

# Michael Jai White

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I am my own worst critic and I am hell to pay so I just have to do everything to my utmost ability.

~Michael Jai White

Since I do seven different styles of martial arts, I don't foresee myself fighting the same in any two movies. I think every fighting style should fit the character that's doing the fighting.

~Michael Jai White

In reality, there are very few villains who view themselves as villains. They just have a certain agenda at a certain time.

~Michael Jai White

When you don't have much money, you get creative. There's so much money that gets wasted on big movie sets. But when you don't have much money, you improvise.

~Michael Jai White

I enjoy playing real human beings after playing a lot of larger than life characters. I love playing true to life characters and that is what I intend to do for the majority of my career.

~Michael Jai White

Most people say I look mean, and because I play so many tough roles and because of my size and my martial arts background, they think I am, but I'm really not.

~Michael Jai White

To me, the responsibility of an actor is to recreate humanity honestly. I never feel like an actor, I always look at it from a blue collar perspective.

~Michael Jai White

I don't cook. I think they named the 'Mike'-rowave after me.

~Michael Jai White

I love the '70s. I think the '70s had the best music and the best movies.

~Michael Jai White

I enjoy logic and logic puzzles. And filmmaking is one fun logic puzzle that you gotta win.

~Michael Jai White

I go to gyms quite a bit, martial arts gyms, MMA gyms. I try to train with the best people, with who's who in the martial arts, just to keep myself sharp.

~Michael Jai White

There's people saying that 'Jackie Brown' was a blaxploitation movie, when there's nothing at all blaxploitation about it other than Pam Grier being in it.

~Michael Jai White

I have a nineteen-month old daughter. I totally don't mind devoting time to her. When you have a kid, it's hard to go out to the movies. I really don't know what's going on with comic book movies.

~Michael Jai White

It's not really a preparation when you know the character that you're playing. It's not too difficult. It would be more difficult the first time, I guess.

~Michael Jai White

I was pretty much a child of Monty Python. I grew up loving that type of humor and even structured a lot of humor in the same fashion.

~Michael Jai White

Directing was a natural thing for me. Actually, it was far less stressful

directing than being the lead actor. I was able to have my input in all aspects of it.

~Michael Jai White

I take every role seriously. Personally, I never look at any role as Michael White. I've done that my entire life.

~Michael Jai White

People know Tyler Perry, and there are standards they've come to expect from him. His brand is uplifting, and it's something a lot of inner-city African-Americans can relate to.

~Michael Jai White

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