

Robert De Niro

Quotes

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Time goes on. So whatever you're going to do, do it. Do it now. Don't wait.

~Robert De Niro

You learned the two greatest thing in life, never rat on your friends, and always keep your mouth shut.

~Robert De Niro

Better to be king for a night than a schmuck for a lifetime.

~Robert De Niro

When you love someone you gotta trust them, there's no other way. You gotta give them the key to everything that's yours. Otherwise, what's the point?

~Robert De Niro

I never walk into a place I don't know how to walk out of.

~Robert De Niro

If you don't go, you'll never know.

~Robert De Niro

You'll have time to rest when you're dead.

~Robert De Niro

You don't need words to express feelings.

~Robert De Niro

Passion should always trump common sense.

~Robert De Niro

I go to Paris, I go to London, I go to Rome, and I always say, 'There's no place like New York. It's the most exciting city in the world now. That's the way it is. That's it.'

~Robert De Niro

There is only one way to gain access to the truth and that is to not expect anything.

~Robert De Niro

You have to think about one shot. One shot is what it's all about. A deer's gotta be taken with one shot.

~Robert De Niro

There's nothing more ironic or contradictory than life itself.

~Robert De Niro

It's important not to indicate. People don't try to show their feelings, they try to hide them.

~Robert De Niro

I always tell actors when they go in for an audition: Don't be afraid to do what your instincts tell you. You may not get the part, but people will take notice.

~Robert De Niro

Whenever there is any doubt, there is no doubt.

~Robert De Niro

When you are working hard, you don't have time for anything other than what you are doing in the scene and what the director wants.

~Robert De Niro

You don't always have to have the answer to everything.

~Robert De Niro

'What's the difference between sex and love?' Hmm. That's a good question. Hey, you interviewed Al Pacino. How'd he answer that?'

~Robert De Niro

If it's the right chair, it doesn't take too long to get comfortable in it.

~Robert De Niro

The one thing I always talk about in terms of restaurants is consistency.

~Robert De Niro

You don't have to rush to do anything.

~Robert De Niro

If you're an actor, always be true to your character. If you are not an actor, have character and always be true to yourself.

~Robert De Niro

Write down everything you want to do with your life and then spend the next 25 years doing them.

~Robert De Niro

One of the things about acting is it allows you to live other people's lives without having to pay the price.

~Robert De Niro

Loneliness has been following me my whole life.

~Robert De Niro

Movies are hard to make, and you have to work toward a common ethic and do your best. You don't want to work with people who don't care or who are acting out some neurotic, crazy thesis on the set.

~Robert De Niro

I have to be able to trust you with my life. Do you understand?

~Robert De Niro

I certainly know the difference between right and wrong.

~Robert De Niro

The talent is in the choices.

~Robert De Niro

The hardest thing about being famous is that people are always nice to you.

~Robert De Niro

Italy has changed. But Rome is Rome.

~Robert De Niro

Don't let yourself get attached to anything you are not willing to walk out on in 30 seconds flat if you feel the heat around the corner.

~Robert De Niro

In acting, I always try to go back to what would actually be the real situation, the real human behavior in life.

~Robert De Niro

Some day a real rain will come and wash all the scum off the streets.

~Robert De Niro

When you feel that you can't fight it, you just go for it. When it comes to the arts, passion should always trump common sense.

~Robert De Niro

As a kid I didn't root for the bad guys.

~Robert De Niro

If you don't co-operate you're gonna suffer from fistophobia.

~Robert De Niro

Auditions are like a gamble. Most likely you won't get the part, but if you don't go, you'll never know if you could've got it.

~Robert De Niro

Callista Gingrich. Karen Santorum. Ann Romney. Now do you really think our country is ready for a white first lady?

~Robert De Niro

I didn't have a problem with rejection, because when you go into an audition, you're rejected already. There are hundreds of other actors. You're behind the eight ball when you go in there.

~Robert De Niro

I love to find new people. It's not for the sake of their being new; it's because if you find someone who perfectly fits a part, that's such a great thing.

~Robert De Niro

Money makes your life easier. If you're lucky to have it, you're lucky.

~Robert De Niro

There is a certain combination of anarchy and discipline in the way I work.

~Robert De Niro

Sometimes if you have financial restraints, it's a benefit. It forces you to come up with a more creative way.

~Robert De Niro

In civilized societies, we spend our lifetimes trying to become what is socially acceptable. We're dark and we're light. We all have both sides to us.

~Robert De Niro

The saddest thing in life is wasted talent

~Robert De Niro

Feeling a little bit alive is a lot better than just waiting to die.

~Robert De Niro

I will not hesitate. Not for a second.

~Robert De Niro

You don't just play a part. You've got to earn the right to play it.

