

# Stephen Daldry

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I am, in fact, Superman. Every morning I wake up and go into a telephone booth and change my costume, and then go to work.

~Stephen Daldry

You go through a process of refinement and getting rid of the excesses of your early youth in terms of your excitement about what theatre can do.

~Stephen Daldry

There are a few writers that one has a relationship with that means, basically, you do whatever they say. One is Caryl Churchill, and the other is David Hare.

~Stephen Daldry

I'm a theatre person, that's who I am. I'm happy to make sojourns into the world of movies but I'm basically a theatre director that potters off and does a couple of movies.

~Stephen Daldry

I have never been motivated by money in my life. You can't make choices based on what the financial return might be.

~Stephen Daldry

England is strictly class-based. What's surprising is how many films are still made with a load of people in silly frocks running around gardens and talking in middle-class accents.

~Stephen Daldry

At school, I decided I wanted to be a director and then I went out and spent the rest of my adult life trying to be a director. It was really clear to me. So in that sense I was very lucky.

~Stephen Daldry

As soon as I know how to do something, I usually get bored with it.

~Stephen Daldry

I always say, 'I really need to take a break.' It's three days in and I'm getting pretty bored.

~Stephen Daldry

I categorically resist this idea that films are supposed to be autobiographical and the only stories you tell are about your own life.

~Stephen Daldry

I would love to do something for TV... I wanna do 'Kavalier & Clay' on HBO as an eight-parter. It'll be so much better as a series, honestly.

~Stephen Daldry

One of the great joys of my job is that you spend a huge amount of time investigating different areas of literature.

~Stephen Daldry

Ring up your parents and ring up your kids and tell them that you love them.

~Stephen Daldry

There has been one defining production for me in each decade.

~Stephen Daldry

They're a redefinition of boredom... the most important thing you need to know about an awards show is where is the nearest smoking opportunity.

~Stephen Daldry

When I got married, my mother was very surprised. She said: What on earth is going on? I thought you were gay?

~Stephen Daldry

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