

# Simon Callow Quotes

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To enter a theatre for a performance is to be inducted into a magical space, to be ushered into the sacred arena of the imagination.

~Simon Callow

The elderly are all someone's flesh and blood and we cannot just shut them in a cupboard and hand over the responsibility for taking care of them to the state.

~Simon Callow

To live another person's life is quite a weird thing.

~Simon Callow

When the BBC decided to bring Doctor Who back as a feature film a few years ago, one national newspaper ran a poll to ask its readers who should be the new Doctor, and I topped it.

~Simon Callow

Childhood didn't have a big influence on me, really - in fact I spent most of it plotting how to escape.

~Simon Callow

I've come to this conclusion: What makes a great actor is great need. A huge need of acting.

~Simon Callow

Jesus is absolutely at the centre of Western civilisation and part of my fascination with him is, why? What is it about this particular man and his story?

~Simon Callow

I am never bored, never short of anything to do and I don't even ever feel lonely. I am quite gregarious and I get out and about a lot, but sometimes it is just wonderful to be on your own.

~Simon Callow

Having caught a glimpse of what I might be able to do with my talent, I feel a tremendous obligation to try to fulfill it.

~Simon Callow

Everything that we have gone through, are going through, and will go through is there in Shakespeare. It is all of human life.

~Simon Callow

Shakespeare speaks for the human heart but Dickens speaks for the social man and for injustices.

~Simon Callow

Shakespeare wrote all there is that we need to know about dementia in 'King Lear.

~Simon Callow

Very often my weekends are spent performing on Saturday, on stage in the afternoon and again in the evening.

~Simon Callow

When children have grieving parents it's also common for them to feel an obligation to cheer them up and make them happy.

~Simon Callow

My mother wanted me to be a teacher. She had this vision of me walking across the quadrangle in an Oxford college wearing my academic gown.

~Simon Callow

Like many Catholics, I was very affected by the personality of Jesus and that impression, pious as it was, has stayed with me.

~Simon Callow

Artists probably should have some impenetrable aspects of

themselves.

~Simon Callow

I actually wanted to be a writer long before I wanted to be an actor.

~Simon Callow

I don't practise any religion but I am deeply interested in the answers that mankind has come up with to explain the human situation.

~Simon Callow

I hated Sundays when I was growing up in Streatham, south London. Everything closed down and stopped.

~Simon Callow

I went to Queen's University Belfast and stayed nine months, then I ran away to be an actor.

~Simon Callow

I'd like to direct more operas.

~Simon Callow

Increasingly I've come to think that what's at the core of acting is thinking. Most people would say it's feeling.

~Simon Callow

There is something essentially sanguine about me, which I am inclined to attribute to the fact that I was born by caesarean section. It must affect you.

~Simon Callow

I would say critically of myself that I am somebody without secrets. Sometimes acting depends on you having a secret. I don't think I've ever had that.

~Simon Callow

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