

Roman Polanski

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Cinema should make you forget you are sitting in a theater.

~Roman Polanski

Every failure made me more confident. Because I wanted even more to achieve as revenge, to show that I could.

~Roman Polanski

You have to show violence the way it is. If you don't show it realistically, then that's immoral and harmful. If you don't upset people, then that's obscenity.

~Roman Polanski

The whole showmanship is NOT to answer every question.

~Roman Polanski

Happy endings make me puke.

~Roman Polanski

Whenever I get happy, I always have a terrible feeling.

~Roman Polanski

I don't rehash the past. It's my baggage. That's all. I accept things as they are.

~Roman Polanski

The best films are because of nobody but the director.

~Roman Polanski

I never made a film which fully satisfied me.

~Roman Polanski

I simply think there's life after movies. I have to adhere to this philosophy, and therefore I like other things, and I have other passions. None are as big as movie-making, but they exist.

~Roman Polanski

I sometimes cry in the moments that are not necessarily dramatic or tragic in the films, often because of the music. I wonder whether it's the music that has that effect on you in this film.

~Roman Polanski

In Paris, one is always reminded of being a foreigner. If you park your car wrong, it is not the fact that it's on the sidewalk that matters, but the fact that you speak with an accent.

~Roman Polanski

To the audience it doesn't really matter how much the director struggled with an actor. It's the result that counts.

~Roman Polanski

If you have a great passion it seems that the logical thing is to see the fruit of it, and the fruit are children.

~Roman Polanski

When I really love a movie, I don't want to spoil it by too frequent visits. But I like to come back to certain films, which I admire.

~Roman Polanski

I would rather live in a country where children are protected and their predators prosecuted, and even (which in Hollywood is evidently not always the same thing) disapproved of.

~Roman Polanski

Normal love isn't interesting. I assure you that it's incredibly boring.

~Roman Polanski

It's easy to direct while acting - there's one less person to argue with.

~Roman Polanski

My films are the expression of momentary desires. I follow my instincts, but in a disciplined way.

~Roman Polanski

I can only say that whatever my life and work have been, I'm not envious of anyone - and this is my biggest satisfaction.

~Roman Polanski

I don't think that there would be more users if drugs were legalized.

~Roman Polanski

I did not have a reputation to defend.

~Roman Polanski

I like skiing, among other things, because I have moments when I am alone in the mountains. That's fantastic, when there's nobody around you. You see miles around you, and the sun is almost down .

~Roman Polanski

I want people to go to the movies. I am the man of the spectacle. I'm playing.

~Roman Polanski

I know that atmosphere of the Parisian apartment building, with the twin menaces of the concierge on the ground floor and the landlord upstairs.

~Roman Polanski

I consider myself more a craftsman than an artist.

~Roman Polanski

Some experience is helpful. "The Pianist" was a film that I could make with my eyes closed because I had lived it and everything was still alive in me.

~Roman Polanski

With each film, i need an artistic challenge so I don't get bored! I like to tackle challenges.

~Roman Polanski

It's very important to set your place in a concrete environment. I think Chekhov said that the important thing when you have a play or any kind of novel is to set the roots in a concrete place.

~Roman Polanski

I still had some honor... I still have some now.

~Roman Polanski

I don't know anyone who is not using drugs for the reason that they're illegal.

~Roman Polanski

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