

Robert Duvall

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Hollywood is still the mecca for good or bad, but it isn't the beginning or end for filmmaking.

~Robert Duvall

I take a vitamin every day; it's called a steak.

~Robert Duvall

The greatest king of Israel, King David, the author of the Psalms, sent a man out to die in battle so that he could sleep with his wife.

~Robert Duvall

What people don't understand about Sarah Palin is that she is a rancher's wife. From Alberta down to Texas I've known women like that: good common sense, bright and vilified by city people.

~Robert Duvall

Smell that? You smell that? Napalm, son. Nothing else in the world smells like that. I love the smell of napalm in the morning.

~Robert Duvall

One thing I like about Argentina, they only cook with salt; that's it.

~Robert Duvall

Not every successful man is a good father. But every good father is a successful man.

~Robert Duvall

Never use money to measure wealth, son.

~Robert Duvall

If you don't daydream and kind of plan things out in your imagination, you never get there. So you have to start someplace.

~Robert Duvall

I love the smell of juice boxes in the morning.

~Robert Duvall

We're all travelers in this world. From the sweet grass to the packing house. Birth 'til death. We travel between the eternities.

~Robert Duvall

The beginning and the end of the tango is the walk.

~Robert Duvall

When I knew nothing, I thought I could do anything.

~Robert Duvall

We either accept weaknesses in good people or we have to tear pages out of the Bible.

~Robert Duvall

I was fortunate in the last century to be in the two biggest hits film-wise, "Godfather I" and "Godfather II," and "Lonesome Dove".

~Robert Duvall

There's no right or wrong just truthful or untruthful.

~Robert Duvall

The one you fight with the most is always the one who's most like you.

~Robert Duvall

You just can't take a crash course to be a tango dancer in a movie.

~Robert Duvall

Listening to critics is like letting Muhammad Ali decide which astronaut goes to the moon.

~Robert Duvall

We all have a cradle-to-the-grave journey to make and, in between, what do you do? There's got to be something hereafter.

~Robert Duvall

Spending two years on my uncle's ranch in Montana as a young man gave me the wisdom and the thrust to do westerns.

~Robert Duvall

To this day, I still think Lonesome Dove is my best part.

~Robert Duvall

If you piss your pants, you can only stay warm for so long.

~Robert Duvall

Being a star is an agent's dream, not an actor's.

~Robert Duvall

If you don't have heroes in the beginning, you don't grow.

~Robert Duvall

I love working in Texas anywhere.

~Robert Duvall

There was nothing wrong with shouting at God.

~Robert Duvall

There's a lot of ignorance in our business... Everybody's an authority. To have your own vision is rewarding.

~Robert Duvall

Some Russian ballet master woman said there's no culture in America, but if you look you can find interesting stuff in this country, don't you think?

~Robert Duvall

God does guide the lives of individuals and does fill them with the Holy Ghost.

~Robert Duvall

I'll keep on acting 'til they wipe the drool. I like the business. I like to do different parts and diverse characters. I haven't lost my enthusiasm yet!

~Robert Duvall

If I ended my career, I wouldn't mind doing a TV series if it was a western and I played a mute gunfighter so I wouldn't have to remember lines every week.

~Robert Duvall

I can always grow a little bit, and try to do something different. So I'm always looking for what's out there - the potential.

~Robert Duvall

Stripping away artifice - it's the constant standard I aim for in acting, to approximate life. People talk about being bigger than life - but there's nothing bigger than life.

~Robert Duvall

When you shift the gear and that little needle on the tach goes into the red and reads 9,000 rpm, that's bad.

~Robert Duvall

My father's people... are from Fairfax in northern Virginia, just across the Mason-Dixon line. So it was an honour to play Lee, he was a great general.

~Robert Duvall

It's like kids playing house: 'You play the father, I'll play the mother.' You know, you dress up, you play, they pay, you go home. It's a game -

acting's a game.

~Robert Duvall

When I'm at home in Virginia, I become more hermit-like. I like my own home.

~Robert Duvall

I wouldn't mind starting to ride some more if I had a really good horse to just work a little bit with every day.

~Robert Duvall

You get below the Mason-Dixon line and you have some of the best music, culture, the two races, the literature, and it's so rich.

~Robert Duvall

I hope I left behind a legacy that people will enjoy. But whatever they want to say, I can't predict.

~Robert Duvall

Very often some of the religious miracle plays you see on television can be very corny, I find. And so simplistic.

~Robert Duvall

High Noon is a pretty corny movie.

~Robert Duvall

Today, everything has to be made by committee, and has to have special effects, but there's always room for good films.

~Robert Duvall

My uncle always said that I could have been a rancher.

~Robert Duvall

It's a cyclical thing. When they make one, everyone loves them.

Different genres come around in succession. People always welcome the western. It's America's genre.

