

# Takeshi Kitano

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*People, Art, Violence, Writing, Real, Film, Hate, Hurt, Pain, Feelings, Careers,  
Comedy, Character, Thinking, Mold, Unexpected, Color, Ideas, Resorts,  
Comedian*

I intentionally shoot violence to make the audience feel real pain. I have never and I will never shoot violence as if it's some kind of action video game.

~Takeshi Kitano

My film directorial career has been nothing but repetition of one failure after another!

~Takeshi Kitano

I thought maybe I could become like the next Van Gogh. I bought a sunflower and painted it, and it looked like the work of a 6-year-old.

~Takeshi Kitano

For me comedy and violence has a lot in common. Just as you expect, comedy always lurks behind the most unexpected of circumstances.

~Takeshi Kitano

I do all these various activities like painting and writing, comedy and films probably because not that I'm good at everything but because I'm not good at any of these things.

~Takeshi Kitano

When people tell me I'm an artist, I say, 'What?' It's impossible for me to take the idea seriously.

~Takeshi Kitano

Humour is like violence. They both come to you unexpectedly, and the more unpredictable they both are, the better it gets.

~Takeshi Kitano

I hate seeing people getting hurt or hurting other people. I hate seeing blood. I am very intolerant of physical pain. I find violence horrifying, so much so that I can't help being intrigued by it.

~Takeshi Kitano

One thing I hate in movies is when the camera starts circling around the characters. I find that totally fake.

~Takeshi Kitano

My philosophy is that one shall not resort to violence unless one is resolved to become the subject of violence at any time.

~Takeshi Kitano

I think I am more of a coward than anybody. It's a very weird feeling. The more I fear violence, the more I'm inclined to depict it in films.

~Takeshi Kitano

I paint for the sheer joy of painting. I have never sold any of my paintings. I'd rather give them to people for free.

~Takeshi Kitano

I don't really expect much from my life. So when I heard my films are premiering in film festival circuits I was glad of course but I thought it was lucky accident.

~Takeshi Kitano

The thing about art for me is that you can go on theorising your work forever, because it's open to interpretation.

~Takeshi Kitano

Being a TV comedian, actor, writer, columnist, and all that is quite helpful to me in acquiring wide varieties of knowledge, which is crucial for filmmaking.

~Takeshi Kitano

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