

Rowan Atkinson

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To Be Successful You Don't Need Beautiful Face And Heroic Body,
What You Need is Skillful Mind And Ability To Perform

~Rowan Atkinson

You're about as useful as a one-legged man at an arse kicking contest.

~Rowan Atkinson

I'm not a naturally funny man. I find that I can only be funny, if I become someone else.

~Rowan Atkinson

The older you get, the more you realise how happenstance... has helped to determine your path through life.

~Rowan Atkinson

But I always feel that whatever I do, I could do better. I suppose it is perfectionism.

~Rowan Atkinson

I want to express myself in a different way. I have a performing inclination.

~Rowan Atkinson

I can be reasonably funny and light-hearted when I'm in the company of good friends, but I'm not a jokesmith. I tend to be quite serious.

~Rowan Atkinson

Your services might be as useful as a barbershop on the steps of a guillotine.

~Rowan Atkinson

Art is something that nobody laughs at and nobody makes any money out of is the attitude, which I would dispute.

~Rowan Atkinson

The path of my life is strewn with cow pats from the devil's own satanic herd!

~Rowan Atkinson

When I was doing Bean more than I've done him in the last few years, I did strange things - like appearing on chat shows in character as Mr. Bean.

~Rowan Atkinson

It's not easy to take a sit-com and turn it into a feature.

~Rowan Atkinson

Funny things tend not to happen to me. I am not a natural comic. I need to think about things a lot before I can be even remotely amusing.

~Rowan Atkinson

I like to juggle with one ball at a time. Then I put the ball down and do nothing for extended periods of time.

~Rowan Atkinson

No, no, I was only funny on stage, really. I think I was funny as a person toward my classmates when I was very young. You know, when I was a child, up to about the age of 12.

~Rowan Atkinson

I would never wish to say that I've finally waved goodbye to any character, it's just that the emphasis tends to shift.

~Rowan Atkinson

And, we put a lot more value, or at least I personally put a lot more value, on the creative values and creative challenges of something than the commercial necessities.

~Rowan Atkinson

To criticise a person for their race is a manifestly irrational and ridiculous. But to criticise their religion - that is a right. That is a freedom.

~Rowan Atkinson

Mr. Bean is at his best when he is not using words, but I am equally at home in both verbal and nonverbal expression.

~Rowan Atkinson

The right to ridicule is far more important to society than any right not to be ridiculed because one in my view represents openness - and the other represents oppression.

~Rowan Atkinson

I find his films about as funny as getting an arrow through the neck and discovering there's a gas bill tied to it.

~Rowan Atkinson

It's the demand in many ways of modern television drama - it's very low key and naturalistic, and, generally speaking, the characters that I've played have not been low key and naturalistic.

~Rowan Atkinson

I'm as poor as a church mouse, that's just had an enormous tax bill on the very day his wife ran off with another mouse, taking all the cheese.

~Rowan Atkinson

I have to say that I've always believed perfectionism is more of a disease than a quality. I do try to go with the flow but I can't let go.

~Rowan Atkinson

I have always regarded Mr. Bean as a timeless, ageless character, and I would rather he be remembered as a character mostly in his 30s and 40s.

~Rowan Atkinson

Marketing is what gets you noticed.

~Rowan Atkinson

A law which attempts to say you can criticise and ridicule ideas as long as they are not religious ideas is a very peculiar law indeed.

~Rowan Atkinson

It's the difficulty we had with Mr. Bean, actually, when it went from TV to film. You certainly discover that you need to explain more about a character.

~Rowan Atkinson

Look, if I'd wanted a lecture on the rights of man, I'd have gone to bed with Martin Luther.

~Rowan Atkinson

The one thing I would never wish it to be thought is that you play serious roles in order to achieve some sort of respectability which you can't if you're playing comedic roles.

~Rowan Atkinson

Marketing is what gets you noticed, and that side of it something - this side of it, if you like, doing interviews - is the side of it that I least enjoy, and yet is 50% of the project.

~Rowan Atkinson

But generally speaking, I tend to be quiet and introspective.

~Rowan Atkinson

Apart from the fact that your physical ability starts to decline, I also think someone in their fifties being childlike becomes a little sad. You've got to be careful.

