

Mel Brooks

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My mind is a raging torrent, flooded with rivulets of thought cascading into a waterfall of creative alternatives.

~Mel Brooks

As long as the world is turning and spinning, we're gonna be dizzy and we're gonna make mistakes.

~Mel Brooks

I've been accused of vulgarity. I say that's bullshit.

~Mel Brooks

If you stand on a soapbox and trade rhetoric with a dictator you never win.

~Mel Brooks

The only thing we don't have a god for is premature ejaculation... but I hear that it's coming quickly.

~Mel Brooks

Hope for the Best. Expect the worst. Life is a play. We're unrehearsed.

~Mel Brooks

Life literally abounds in comedy if you just look around you.

~Mel Brooks

If presidents can't do it to their wives, they do it to their country.

~Mel Brooks

My favorite expression is: When you go up to the bell, ring it ? or don't go up to the bell.

~Mel Brooks

Tragedy is when I cut my finger. Comedy is when you fall into an open sewer and die.

~Mel Brooks

Humor is just another defense against the universe.

~Mel Brooks

I don't know what to say so I'll just say what's in my heart...badoom, badoom, badoom.

~Mel Brooks

If God wanted us to fly, He would have given us tickets.

~Mel Brooks

I knew it... I'm surrounded by assholes!

~Mel Brooks

Cat angels are the reason there are no mice angels.

~Mel Brooks

Everything we do in life is based on fear, especially love.

~Mel Brooks

A cinema villain essentially needs a moustache so he can twiddle with it gleefully as he cooks up his next nasty plan.

~Mel Brooks

Being short never bothered me for three seconds. The rest of the time I wanted to commit suicide.

~Mel Brooks

Bad taste is simply saying the truth before it should be said.

~Mel Brooks

When we got to our hotel rooms, mosquitoes as big as George Foreman were waiting for us. They were sitting in armchairs with their

legs crossed.

~Mel Brooks

Everything starts with writing. And then to support your vision, your ideas, your philosophy, your jokes, whatever, you've gotta perform them and/or direct them, or sometimes just produce them.

~Mel Brooks

You got to be brave. If you feel something, you've really got to risk it.

~Mel Brooks

I love spaghetti and sex, sometimes together. My dream of heaven is walking naked through fields of pasta fazool.

~Mel Brooks

These men both publicly and privately have done so much for me. Without Nathan Lane and Matthew Broderick I would be living in a little motel just around the corner here, trying to make ends meet.

~Mel Brooks

Do you have a dollar on you? I hate to answer questions for nothing.

~Mel Brooks

He who hesitates is poor.

~Mel Brooks

Rhetoric does not get you anywhere, because Hitler and Mussolini are just as good at rhetoric. But if you can bring these people down with comedy, they stand no chance.

~Mel Brooks

If you're quiet, you're not living. You've got to be noisy and colorful and lively.

~Mel Brooks

Well, just being stupid and politically incorrect doesn't work. You can be politically incorrect if you're smart.

~Mel Brooks

Tragedy is what happens to me; comedy is what happens to you.

~Mel Brooks

If you're alive, make a lot of noise, because life is the very opposite of death.

~Mel Brooks

I usually start with the words. The rhythm of the words gives me the rhythm of the song, and then I look for the musical highlights in it to carry it.

~Mel Brooks

Now thyself is more important than æœKnow thyself.

~Mel Brooks

Merchandising, merchandising, where the real money from the movie is made.

~Mel Brooks

There's not enough bad taste! I LOVE bad taste! I live for bad taste! I am the spokesman for bad taste!

~Mel Brooks

My mother is very short - four-eleven. She could walk under tables and never hit her head.

~Mel Brooks

Immortality is a by-product of good work.

~Mel Brooks

Everything starts with writing.

~Mel Brooks

I'm always stunned when I find out people like Roosevelt and Tolstoy weren't Jewish. How could I love them so much?

~Mel Brooks

Critics can't even make music by rubbing their back legs together.

~Mel Brooks

I had low blood sugar, a chemical imbalance, plus the normal nervous breakdown everyone goes through from adolescence to adulthood.

~Mel Brooks

I have always been a huge admirer of my own work. I'm one of the funniest and most entertaining writers I know.

~Mel Brooks

One day, God said 'Let there be prey.' And he created pigeons, rabbits, lambs and Gene Wilder.

~Mel Brooks

You're always a little disappointing in person because you can't be the edited essence of yourself.

~Mel Brooks

I only direct in self-defense.

~Mel Brooks

A lot of music is mathematics. It's balance.

~Mel Brooks

Basically, I'm a writer. I'm the proprietor of the vision. I alone know what I eventually want to happen on the screen. So if you have a valuable

idea, the only way to protect it is to direct it.

~Mel Brooks

If Shaw and Einstein couldn't beat death, what chance have I got?
Practically none.

~Mel Brooks

Good taste is the enemy of comedy.

~Mel Brooks

Not only should we laugh about Hitler. We must laugh about him.
Especially in Berlin.

~Mel Brooks

The only weapon I've got is comedy

~Mel Brooks

I love gentiles. In fact, one of my favorite activities is Protestant spotting.

