

Shelley Berman Quotes

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My whole act is confession.

~Shelley Berman

As much experience, education and awareness as one can attain is important for a comedian.

~Shelley Berman

The most memorable performance was my appearance in concert in Carnegie Hall. The first standup to do so.

~Shelley Berman

The Steve Allen Sunday night show had the right to two options after my first performance.

~Shelley Berman

As a culture I see us as presently deprived of subtleties. The music is loud, the anger is elevated, sex seems lacking in sweetness and privacy.

~Shelley Berman

Unquestionably, standup comedy is and has always been an art form.

~Shelley Berman

We teach reading, writing and math by [having students do] them. But we teach democracy by lecture.

~Shelley Berman

A hotel is a place that keeps the manufacturers of 25-watt bulbs in business.

~Shelley Berman

I am careful with my material and presentation.

~Shelley Berman

The old problems - love, money, security, status, health, etc. - are still here to plague us or please us.

~Shelley Berman

I was an actor before becoming a comedian.

~Shelley Berman

I developed several comedy phone calls.

~Shelley Berman

Incidentally, I'm still looking for acting work, my first love.

~Shelley Berman

I am in the Master of Professional Writing program teaching Humor Writing, Literary and Dramatic.

~Shelley Berman

I believe it is important for comedians to know who came before them.

~Shelley Berman

Inside was the second LP album of a comedian's performance before an audience.

~Shelley Berman

I will always love to perform standup comedy.

~Shelley Berman

I quit smoking well over twenty years ago.

~Shelley Berman

While you're improvising, you may come up with something which will break him up. As soon as that smile comes out, you know that, hey, we're having fun.

~Shelley Berman

My first job was at a Chicago night club called Mr. Kelly's.

~Shelley Berman

I heard the other day of a man who paid a psychologist \$50 to cure him of an inferiority complex - and later was fined \$25 and costs for talking back to a traffic cop.

~Shelley Berman

Though it sold very well, I hated "The Edge."

~Shelley Berman

I am presently in my thirteenth year of teaching a graduate course at the University of Southern California.

~Shelley Berman

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