

Rian Johnson

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Belgrade has kind of a Dublinesque, dear-dirty charm.

~Rian Johnson

My favorite sci-fi always uses its hook to amplify some bigger theme or idea - some emotional thrust.

~Rian Johnson

Much of directing [a movie] is not directing but just listening and being present in the moment and just keeping your eyes open.

~Rian Johnson

If you make something interesting, inevitably not everybody is going to like it.

~Rian Johnson

You go from these high hopes when you're writing to just a desperate want of not making a complete fool of yourself by the end of it.

~Rian Johnson

All my favorite movies are somebody else's least favorite movie.

~Rian Johnson

'Game of Thrones' is just incredible, what they pull off every week.

~Rian Johnson

Well, you know, we all grew up as 'Star Wars' fans.

~Rian Johnson

With 'Brick,' I wrote the script when I was 23 and didn't make the movie until I was 30.

~Rian Johnson

The fanboy community can smell in an instant, like smelling fear, when something was tailor-made in order to reach them as a demographic.

~Rian Johnson

The only advice I can really give to the young filmmakers is to be persistent, don't give up, and keep watching and making as many movies as you possibly can.

~Rian Johnson

The momentum of production keeps you from giving up, so it's really the editing and writing phases where things can look bleakest.

~Rian Johnson

I really spend as long as I can sketching everything out and working on the structure before I sit down to type out scenes.

~Rian Johnson

That's part of the appeal of time-travel movies: The notion of going back and fixing something.

~Rian Johnson

All of us have that feeling of some deficiency from our childhood. I think that's a universal thing.

~Rian Johnson

It's best if I stay out of future plans and let time go on.

~Rian Johnson

You come out of each movie just thinking, "God, if we can fool them into letting us make just one more, we can get it right."

~Rian Johnson

Writing sucks. I think it's terrible. Writing is not fun, and don't trust anyone who claims to enjoy it. Liars!

~Rian Johnson

Writing in a lot of ways feels more like excavation than construction. It feels like you're uncovering this thing bit by bit, discovering what it is, instead of constructing it upwards.

~Rian Johnson

Showing your movie to an audience... it's like your kid doing a piano recital. 'Just let it not fail. Please.

~Rian Johnson

If I spend a year and a half writing a script, the first year will be outlining in notebooks. It's just the way I work, definitely not necessarily the best way.

~Rian Johnson

You never want to make a "message movie," but you always want to be talking about something that you care about.

~Rian Johnson

The critical reaction to 'Bloom' has been similar to 'Brick.' There are people on board with it and people who are not.

~Rian Johnson

In almost the same way you know what your grandmother looks and sounds like, you know what Bruce Willis looks and sounds like.

~Rian Johnson

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