

# Stanley Tucci

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As a director, I also get to sit and watch actors and learn from them in a way that I don't get to do when I'm just acting.

~Stanley Tucci

I'm a control freak. Totally.

~Stanley Tucci

A dream that you don't fight for can haunt you for the rest of your life.

~Stanley Tucci

Ripe bananas are the mark of a good produce section. A good produce section is the mark of a superior grocery store. A superior grocery store is the mark of a good man.

~Stanley Tucci

Like Joseph Mitchell, I would scour the streets of New York and find little pieces of what other people think of as junk - and collect it.

~Stanley Tucci

The thing is, I'm a very practical filmmaker.

~Stanley Tucci

Sometimes we all make relationships more complicated than they necessarily have to be.

~Stanley Tucci

I write in the mornings. During my down time.

~Stanley Tucci

People wear shorts to the Broadway theater. There should be a law against that.

~Stanley Tucci

My partner, Beth Alexander, and I want to produce smaller films, but

commercially viable films that will enable me to make the kinds of movies I want to make.

~Stanley Tucci

I have consciously not taken the role of a gangster, which has been offered to me far too many times.

~Stanley Tucci

I didn't know you had to change diapers so often. I couldn't believe it - we must change them 10 times a day - each. So that's 20 diapers a piece a day.

~Stanley Tucci

I mean, Scorsese's a genius, and that's one way of shooting.

~Stanley Tucci

As a director you have to be careful you don't over-design the film. You have to be careful that the period aspect does not take over.

~Stanley Tucci

I'm actually one who will encourage directors to cut my lines.

~Stanley Tucci

But usually I'll wake up and start writing about nine o'clock. I'll probably write for about three hours, and I'll do that over the next month and a half.

~Stanley Tucci

I don't like to move the camera that much anyway.

~Stanley Tucci

It's different if you're a painter. You can hide the ones that don't work. You can't do that with movies. They tell the story of who you are at the time, and that's the wonderful thing about it.

~Stanley Tucci

I'm pretty much a character-driven film director and my movies are smaller. I don't do a lot of coverage. I use lots of master shots.

~Stanley Tucci

If you find that thing you love, it doesn't necessarily matter whether you do it well or not-you just need to do it.

~Stanley Tucci

As a film director I like to have the actors create their own close-ups. It's an older style of filmmaking.

~Stanley Tucci

I think everybody has a little bit of an asshole inside of them.

~Stanley Tucci

You have to be serious about what you do but you mustn't take yourself seriously. That way you'll be happier and ultimately you'll be more successful. You'll be better at what you do.

~Stanley Tucci

Every character, no matter who you play, at times is pretending to be somebody else. People have a public face and a private face.

~Stanley Tucci

I was always attracted to the past as a kid.

~Stanley Tucci

I think it's important to have a good sense of humor and joke around with your kids. That's what I do a lot.

~Stanley Tucci

If you feel safe then you can go wherever you want to go as an actor.

~Stanley Tucci

I was dissatisfied just being an actor.

~Stanley Tucci

I'd read *Up in the Old Hotel*, and I wanted to do something with Mitchell's stuff for a long time.

~Stanley Tucci

*Big Night* and *The Impostors* are both things that I wrote.

~Stanley Tucci

I never go overbudget on my movies.

~Stanley Tucci

I've always considered myself an actor first and foremost.

~Stanley Tucci

I'm not saying they won't be bigger projects someday.

~Stanley Tucci

I've been playing the father of teenagers for years. People always thought that I was 40 when I was 26. Once you lose your hair, they're like "Oh! He's really old now."

~Stanley Tucci

I like to use all of myself, and acting wasn't doing that.

~Stanley Tucci

I wanted to be an actor when I was a kid.

~Stanley Tucci

I love directing - it's always so involving, so challenging.

~Stanley Tucci

Every role is approached in exactly the same way, you have to make it believable and that's all. Acting is really serious, like, pretending really hard.

~Stanley Tucci

So yes, I hope to act in other people's movies, big and small, because that's how I make my living, really.

~Stanley Tucci

And I love doing my own projects; that's what I've always wanted to do.

~Stanley Tucci

I'm interested in how people shoot because I have a very specific way of shooting and I'm fascinated by the way other people shoot films, particularly if they're smart and talented.

~Stanley Tucci

Sometimes you can't even find the director on a movie set. Sometimes you don't want to find the director on a movie set.

~Stanley Tucci

I hate movies that take a long time to shoot or directors that labor over every shot or do excessive amounts of coverage and excessive takes and don't keep things moving or constantly cutting.

~Stanley Tucci

The smaller films just take a longer period of time to build their fan base because people don't see them as soon as they come out in the theater. They see them, after a period of years.

~Stanley Tucci

This is the funny thing about Skype. No one is really looking into the camera. People always looking down because they're looking at the image. You wish the camera was there in the center.

~Stanley Tucci

Even *The Impostors*, as silly as it is, is a very intimate film, in a way.

~Stanley Tucci

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