

Wim Wenders

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I'm getting a little bored by the juxtaposition of American and other cinema. I no longer think this division is as true as it might have been in the 1980s, or the early part of the 90s.

~Wim Wenders

Without dreams, there can be no courage. And without courage, there can be no action.

~Wim Wenders

Take opera for example - to go to the opera you have to dress up in a tuxedo and pay lots of money.

~Wim Wenders

My advice is, don't spend money on therapy. Spend it in a record store.

~Wim Wenders

Every photo, every 'ONCE' in time is also the beginning of a story starting 'once upon a time...' Every photo is the first frame of a movie.

~Wim Wenders

Film is a very, very powerful medium. It can either confirm the idea that things are wonderful the way they are, or it can reinforce the conception that things can be changed.

~Wim Wenders

The more opinions you have, the less you see.

~Wim Wenders

Sex and violence was never really my cup of tea; I was always more into sax and violins.

~Wim Wenders

I think sometimes you have to just imagine something that looks pretty

impossible. By imagining something that is impossible, automatically you wish you could make it possible.

~Wim Wenders

For years all I seemed to be doing was lobbying politicians and others to persuade them that European culture needed movies, and that we had to protect it.

~Wim Wenders

Photographs put time into such a perspective. They humble us and our selfish memories.

~Wim Wenders

Any film that supports the idea that things can be changed is a great film in my eyes.

~Wim Wenders

I think seeing happens partly through the eyes, but not entirely.

~Wim Wenders

But I think that the spirit of protectionism would be the grave of European cinema. You cannot protect something by building a fence around it and thinking that this will help it survive.

~Wim Wenders

The last adventure left on this planet is creativity because we've been everywhere. There's not much left to explore. But there's a lot of exploration left in the human imagination.

~Wim Wenders

Final cut is overrated. Only fools keep insisting on always having the final word. The wise swallow their pride in order to get to the best possible cut.

~Wim Wenders

Everything is entertainment; criticism is now entertainment and it seems that the French directors have woken up one day and suddenly realised that they were not backed up any more.

~Wim Wenders

I sometimes feel fiction is the ideal preservation for real memories. Fiction is such a good place to keep things.

~Wim Wenders

Movies are something people see all over the world because there is a certain need for it.

~Wim Wenders

There are a lot of things that dancers can do that actors cannot and actors can do that dancers cannot.

~Wim Wenders

Whoever came up first with that saying a picture is worth a thousand words didn't understand the first thing about either one.

~Wim Wenders

Butte was once a grand city. To me, that city is like one big stage for Edward Hopper. You could put your camera anywhere, and you felt you were looking at his paintings.

~Wim Wenders

The Yanks have colonized our subconscious.

~Wim Wenders

Filmmakers and critics wrote about each other and sometimes very harshly. This no longer exists.

~Wim Wenders

Ibrahim tells his story without a grain of complaint, and this was true for

all of the band members. This is very much part of the Cuban spirit and soul.

~Wim Wenders

In this age of consumerism film criticism all over the world - in America first but also in Europe - has become something that caters for the movie industry instead of being a counterbalance.

~Wim Wenders

So I am getting a little bored with defining one type of film as American and the other European or from somewhere else because the division is no longer true.

~Wim Wenders

The most important question for me when I begin working on a film is where to start. For a book, what makes you convinced there is a story that is worthwhile?

~Wim Wenders

Cinema is a worldwide phenomenon.

~Wim Wenders

Of course the French are making very credible movies and it is still one of the greatest nations in terms of world cinema but the real problem is the decay in film criticism.

~Wim Wenders

For us music is mainly part of the entertainment world and is often a luxury.

~Wim Wenders

Many French directors, having now realised there was no more real criticism, that the standards of the past have gone, are very offended about the quality of film criticism.

~Wim Wenders

Maybe it's the music that enables them to function like that, to always take everything as it comes and never complain about the misery, hardship or injustice.

~Wim Wenders

It's almost scary how stylish things can look if you take the color out - how much more you see the essence of things and how much more something can appear elegant.

~Wim Wenders

The Cuban people have an amazingly strong and unbroken spirit.

~Wim Wenders

The culture of independent film criticism has totally gone down the drain and this seems to come with the territory of the consumer age that we are now living in.

~Wim Wenders

Filmmaking is really connected to life and all of the expressions that different arts found to allow access to life. Filmmaking touches on all of it.

~Wim Wenders

In fact, it is amazing how much European films - Italian, French, German and English - have recovered a certain territory of the audience in their countries over the last few years.

~Wim Wenders

The beautiful image today means nothing. It's worthshit. In fact, it's almost as if it has the opposite effect, because you're just like everything else out there.

~Wim Wenders

I heard that Trump said even smelling a book makes him feel tired.

~Wim Wenders

Don't worry about getting final cut, worry about making the best possible cut.

~Wim Wenders

In the late 1980s the amount of German films was down to four or five percent of the market, and the remaining 95 percent were American. It is now 20 to 30 percent German productions.

~Wim Wenders

What is generally referred to as American-style films are, in fact, studio productions.

~Wim Wenders

I remember that even my first impression of Italian cinema was pictures by paparazzi because my mom was reading all of these trash magazines with paparazzo pictures.

~Wim Wenders

Before you say cut, wait 5 seconds

~Wim Wenders

It's a great lesson in modesty that you realize you're illiterate in a field that you think you're an expert in.

~Wim Wenders

In books they don't have deleted scenes, like with DVDs. You could have your deleted scene in a book as well!

~Wim Wenders

I can't do a million things anymore like I could when I was younger.

~Wim Wenders

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