~Mel Brooks

You cannot have fun with anything that you don't love or admire or respect.

~Mel Brooks

I've been taught ever since I was a kid that sex is filthy and forbidden, and that's the way I think it should be. The filthier and more forbidden it is, the more exciting it is.

~Mel Brooks

An egg cream can do anything. An egg cream to a Brooklyn Jew is like water to an Arab. A Jew will kill for an egg cream. It's the Jewish malmsey.

~Mel Brooks

When you come to Germany as a Jew you have an uneasy feeling, but I've always felt okay in Berlin.

~Mel Brooks

Oh, I'm not a true genius. I'm a near genius. I would say I'm a short genius. I'd rather be tall and normal than a short genius.

~Mel Brooks

The brilliance of Max Brooks is that he always quotes authorities at the back of his books that never existed. Like a Russian professor he made up that validates a story or character.

~Mel Brooks

It's good to be the king.

~Mel Brooks

You want to be as smart as you can about being stupid.

~Mel Brooks

Why should I waste my good time making a straight dramatic film? The people who can't make you laugh can do that.

~Mel Brooks

Don't be stupid, be a smarty / Come and join the Nazi Party!

~Mel Brooks

Usually when a lot of men get together, it's called a war.

~Mel Brooks

We rest our case on the production numbers.

~Mel Brooks

I was born on the kitchen table. We were so poor my mother couldn't afford to have me; the lady next door gave birth to me.

~Mel Brooks

I always thought it was great to be able to make people feel better. It was a little like being God.

~Mel Brooks

My God, I'd love to smash into the casket of Dostoyevsky, grab that bony hand and scream at the remains, 'Well done, you god-damn genius.'

~Mel Brooks

My job is to go out and entertain the most people possible.

~Mel Brooks

I don't think in terms of results at all. I think: what next insanity can I shock the world with?

~Mel Brooks

With the birth of the artist came the inevitable afterbirth... the critic

~Mel Brooks

Dom DeLuise was a big man in every way. He was big in size and created big laughter and joy.

~Mel Brooks

Some critics are emotionally desiccated, personally about as attractive as a year-old peach in a single girl's refrigerator.

~Mel Brooks

Being brave is being scared and worried and still doing it [what you do]. Because if you're just a wacko, a mashugana, a crazy guy, then you're not brave, your nuts!

~Mel Brooks

I'll accept bad taste in a minute, as long as there's some great comedy minds and performances.

~Mel Brooks

Writing is simply one thought after another dying upon the one before.

~Mel Brooks

All short women have a delayed fuse. Marry a taller woman: My wife was an inch or two taller than me; it's a sign of security.

~Mel Brooks

Anybody can direct, but there are only eleven good writers.

~Mel Brooks

My job is to go out and entertain the most people possible. The job is to make people laugh. I don't have a mission. I don't have a torch to burn.

~Mel Brooks

Judd Apatow is pretty good, both as a producer and as a director.

~Mel Brooks

Nothing is free. You got to pay to be in society. First you start with homework.

~Mel Brooks

Every human being has hundreds of separate people living under his skin.

~Mel Brooks

I wanted to entertain so badly that I kept at it until I was good. I just browbeat my way into show business.

~Mel Brooks

In every spoof I make real love to the things I am spoofing.

~Mel Brooks

Look, I had to take chances or it wasn't fun being funny.

~Mel Brooks

I'm married to a beautiful and talented woman who can lift your spirits just by looking at you.

~Mel Brooks

We mock the things we are to be.

~Mel Brooks

Sir, I have seen your film and it is vulgar! Madame, my film rises below vulgarity.

~Mel Brooks

All right, I am often brash, rude and brutally direct. Someday I'm going to die and I don't have time to toe-dance around the periphery of hatred.

~Mel Brooks

It would be hypocritical of me to take issue with anything in questionable taste, seeing that I invented bad taste in films.

~Mel Brooks

I was in the army, and to me it was like a newsreel.

~Mel Brooks

I was a soldier in WWII. The last couple of months of the war I was actually in combat.

~Mel Brooks

I've always loved songwriting, and I vowed to be a songwriter like Cole Porter when I was only 9 years old.

~Mel Brooks

I also try to surround myself with people I love - make a family out of the company. So I tend to use the same people over and over. There's a sort of Mel Brooks Repertory Company.

~Mel Brooks

I love writing songs. I'm a songwriter.

~Mel Brooks

I don't believe in this business of being behind, better to be in front.

~Mel Brooks

I like Chris Rock. He's dangerous.

~Mel Brooks

I know how to make it a great musical. I've got to. It's like I've got to see it on stage.

~Mel Brooks

I don't have a mission. I don't have a torch to burn.

~Mel Brooks

Coleman Jacoby and Arnie Rosen won an Emmy and Mel Brooks didn't! Nietzsche was right! There is no God! There is no God!

~Mel Brooks

As far as songwriters, I've always been a fan of Irving Berlin, Cole Porter, and George Gershwin; those guys mean a lot to me.

~Mel Brooks

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