

# Robert Carlyle

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I've really enjoyed my work in television, but the problem for me is the turnover of directors every week.

~Robert Carlyle

I rant and rave about noise pollution.

~Robert Carlyle

Acting, the arts in general, is a magnet for the wounded of society.

~Robert Carlyle

It's much more fun to be ugly.

~Robert Carlyle

I'd totally be attracted to a geek girl!

~Robert Carlyle

I owe my father everything.

~Robert Carlyle

I want to keep audiences off balance, so they don't know who I am or how to take me. If I duck and weave, as Frank Bruno might say, I'll have a longer shelf life.

~Robert Carlyle

I do tend to divide my childhood into darkness and light, and the first seven years were certainly the darkness.

~Robert Carlyle

I've always believed that as an actor anything you're asked to do is within you. You just have to try and find it.

~Robert Carlyle

Hunger's a great spur.

~Robert Carlyle

I used to be a rabid reader, but now it's scripts or nothing - network television is quite relentless, and you can't drop the ball.

~Robert Carlyle

I'm in four different films this year, and I have four different accents. I sound different in every film. You have to love a character to play it well, and change in my work is what I want.

~Robert Carlyle

When I look back at my past and the way I grew up, I grew up on communes. That was meant to be.

~Robert Carlyle

In the late '70s, maybe just before I started, there was still an attitude that if you did film you didn't do TV and vice versa, but that's gone now.

~Robert Carlyle

Guys, particularly in the West, go to the gym and train for hours and hours to pick up something that is heavier than them. Why would you want to do that?

~Robert Carlyle

Biologically, I'm lucky - an angular face and dark colouring which shows up well on camera.

~Robert Carlyle

At times of the severest depression, humor is what binds people together.

~Robert Carlyle

I never rehearse. Never! I think it's a waste of time.

~Robert Carlyle

I think you should only wear jewellery if it has a story behind it.

~Robert Carlyle

I've never been good at accepting jobs six months down the line. I can't do it. If I'm thinking about this, I can't think about that. So I always seem to fly by the seat of my pants.

~Robert Carlyle

My first love is art, and I see a lot of things in an artistic way.

~Robert Carlyle

I never go anywhere without my iPod.

~Robert Carlyle

I hate the word 'hippy.'

~Robert Carlyle

I don't take a great deal of interest in party politics. Social politics interests me a great deal more.

~Robert Carlyle

I often have scripts sent to me with allegedly Scottish characters where I end up telling them, 'You're going to have to rethink this whole thing!'

~Robert Carlyle

My dad was rubbish at all other aspects of his financial life, but he's pretty good at paying the rent.

~Robert Carlyle

A lot of my work is with children and there's a reason for that, because they really level you.

~Robert Carlyle

Acting is a really insular thing.

~Robert Carlyle

Bullying is a terrible, terrible thing.

~Robert Carlyle

I played a maniac fan who murders a policeman and she did my makeup. I thought anyone interested in me looking like that must have genuinely liked me.

~Robert Carlyle

I loved cinema while growing up and, for the longest time, wanted to be a director.

~Robert Carlyle

My wife was a make-up artist, and she's a total product junkie. Our bathroom is packed full of lotions and potions so I end up trying them out.

~Robert Carlyle

I love sci-fi because it leads in the imagination, and I always say it has the most intelligent fans in the world.

~Robert Carlyle

I think I have a natural, if I can say that, got a kind of natural ability in comedy.

~Robert Carlyle

The thing I miss the most about Scotland is the football.

~Robert Carlyle

I have a reputation for being an improvisational actor, which is true, but I also know what I'm doing so that if the improvisational strand doesn't work I can go back to what I know's already there.

~Robert Carlyle

The darker the character, the more interesting.

~Robert Carlyle

Anyone who knows anything about me knows that I am a very patriotic guy, in terms of my Scottishness and my roots.

~Robert Carlyle

I feel like I'm the luckiest man on the planet.

~Robert Carlyle

Anyone that knows me knows what I'm about, and I'm very much a British actor, a European actor.

~Robert Carlyle

I'd love to do a Columbo-type detective character in a series.

~Robert Carlyle

A lot of Scots have settled in Canada over the years and it's a very easy place for Scots - they understand us, we understand them.

~Robert Carlyle

I don't want to be a luvvie actor. It took a long time for me to accept I was an actor, a professional actor, and that, actually, I make a living out of this.

~Robert Carlyle

In troubled times the last thing you want to do is to stick your money into a film. It's such a gamble.

~Robert Carlyle

Most of the time, you find that the smaller the budget, the more the project is about something substantive.

~Robert Carlyle

So many of my friends, old friends I haven't seen in years, made their

way out there and got lost, then found their way back. That seems believable to me.

~Robert Carlyle

Each performance and each film is what it is. It's right and belongs within that moment. You look at it and try to make it fit your particular part of your character and your particular film.

~Robert Carlyle

The more people know about an actor the less convincing they become. A bit of mystery's a good thing.

~Robert Carlyle

Vancouver's a very child friendly city, there's... no doubt about that.

~Robert Carlyle

I just don't like the whole Hollywood thing.

~Robert Carlyle

I was 16 when I was in a band, for about 10 minutes. I went off and did acting after that. So it was a wee moment for me when I sang.

~Robert Carlyle

I like to be working and moving - the worst thing you can do to me is stick me in a room all day while you're lighting a shot. That just kills me.

~Robert Carlyle

Early days, I was a bit racked , particularly when I did Hitler, for CBS . That was hellish. That stayed with me for quite a long time.

~Robert Carlyle

People in Scotland appreciate homegrown talent, but it's getting harder and harder to get films made in Britain.

~Robert Carlyle

My understanding of zombie movies is people rising from the dead, from their graves, stuff like that, and walking very slowly.

~Robert Carlyle

I've always taken my love of children from my father. He was a children magnet. Suddenly, having my first child hit home what my dad went through.

~Robert Carlyle



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