

~Ray Harryhausen

The whole point of making a film is to tell a story.

~Ray Harryhausen

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