~Robert Duvall

I always thought of myself as a later bloomer, so I like some of my work more later than earlier.

~Robert Duvall

The cultural contrast I saw between religions... Catholics have a lot of mediators, going through saints and Mary or whatever. Protestants in general say things to God directly.

~Robert Duvall

I wanted to show that crime doesn't pay. If you are saved and accept the Lord, you cannot use that as an excuse to avoid punishment.

~Robert Duvall

Some people say, 'Do you have any theories on acting?' And I say, well maybe: I think you can start with zero and end with zero. You don't have to go anywhere, you don't have to go for the result.

~Robert Duvall

There's no smoking section in heaven.

~Robert Duvall

Look, Hollywood's a mecca, but it's not the final answer. You pick up a camera anyplace in the world, you can make a movie.

~Robert Duvall

Cows is one thing. But one man telling another man where he can go in this country is something else.

~Robert Duvall

When you dance tango fast, you have to think slow.

~Robert Duvall

I would like to ask each of you: Would you be in favor of some kind of education on birth control and if so, how would you use that as a possible solution to the ever present question of abortion.

~Robert Duvall

I don't have many people showing up at my door. Very few people come out. When they do, I get a little suspicious. I live way up on a hill, way, way back in the country.

~Robert Duvall

Although it wasn't that easy to do, it was wonderful working with John Wayne.

~Robert Duvall

Too many people think that economics is this subject that should wait until the university level. But it can't wait that long.

~Robert Duvall

I like the good feeling movies.

~Robert Duvall

Around my own friends, I like to mess around.

~Robert Duvall

I love going to black churches, and I love some of these black preachers. The best preacher I ever saw in my life was a 93-year-old in a black church in Hamilton, Virginia. What a preacher!

~Robert Duvall

Sometimes you don't prepare much. I mean, when I did 'Lonesome Dove' way back I rode horses day and night for like three or four months, and that got me ready for that.

~Robert Duvall

You really have to soak up the culture of the people to get it right. If you're making a fiction film, it's entertainment, but you want it to be as real as possible.

~Robert Duvall

I'm getting good offers, as good as ever sometimes. I just finished a thing with Billy Bob Thornton that was the most unique part I've ever played in my life, in the most unique project.

~Robert Duvall

As long as they keep offering me some good parts and so forth - there are some parts out there that fit me pretty well - I'll keep going for a while.

~Robert Duvall

A young actor once asked me, What do you do between jobs? I said, Hobbies, hobbies, and more hobbies.

~Robert Duvall

Way, way, way back I played a little bit, but I am definitely not a golfer. You know, it just takes too much time anyway during the course of the day.

~Robert Duvall

I've always liked country music. It's a certain aspect of America that goes back to the British Isles and the influence is very native to America.

~Robert Duvall

You gotta be careful with message movies. People say "What do you want people to take away from it?" I always say its totally individual.

~Robert Duvall

Sometimes directors will hire you and say, 'Oh, we love your work.' And then they start to tell you how to do it. I say, 'Hey, man, back off. You hired me to do it. Let me do it.'

~Robert Duvall

You obviously don't have to be a murderer to play a murderer or you don't have to be a dictator to play a dictator. So, you're an actor. You come up with whatever you come up with to play that part.

~Robert Duvall

I like to do things that I develop from the ground up.

~Robert Duvall

I am getting some good offers still. Some nice things are coming my way just as they always have, so unless I lose my inspiration or there is too much drool to wipe, I will keep going.

~Robert Duvall

I try not to look for messages in films.

~Robert Duvall

What drives me is I love my profession. I love to do it.

~Robert Duvall

Well, it's like my movie, 'The Apostle.' Some people in the North don't get that movie. They think that, in the South, if you don't shout, you can't play one of those guys.

~Robert Duvall

The most solitary I ever felt was when I was living in New York. I used to live in Enrico Caruso's old apartment, and I had a special staircase that took me up to the roof. There was nobody up there.

~Robert Duvall

You have a little bit of feeling for everyone you play.

~Robert Duvall

I think there are more good young actors now than ever. It's a medium that everyone wants to be connected with - it is such a hip medium going into the 21st century.

~Robert Duvall

I'm a man without a corporation.

~Robert Duvall

Everybody likes to win.

~Robert Duvall

It's no big thing, but you make big things out of little things sometimes.

~Robert Duvall

I always considered myself as a character actor. I always try to be versatile to show different sides of human experience.

~Robert Duvall

I always figure from the cradle to the grave, we all have our individual journeys, and maybe my journey was a positive one and I accomplished certain things without stepping on too many toes.

~Robert Duvall

But for me, the challenge is how you turn a character into behavior. Once the director says 'action', you just try to live between those two worlds.

~Robert Duvall

Seeing your name on the list for KP or guard duty when you're in the Army is like reading a bad review.

~Robert Duvall

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