~Robert De Niro

Good directors can bring certain things out of you, with their intensity or gentleness or sensitivity or understanding. They can make an actor feel he can do no wrong.

~Robert De Niro

The hardest thing about being famous is that ... in a conversation everybody's agreeing with what you're saying. ... You need people who can tell you what you don't want to hear.

~Robert De Niro

I don't like to watch my own movies - I fall asleep in my own movies.

~Robert De Niro

I guess the only thing to do now is meet his parents. I'm sure they're decent people. I mean they gotta be if they named their son Gaylord Focker.

~Robert De Niro

Somebody steals from me, I'm gonna say you stole. Not talk to him for spitting on the sidewalk. Understand?

~Robert De Niro

You do what you do best, try to stop guys like me

~Robert De Niro

Movies are hard work. The public doesn't see that. The critics don't see it. But they're a lot of work. A lot of work.

~Robert De Niro

I think Hollywood has a class system. The actors are like the inmates, but the truth is they're running the asylum.

~Robert De Niro

Everyone's always interested in a dark theme, especially when there's humor connected to it. It seems like that helps, if that's an integral and organic part of the whole story.

~Robert De Niro

You talking to me? You talking to me? Then who the hell else are you talking to - you talking to me? Well, I'm the only one here.

~Robert De Niro

I think that's what we love about the vodka, is that it's consistent. It's consistent in its pureness and that's how I tie it to restaurants.

~Robert De Niro

As an actor who's starting out, you can't say, "Hey, I'm too good for this." You gotta do it, because people see you, your name gets around, and it has a cumulative effect.

~Robert De Niro

As an actor, you use the things from yourself that you can apply to the character.

~Robert De Niro

If we do a sequel, I want to beat somebody's ass!

~Robert De Niro

I got some bad ideas in my head.

~Robert De Niro

The older you get, the more you know about certain things.

~Robert De Niro

I have either a cucumber martini, gin martini, or a vodka martini. That's it. Simple.

~Robert De Niro

I don't remember what made me want to be an actor. In fact, I'm always curious.

~Robert De Niro

Everybody's in New York and, hopefully, my younger kids will go to college in New York and find something they want to do so they'll stay in the city

~Robert De Niro

I mean, the actors that I admired were Marlon Brando, Montgomery Clift, an actress named Barbara Harris. And Greta Garbo. They were great actors.

~Robert De Niro

You draw on whatever's relevant to the part you're playing; it makes it more personal.

~Robert De Niro

Running a casino is like robbing a bank with no cops around. For guys like me, Las Vegas washes away your sins. It's like a morality car wash.

~Robert De Niro

You always learn something about movies. Directing or acting, there's always something new. It's the technological thing; there's always something to learn.

~Robert De Niro

I hurt someone's feelings once.

~Robert De Niro

I've never been one of those actors who has touted myself as a fascinating human being. I had to decide early on whether I was to be an actor or a personality.

~Robert De Niro

Reputation, you know - a lifetime to build, seconds to destroy.

~Robert De Niro

One regret I have: I didn't get as much of the family history as I could have for the kids.

~Robert De Niro

Thank God for the rain to wash the trash off the sidewalk.

~Robert De Niro

My definition of a good hotel is a place I'd stay at.

~Robert De Niro

In the casino, the cardinal rule is to keep them playing and to keep them coming back. The longer they play, the more they lose, and in the end, we get it all.

~Robert De Niro

Certain writers have it very precise and there's not much room to add something.

~Robert De Niro

I think it's important to have had at least a few years of obscurity, where people treat you like everybody else.

~Robert De Niro

Things rarely turn out the way we want them to.

~Robert De Niro

If De Niro wants to spend the twilight of his career as the McDonald's of master thespians, we can't stop him.

~Robert De Niro

I don't get into these long-winded heavy discussions about character - do we do this or that or what. At the end of the day, what you gotta do is just go out there and do it.

~Robert De Niro

Every set up that you do, everything is precisely modulated and raised and lowered.Â”

~Robert De Niro

It's a very stressful thing, directing a movie. You have the budget, you have the schedule, you are in certain confines, and you have everybody giving you advice about what to do.

~Robert De Niro

I always say people can call me anything they want as long as they don't call me late for supper.

~Robert De Niro

I can get around pretty easily. People don't expect to see me walking around.

~Robert De Niro

I always wanted to direct. Directing is a lot more of a commitment

though, a lot more time. I like directors who do very few takes, they know what they want.

~Robert De Niro

The director respects what they've hired you for and chosen you for: to do the part and respect what you're doing.

~Robert De Niro

When I think of a good restaurant, it's where the food has been consistent; there's always a consistency.

~Robert De Niro

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