

# Mary Steenburgen

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There's just such a premium on hurrying, and the camera is the be all and end all, and the actors had better hurry up and get it right and get it done.

~Mary Steenburgen

I think that we need to look hard at our beliefs and be responsible about how we speak out.

~Mary Steenburgen

I helped found Artists for New South Africa, but it used to be called Artists for Free South Africa. Alfre Woodard and a bunch of us started this.

~Mary Steenburgen

There's a certain arrogance to an actor who will look at a script and feel like, because the words are simple, maybe they can paraphrase it and make it better.

~Mary Steenburgen

I know this is kind of corny, but we thought about renewing our vows again because I think my mom would really love it if we did that in Arkansas, where I came from.

~Mary Steenburgen

I have loved by far the majority of the people I've worked with and the experiences I've had.

~Mary Steenburgen

I love being in the business I'm in-I do love being a part of a group of people that work well together. I love it when there's a connection.

~Mary Steenburgen

I still try to do what I've always said I would do, which is say yes to the things that make my heart beat faster, particularly if there's something

scary about it.

~Mary Steenburgen

We tend to love things that are left of center anyway.

~Mary Steenburgen

It just seemed like a lot of my work centered around England for a number of years.

~Mary Steenburgen

Anything to do with the South resonates with me, because I'm Southern.

~Mary Steenburgen

It's usually, my people speak to your people and then they speak around each other and trade calls for weeks.

~Mary Steenburgen

I take the fact that films cost a lot of money very seriously, but once in a while to have somebody say, This is a big scene, take your time with it, is important. That's John Sayles.

~Mary Steenburgen

I'd already made the decision before I'd even read it-just because it was John Sayles. Then when I read it, the themes were actually themes that have been a big part of my life.

~Mary Steenburgen

I was this person with this weird last name from New York that no one had ever heard of. But my screen test I guess, according to him, was the best. So I got the part, which was incredible.

~Mary Steenburgen

Ain't no money like music money, because music money don't stop.

~Mary Steenburgen

People that want it to just be funny should not despair, because there is so much true crazy comedy coming up.

~Mary Steenburgen

Dancing in the strip club, Not the dancing, but the being naked was excruciatingly scary for me.

~Mary Steenburgen

I wanted it to be a wonderful combination of being able to dance a little bit, not being especially good, but also playing a character who says the line, "I love to dance".

~Mary Steenburgen

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