

# Shane Carruth

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Filmmaking is a thousand choices a day and it's important to just let those choices potentially be informed by something deeper.

~Shane Carruth

Pierrot le Fou is something I keep coming back to. Its so surreal but still really engaging - it proves narratives within narratives are a landscape that can be pursued well.

~Shane Carruth

I don't believe that narrative works when it's trying to teach a lesson or speak a factual truth.

~Shane Carruth

I've always been anxious about 'Primer.' There's good things about it, but all I've seen for a long time is the flaws.

~Shane Carruth

I have a really, really hard time sitting down and watching a TV show, except I'm apparently willing to watch the same episode of 'It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia,' like, seven times.

~Shane Carruth

Probably the TV show I've watched the most is 'How It's Made' on the History Channel. I could watch 24 hours of 'How It's Made' and never get bored.

~Shane Carruth

Everybody's saying we've got to go 3D or virtual reality or choose your own adventure. But there are other ways forward. I don't think we're done with film by a long shot.

~Shane Carruth

The thing that is most important is to feel like you're at the front of the line, to be prime or primer. I definitely never wanted to say that in the

films, but that's where it comes from.

~Shane Carruth

I hate even the idea of a synopsis. When stories are really working, when you're providing subtextual exploration and things that are deeply layered, you're obligated to not say things out loud.

~Shane Carruth

I am a control freak but it's important to feel strongly about the material you're working on.

~Shane Carruth

I got a degree in math, from not a good school in Texas, and then I went to work as a software engineer. Just not glamorous at all.

~Shane Carruth

Film is a collaborative process, absolutely, but I am a control freak.

~Shane Carruth

I think I'll always want to write and direct. I'm interested in producing and helping other people tell stories. But I'm still in love with writing and directing.

~Shane Carruth

I never got into 'MacGyver,' but 'All the President's Men' and 'The Conversation' were big for me.

~Shane Carruth

I don't spend a lot of time in nature. Probably less than most people that live in urban Texas.

~Shane Carruth

I will be making films, and I'm going to keep working, no matter what I have to do. And I don't plan to ever ask for permission from anybody.

~Shane Carruth

Many of my favorite films, if someone were to tell me simply what they're about, I probably wouldn't be that interested. Plot often has so little to do with what's at the heart of a film.

~Shane Carruth

I don't read books on how to write screenplays just because I'm stubborn. So it's all sort of made up.

~Shane Carruth

All I know is that as an audience member, I am less and less inclined to go to the theater.

~Shane Carruth

My favorite films are the ones that I walk away from and I know I saw a story.

~Shane Carruth

I came to filmmaking because it's my passion. I decided I can't have it distorted or marred by someone else deciding what it should be.

~Shane Carruth

When something is beautiful in math, everything is just perfectly lined up, and you see through sheer thought that something really beautiful can take place.

~Shane Carruth

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