

Richard Linklater

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Before Sunrise did very well internationally. It made as much in Italy and Korea as it did here.

~Richard Linklater

I want to make a film about a factory worker.

~Richard Linklater

Being alone is better than sitting next to a lover and feeling lonely.

~Richard Linklater

It's luck that one thing works out and one doesn't, it's sort of happenstance.

~Richard Linklater

I'd like to quit thinking of the present as some minor insignificant preamble to something else.

~Richard Linklater

Memory is a wonderful thing if you don't have to deal with the past.

~Richard Linklater

The trick is to combine your waking rational abilities with the infinite possibilities of your dreams. Because, if you can do that, you can do anything.

~Richard Linklater

I think maybe making films is something innate you can't really teach to begin with.

~Richard Linklater

The idea is to remain in a state of constant departure, while always arriving.

~Richard Linklater

The rules of parenting have changed. By the modern definition, we were a generation of neglected children.

~Richard Linklater

Filmmakers are going to make films, just like painters are going to paint.

~Richard Linklater

I've always liked the minds of criminals, they seem similar to artists.

~Richard Linklater

It's disappointing to see films become pure entertainment, so that it's not an art form.

~Richard Linklater

I didn't have any set idea of what kind of filmmaker I wanted to be. I knew I wanted to tell stories that meant something to me, but I never said I was going to be the weird, avant-garde guy.

~Richard Linklater

It's hard to see a film one time and really "get it," and write fully and intelligently about it. That's a review. That's not film criticism.

~Richard Linklater

No one is asking what happened to all the homeless. No one cares, because it's easier to get on the subway and not be accosted.

~Richard Linklater

I've always been most interested in the politics of everyday life: your relation to whatever you're doing, or what your ambitions are, where you live, where you find yourself in the social hierarchy.

~Richard Linklater

Yeah, a memory's never finished, if you really think about it.

~Richard Linklater

In a sea of stories, find the right one to tell, and the right way to tell it.

~Richard Linklater

Well, you have to keep your faith in the fact that there are a lot of intelligent people who are actively looking for something interesting, people who have been disappointed so many times.

~Richard Linklater

Whatever story you want to tell, tell it at the right size.

~Richard Linklater

Your friends are really an extension of your vision of the world. It's kind of a physical manifestation of how you feel. Like your soul.

~Richard Linklater

I worked offshore as an oil worker for a couple of years.

~Richard Linklater

The worst thing is that you used to be able to show interesting films on campuses. Those places are all gone.

~Richard Linklater

I always sensed instinctively from the earliest age that I was being lied to.

~Richard Linklater

As a teenager, I wanted to write novels. By college, it was theater, plays, and then, shortly, it was film.

~Richard Linklater

If we're all going to die, shouldn't we be enjoying ourselves now?

~Richard Linklater

People think drama drives story, but I think the comedy is really the heart and soul.

~Richard Linklater

Monogamy, monotony. There's only a couple of letters...

~Richard Linklater

I always think that I'm still this 13-year old boy that doesn't really know how to be an adult, pretending to live my life, taking notes for when I'll really have to do it.

~Richard Linklater

Everyone is encouraged to see their lives, the world through the eyes of the rich.

~Richard Linklater

When you're in love, you're asking someone else to fulfill all your unfulfilled needs, to make you whole, and to make you feel good about everything, and no one can do that.

~Richard Linklater

All the women are going around saying, "Oh, we're just friends, we're just friends," but the guy's going, "Yeah, we're friends, but as soon as she breaks up with her boyfriend, I'm hoping to move in."

~Richard Linklater

â€¦[Thomas Wolfe] says that we are the sum of all the moments of our lives, and that, uh, anybody who sits down to write is gonna use the clay of their own life, that you can't avoid that.

~Richard Linklater

I did The Newton Boys and during the whole process of making the film, I may have spent a week in Los Angeles.

~Richard Linklater

My sisters would swear that I was the spoiled kid who got everything he wanted, and I would go "No way! I worked my ass off and you guys got everything." We're all kind of in our own narratives.

~Richard Linklater

It has to be very tight to seem loose.

~Richard Linklater

Hollywood has a way of sucking the world's talent to it.

~Richard Linklater

The big nut to crack is to how to tell a story, what's the right way to tell a particular story.

~Richard Linklater

I do find myself at the moment, due to the success of School of Rock, to be on people's radar a little.

~Richard Linklater

I think you get in trouble if you make experimental big studio films.

~Richard Linklater

I've never been a guy who had more than a toe in Hollywood anyway, so my toe is more easily lopped off than most.

~Richard Linklater

I think I got really lucky with Slacker. That was a film that probably shouldn't have been seen.

~Richard Linklater

There are so many great artists, I think, who kind of suffer from being icons, legends, acknowledged masters.

~Richard Linklater

We all give ourselves a lot of leeway, but we want consistency from other people.

~Richard Linklater

The truth will only be told over a career.

~Richard Linklater

Something about Texas I'm not proud of is that our state murdered 37 people last year alone.

~Richard Linklater

If you establish rules and play by them, the audience will buy in.

~Richard Linklater

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