

Tilda Swinton

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Art is good for my soul precisely because it reminds me that we have souls in the first place.

~Tilda Swinton

I never quite understand the way society decides who is beautiful and who is not. But an open face and a capacity for kindness always feel like reliable signifiers to me.

~Tilda Swinton

Most of us live our whole lives without having an adventure to call our own.

~Tilda Swinton

It's a real comfort zone for me to feel alien.

~Tilda Swinton

How do we identify ourselves, and how do we settle into other people's expectations for our identity?

~Tilda Swinton

I would rather be handsome for an hour than pretty for a week.

~Tilda Swinton

This self-obsession is a waste of living. It could be spent on surviving things, appreciating nature, nurturing kindness and friendship, and dancing.

~Tilda Swinton

I'm really interested in the idea of long, long life and transformation and immortality.

~Tilda Swinton

It was just me, naked as underneath my clothes right now, as all of you are.

~Tilda Swinton

I'm from the same planet as David Bowie.

~Tilda Swinton

I'm interested in that whole question of where we wear our identity and how can we see it.

~Tilda Swinton

I think there's a dishonorable tradition in Hollywood to give the idea, particularly to children, that evil characters are dark.

~Tilda Swinton

Sexuality is, of course, a great way of having a conversation between people.

~Tilda Swinton

I live a soldier's life when I'm working. That's how it feels to me, except I've got a slightly greater chance of survival.

~Tilda Swinton

I think that a real film fan experience is about a kind of omnivorous experience.

~Tilda Swinton

I have this very strange relationship with my work, which is that it's like a conversation between me and it.

~Tilda Swinton

I've been on the other side of the table many times, trying to get people to be sympathetic to projects, and I've been the victim of that kind of intense kindness masking extreme stupidity.

~Tilda Swinton

We're like the raw food movement in cinema - so determined to give people things that do some good, that they recognize as real.

~Tilda Swinton

Maybe it was my revenge on people who had been unkind to me as a child. But it was very easy and a thrill to freeze up children.

~Tilda Swinton

The problem for me is that I look like so many people in my family, so I can't really see anything. Except I could say that I look rather like my father without his mustache.

~Tilda Swinton

I was just talking to Benedict [Cumberbatch] who's got a little baby and knows his father lives in his phone. We as humans are evolving really fast, so everyday we're hit with that.

~Tilda Swinton

Archetypes are always [in my film-making]. It's sometimes interesting to just flip them a little bit and see the underside.

~Tilda Swinton

I have no problems with the NC-17 rating. I want more NC-17 films. More adult cinema!

~Tilda Swinton

For me, sex is a refraction of the thing about identity. In the sexual contact, which is usually - but not exclusively - between two people, you do retain separate people.

~Tilda Swinton

Faith is in the eye of the beholder.

~Tilda Swinton

I always think of the word 'abandonment' when I think of the character.

~Tilda Swinton

We were very clear that this film's [Young Adam] so much about a relationship that's borne out through the sexual contact, and that that's the way they communicate.

~Tilda Swinton

We must hang on to the idea that we can actually change things. That's the sort of environment that Joe finds himself in, in Young Adam.

~Tilda Swinton

There's an alarm bell that goes off in my head if I can sense that I'm making a mistake.

~Tilda Swinton

You can sit next to somebody on the underground, and you can look at them quite intensely, but you can never, ever know what they're wearing under their clothes.

~Tilda Swinton

As a performer, I'm constantly fascinated with the idea of being able to know what anybody else's experience is, and how misleading all informatives, like appearance, can be.

~Tilda Swinton

It's exotic for me to be given a script that's already written, and be given a pay cheque, and asked to dress up and play, and that's all.

~Tilda Swinton

We're living in a new Beat time, in my view. And it's very difficult for us to hang on.

~Tilda Swinton

Derek Jarman shared the responsibility for making the film. He didn't necessarily know what he wanted - he knew what he didn't want - but you had to keep coming up with stuff.

~Tilda Swinton

I would say that I think the film [I am love] is absolutely about nature, it recommends human nature. You don't need to recommend change, that's inevitable, it's the only reliable thing we have.

~Tilda Swinton

It was an amazing performer. Very temperamental, it spent a lot of time in its trailer.

~Tilda Swinton

What very often happens when people make films about rich people, the camera is quite mesmerised by the opulence and quite theatrical in fact.

~Tilda Swinton

When I'm in northern Italy, I walk about feeling slightly less of a freak.

~Tilda Swinton

In my house, a hot dog is a dog that's really hot.

~Tilda Swinton

There's no need there to sit with the filmmaker for 11 years to develop the script, or go round the world raising money.

~Tilda Swinton

There's nothing I'm particularly keen to hide about my humanity.

~Tilda Swinton

Even beyond sexuality, I'm generally interested in identity.

~Tilda Swinton

It's wonderful to actually have an opportunity to get real and show how complicated and fascinating sex is.

~Tilda Swinton

Eleven years is a great length of time to prepare a movie, it would be wonderful to have 11 years of funded preparation.

~Tilda Swinton

I've only ever gone into studio films with people I really like.

~Tilda Swinton

I remember noticing, when I had my babies, how much I liked them, and not just loved them, but I was really into them. I knew I was going to be curious about them, and up for the mayhem ahead.

~Tilda Swinton

The people I'm working with tend to be people I know, who are my friends, and I like hanging out with them. There's nothing better than making a long-term project with your friends. It's just dreamy.

~Tilda Swinton

I was not, and am not, officially a producer of that film [I am love] but the work of what a producer does I learned at that stage and to a certain extent I've been a producer ever since.

~Tilda Swinton

We [with Ewan McGregor] decided exactly what we would do at every moment, what the texture would be.

~Tilda Swinton

Alexander Trocchi was an existentialist. He was looking at an alienated artist in the post-war period. It's modern because it applies now as well.

~Tilda Swinton

I made The War Zone when I had just given birth to twins, and my post-partum frame was very much on display there.

~Tilda Swinton

We're filling a big universe [in Doctor Strange], and so the look and the sort of plasticity of us is really important to us when we're striking poses here. It's very important, it's really great.

~Tilda Swinton

We talked [with Scott Derrickson] about making it kind of muscular and practical. Yeah it's a fantasy but what's the difference between fantasy and reality really?

~Tilda Swinton

I'm just really old [in Doctor Strange]. Just really, really old. There is I suppose a sort of theme tune which I'm really interested in.

~Tilda Swinton

The whole thing of working in collaboration with filmmakers is the thing that I love the most, and possibly the thing I do the best.

~Tilda Swinton

I am the only living person in the English speaking world who didn't have the Narnia books as a child.

~Tilda Swinton

I follow my nose. It's as simple as that.

~Tilda Swinton

Well the truth is, everybody, when they die, leaves a void that cannot be filled.

~Tilda Swinton

The last time I did anything like this [special powers] was with the

Narnia film with two swords, the same but different.

~Tilda Swinton

George [Clooney] and I do have the aim one day to be in a film where we say one nice thing to each other. Hopefully one day.

~Tilda Swinton

If I'd been asked to play an Asian man [in Doctor Strange] I would've shown them Benedict Wong.

~Tilda Swinton

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