

# Barry Levinson

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I got a chance to work with Mel Brooks on two of his films: Silent Movie and High Anxiety.

~Barry Levinson

First of all, just to get Diner made would have been an achievement in that I got a chance to direct.

~Barry Levinson

When I began to think about the head of the family, the storyteller, the rise of television which became the new storyteller, the break-up of the American family as an idea and then Avalon came.

~Barry Levinson

I got involved with an acting school and studied for a couple years. They used to have improv exercises that you would work on and you would do improvs.

~Barry Levinson

There's no downside to having too much experience.

~Barry Levinson

You don't always have to have the ending, but you want to have a satisfactory conclusion.

~Barry Levinson

A lot of time mistakes are very interesting - you look for the behaviour that's not the one you expect.

~Barry Levinson

I think certain movies work and that is part of the magic of it all. We can't truly define why something succeeds.

~Barry Levinson

Craig Nelson who is an actor and is in a show called Coach in the

United States. We began to do some improvisational stuff and we used to get laughs and things.

~Barry Levinson

Some actors are supposed to be very difficult, but I've not found that to be the situation.

~Barry Levinson

I'm fascinated by documentaries, to begin with. Because of the nature of television, as opposed to theatrical, documentaries can be in this long form and take you on a journey.

~Barry Levinson

I don't know that you can do an absurdist film and just have everybody embrace it in terms of filling out cards. I just don't think it happens. So you have to prepare an audience.

~Barry Levinson

I've had a lot of movies that didn't get great numbers on test screening, but a lot of times the film was able to survive, or the studio still stayed and supported it.

~Barry Levinson

Studios just sometimes make decisions on their own that you're always flabbergasted by. It just happens that way for whatever reason - not even pointing fingers, it just is.

~Barry Levinson

I think when Sarah Palin opened her mouth and started talking, the more she talked, the less appealing she became.

~Barry Levinson

I always think that there is the good and the bad of it all.

~Barry Levinson

I think it's a promising time which will show a lot of diversification that we've seen in the past.

~Barry Levinson

It's always hard to explain why an audience ultimately responds to a movie.

~Barry Levinson

I do know when you look at some ballplayer and all of a sudden he is the size of a truck something is wrong.

~Barry Levinson

I play around with human things, human relationships and that, and allow that kind of talk to work in that way, on that level.

~Barry Levinson

We're never going to be the ultimate-insider look. You can do 50 insider looks at this Hollywood business, and the satire didn't intrigue me. I think others can do that.

~Barry Levinson

I thought a great line in the What Just Happened movie said, "We're just the mayonnaise."

~Barry Levinson

You have a movie and it proves itself and then certain things happen.

~Barry Levinson

I would give the cameras to the kids in the swimming pools and they would play with them, and then I would collect them and we would upload it. If you're in the process, you're there.

~Barry Levinson

No one really has the power, and everybody's trying to get through the

day, and everybody's nervous and desperate.

~Barry Levinson

I think test screening works at its best when the audience knows what it's getting.

~Barry Levinson

Even back in the '90s, I shot certain things on something that wasn't digital then, but it was on VHS with a smaller camera and we would up it to film.

~Barry Levinson

As soon as digital editing came about, I immediately made the switch to digital.

~Barry Levinson

I worked at a local television station and I got a chance to direct and do all those things - worked kiddie shows, Ranger House show with the hand puppets and things like that.

~Barry Levinson

They're intimidating the networks and levying these fines, so the networks are not sure of what they can or can't do.

~Barry Levinson

I never really wanted to be an actor. And that was the beginning of it, I began to write things down and eventually became a writer on a television show.

~Barry Levinson

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