~Rowan Atkinson

Of course, some would say if you have a performing inclination, then you should become a lawyer. That's a platform we use, or a priest. You know, anywhere you lecture and pontificate to people.

~Rowan Atkinson

Lord, thy one-liners are as good as thy tricks. Thou art indeed an all-round family entertainer.

~Rowan Atkinson

Nope, I don't enjoy work generally. Not because I'm lazy; it's just all so stressful and worrying.

~Rowan Atkinson

My personal problem is that I take the business of film-making so seriously that I find it very difficult to relax.

~Rowan Atkinson

[Georges] Simenon could be very brave like that. You never quite know what you're going to get or how the story's going to be told.

~Rowan Atkinson

I'm more critical of the films I make than anyone else.

~Rowan Atkinson

It's a bit disconcerting being treated like Madonna.

~Rowan Atkinson

If you're a serious actor, it's when you know you're going to die tomorrow that you really start to feel it.

~Rowan Atkinson

I mean I can do it when I'm very relaxed, and with good friends, then I

think I can be amusing.

~Rowan Atkinson

The Scarlet Pimpernel is the most over-rated human being since Judas Iscariot won the A.D.31 'Best Disciple' competition.

~Rowan Atkinson

The Maigret stories are all very different in terms of the content and the way that the stories are told. They're not what I would call formulaic.

~Rowan Atkinson

I'm not looking for anything other than an interesting role to play.

~Rowan Atkinson

I have always worried about things more than I should.

~Rowan Atkinson

I don't think you should be too absolutist about what you play and what you don't play.

~Rowan Atkinson

I don't really have plans like that [move towards more dramatic acting].

~Rowan Atkinson

I've read about eight or ten of the original novels, and one of them is where Maigret's in bed for the entire story! His wife is running around and solving the case!

~Rowan Atkinson

Certainly in the second film [Maigret's Dead Man], which is quite a more unpleasant and darker story, it's quite different in tone and feel.

~Rowan Atkinson

[Maigret] is more internal. I think if we made more of these I might let

him out a bit.

~Rowan Atkinson

I'm sure that a French production of this [Maigret series] would be different. For better or worse, who's to say, but probably not very good for 8 o'clock on ITV.

~Rowan Atkinson

I tend to play rather odd men. People that are slightly odd or eccentric, or have a more particular attitude to life.

~Rowan Atkinson

I like to relish words and sentences, and phraseology, and there's not much facility for that [playing Maigret].

~Rowan Atkinson

At the moment, I'm certainly not thinking 'never again', but neither am I thinking 'I can't wait to play that part again'. I'm somewhere in between.

~Rowan Atkinson

It was the challenge of that that I found daunting, but also engaging and interesting [to play Maigret].

~Rowan Atkinson

The first couple of weeks of filming were quite tricky for me to find my feet with the character [Maigret], which wasn't helped by the story that we were telling.

~Rowan Atkinson

I suddenly think the job of acting is a difficult one. It's not as flip, irrelevant and shallow a calling as I thought it was in the Eighties.

~Rowan Atkinson

loved the show as a child and felt I could not do it justice. [on turning

down the role of the new Doctor Who

~Rowan Atkinson

The arts community still has a long lasting cynicism of the importance, or the artistic value, of comedy. Comedy is just farting about for money.

~Rowan Atkinson

I think in many ways Johnny English is a more believable character.

~Rowan Atkinson

I would never be a television presenter. It's not something I could ever do.

~Rowan Atkinson

The decision to do it [play Maigret] was related to the fact that the character is a very ordinary man, and generally speaking I haven't played very many ordinary men.

~Rowan Atkinson

I consider myself more of a visual comedian than a physical one.

~Rowan Atkinson

Johnny English is someone who really means well it's just that he's not as good as he thinks he is, and I think that maybe that's the British male in a nutshell.

~Rowan Atkinson

The job is interesting, and the task is difficult, but the man [Maigret] is just a decent man doing a very ordinary job.

~Rowan Atkinson

Without wanting to claim that I'm really like James Bond I would certainly prefer to be thought of as closer to James Bond than Mr. Bean

most definitely.

~Rowan Atkinson

I think you're bound to get a sense of any character that you play. It's not something you often do in comedy.

~Rowan Atkinson

I'm not a collector. I don't like the toy cupboard syndrome that causes so many good cars to evaporate.

~Rowan Atkinson

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