

# Conor McPherson

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I could not flourish in the Hollywood system because the first thing spoken about is "What genre is it?" and "Who's it for?" It's a very strange question to me; it's for human beings.

~Conor McPherson

We're all ordinary in a way. We can all be hurt. We can all be unbalanced. We all have feelings. Life can treat us harshly, even shockingly sometimes.

~Conor McPherson

We know so little of the why, what the universe is, what infinity is. The veil around us is very fragile.

~Conor McPherson

Directing is such a crucial part of the writing process; you start directing and you see what does not work. "Oh, God, what was I thinking?" and then you can rearrange it.

~Conor McPherson

I love stories that frame that: This is what life is about - you don't have a clue.

~Conor McPherson

I just want the actors to put their faith in the language. Just let the words do the work.

~Conor McPherson

The play is a very simple idea really; someone needs some support and consolation, and she finds a place where she gets it.

~Conor McPherson

I guess I'm attracted and repelled by isolation. It scares me. And it's why I tend to write about older characters, too, because for them the stakes are somewhat higher.

~Conor McPherson

I think Catholicism took root very quickly in Ireland because it's a very superstitious religion, the holy ghost, the holy spirit, it has a goddess, very visual, the music.

~Conor McPherson

I have a theory about Ireland, being at the edge of Europe. For 1,000 years, people didn't know what was beyond. But we thought about it - a lot. And that beyond became internalized in our psyche.

~Conor McPherson

If I wasn't plagued by needing to write things, that would perhaps be a blessing.

~Conor McPherson

I started directing out of necessity, the first play I wrote in college because I didn't know anyone who could direct it.

~Conor McPherson

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