

Steve Buscemi

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What's "God"? Well, you know, when you want something really bad and you close your eyes and you wish for it? God's the guy that ignores you.

~Steve Buscemi

Do you think god stays in heaven because he too lives in fear of what he's created here on earth?

~Steve Buscemi

Communication is the key, and it's one thing I had to learn-to talk to the actors. I was so involved with the visual and technical aspects that I would forget about the actors.

~Steve Buscemi

Just because people want to eat the burger doesn't mean they want to meet the cow.

~Steve Buscemi

I talked with Quentin about where the character came from, and he told me Kansas City. I don't know how somebody talks from Kansas City, so I made him from New York.

~Steve Buscemi

Really interesting things come because you don't know what the rules are, what you can and can't do.

~Steve Buscemi

I can't relate to 99% of humanity.

~Steve Buscemi

I like telling stories about people with problems. I can't really put it much simpler than that.

~Steve Buscemi

Every day's an adventure when I step out of my door. That's why I usually wear a hat and keep my head low.

~Steve Buscemi

I don't tend to think of the characters i play as losers. I like the struggles that people have, people who are feeling like they don't fit into society, because I still sort of feel that way.

~Steve Buscemi

My real training as an actor was when I started doing theatre.

~Steve Buscemi

The trend now is to shoot in Canada because it's cheaper, and they don't care what the location is.

~Steve Buscemi

My favorite review described me as the cinematic equivalent of junk mail. I don't know what that means, but it sounds like a dig.

~Steve Buscemi

It doesn't matter what part I play, I try and commit myself 100 percent.

~Steve Buscemi

I usually get freaked out if I'm in a situation where a lot of people recognise me at once.

~Steve Buscemi

I never want to feel like the way that I see it is the only way. Sometimes mistakes happen and that's better than what you thought the scene could be. You allow room for the possibilities.

~Steve Buscemi

I never made a daring rescue, which is the story people want to hear. I did go to my share of fires.

~Steve Buscemi

When I was a fireman I was in a lot of burning buildings. It was a great job, the only job I ever had that compares with the thrill of acting.

~Steve Buscemi

Usually, I only get to work a few weeks on a movie, or I often don't make it to the end of the movie because I'm disposed of.

~Steve Buscemi

It doesn't matter to me what the genre is.

~Steve Buscemi

There's a certain type of character that you can't help but come in contact with growing up and living in Brooklyn and Long Island. A certain mixture of moxie, heart, and a wise guy sense of humor.

~Steve Buscemi

I've never had a grand plan. I've only just tried to keep open to many different possibilities, have fun and work with people who are passionate about what they do.

~Steve Buscemi

My greatest hope was to get discovered as a comedian and get on a sitcom.

~Steve Buscemi

I don't think I'm that much different from any other working actor that's trying to make a living.

~Steve Buscemi

I could never have imagined the films I've done and the people I've worked with when I was starting out; I certainly did not have a career path.

~Steve Buscemi

They're not supposed to show prison films in prison. Especially ones that are about escaping.

~Steve Buscemi

I hope I don't make it sound like it's this big to-do, but even putting on real cufflinks takes work.

~Steve Buscemi

The first movie I had a featured role in was Parting Glances.

~Steve Buscemi

What was frustrating about Armageddon was the time I spent not doing anything. It was a big special effects film, and I wasn't crazy about pretending I was in outer space. It feels ridiculous.

~Steve Buscemi

It wasn't until my senior year in high school that I started acting.

~Steve Buscemi

I'm terrible at story and structure, but I'm not so bad at writing dialogue.

~Steve Buscemi

The director I had most involvement with was Alex Rockwell. He gave me a lot of responsibility as an actor.

~Steve Buscemi

In the beginning, it wasn't even a question of deciding I'm going to do independent film and not commercial films - I wasn't being offered any commercial films, and there wasn't an independent scene.

~Steve Buscemi

It doesn't matter so much where the material comes from, as long as

it's good.

~Steve Buscemi

I was going to buy a van and move to LA so I could secretly pursue acting without any of my friends knowing.

~Steve Buscemi

I suppose things are better now, but ... I don't know. People still hate each other, they just know how to hide it better.

~Steve Buscemi

Trees Lounge is based on my own life. Both my parents like the movie. My father, of course, thinks it's a masterpiece.

~Steve Buscemi

Directing television is really hard - it's so fast. You shoot an hour show in seven days.

~Steve Buscemi

When I was in pre-production for Trees Lounge, I was hearing the cinematographer talking with the production designer about colours and this and that and feeling like I was losing control.

~Steve Buscemi

All the roles I play, I don't see any of my roles in films that they're typically leading men.

~Steve Buscemi

I never did improv professionally, but that was certainly in my training as an actor. I like it.

~Steve Buscemi

I had a magic kit. I never really followed through on it, but I had my phase of wanting to do it, sure.

~Steve Buscemi

I never had any master plan about directing, and I don't really write.

~Steve Buscemi

I've certainly worked with really great directors who haven't acted.

~Steve Buscemi

Bob Altman had this relaxed but serious attitude. Everybody loved him. I wanted him to adopt me.

~Steve Buscemi

I don't blame any director for wanting to do something more commercial. That's all part of the business. I certainly have done it, as an actor.

~Steve Buscemi

I have a dresser, who literally is a guy who makes sure the tie is right. It's a little bit of a process. I could probably do it by myself, but it would take me three times as long.

~Steve Buscemi

I always find that it's when a script is not detailed, then I have to do more work as an actor.

~Steve Buscemi

I did stand-up. I loved George Carlin and Steve Martin.

~Steve Buscemi

I didn't really like the aloneness of doing stand-up.

~Steve Buscemi

Oftentimes you'll see stuff that makes it into the mainstream that has been influenced by things that are clearly not from the mainstream.

~Steve Buscemi

By nature, I think I am a pretty private person, and that is what is hard even doing interviews for films that I really love doing, because in some ways, it diminishes the experience that I had.

~Steve Buscemi

Anything you write, even if you have to start over, is valuable. I let the story write itself through the characters.

~Steve Buscemi

I didn't think I'd ever be able to do movies. That was for serious actors.

~Steve Buscemi

I feel my life has more meaning because I am responsible for another life, although I don't have control over what Lucian - my son - is going to do. He's definitely going to carve his own way.

~Steve Buscemi

I don't think about the characters I choose to play, analytically or consciously.

~Steve Buscemi

It's always fun to get to do independent film because I believe that that's the life blood of film. It's about writers and directors who truly have their own vision, and that's hard.

~Steve Buscemi

Casting is everything. Getting the person that you imagined is this character and then seeing what they bring to it.

~Steve Buscemi

I just like playing interesting, complex, complicated characters. I like films that also have an element of humor.

~Steve Buscemi

I like character-driven stuff. It doesn't matter, the size of the part.

~Steve Buscemi

I think all comics borrow from each other. Only a few have an original voice, and I wasn't one of them. In the end, I couldn't figure out who to steal from, so I stopped doing it.

~Steve Buscemi

I've had dentists who have wanted to help me out, but I say, 'You know, I won't work again if you fix my teeth.'

~Steve Buscemi

I was very surprised that for a while I could only get cast as straight. It was that way for a few years.

~Steve Buscemi

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