# Michel Gondry Quotes

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All these gadgets, the phone and the computer, they expose the inside of your brain in a way that's bad.

~Michel Gondry

Every great idea is on the verge of being stupid.

~Michel Gondry

Orange is an underrated color, it's the second most underrated color after yellow.

~Michel Gondry

Of course, from time to time, I want to do everything myself and be more involved on my own with the creative process. But I don't mind the collaboration at all.

~Michel Gondry

In my opinion, it's more interesting to see magic happening in a world that feels grounded. If the world is already crazy, then anything can happen. So it's better to start with something real.

~Michel Gondry

I'm not against the technology at all, I just don't like to use it if it's just to mimic what you can do with traditional methods.

~Michel Gondry

I would define myself as being naive and perverse at the same time. And I think that if that is consistent it will make the tone consistent.

~Michel Gondry

When people are very original, sometimes they are original as a way to resist the mainstream.

~Michel Gondry

Misinterpretation leads me to inspiration and creativity because I think

my brain is trying to figure out some information that I'm confused about.

~Michel Gondry

I like the days when all the filmmakers had was a film roll, a camera and a gangster. The Mack Sennett comedies were all like that. They'd create little teams to go out and shoot films.

~Michel Gondry

The MTV Video Awards were never about the video, but about the song. Most of the time it was just to glorify people for the wrong reason.

~Michel Gondry

It's part of my job to maintain the emotional reality and the naturalism even when the atmosphere is contrived.

~Michel Gondry

I've dreamed a lot, but i'm not a very good sleeper.

~Michel Gondry

In a way, putting actors deep into this sort of complicated universe frees them from thinking about who they should be. They just are somebody.

~Michel Gondry

You need philosophy. It sounds a little pompous but I think when you direct a film, the only way to find a response to the questions you keep asking yourself is to have a philosophy.

~Michel Gondry

The beauty of doing film is that you construct whatever you do block by block and you can build something that will stay.

~Michel Gondry

If you're not grown up enough to understand that a trailer is not done by the director, then fine. Judge the movie from the trailer.

~Michel Gondry

That's what the internet is: it's like bombarding your eyeballs with these myriad blinking colour lights. It's like trying to watch a movie on your phone in the middle of Times Square.

~Michel Gondry

Every movie I do is challenging for me. There is some element of imaginative that you wouldn't have in a typical movie.

~Michel Gondry

I don't like to put people in a competition to defeat the other.

~Michel Gondry

I don't like movies that are too manipulative. A lot of movies thrive on really pushing your buttons and making you hate the villain.

~Michel Gondry

The competition is not really friendly or peaceful. It leads to oppression in some ways.

~Michel Gondry

I think always my interest in making movies is to have something really technical mixed with something that was not so formal...something free.

~Michel Gondry

I think the purpose of test screenings is different for the studio and for the filmmaker. For the studio, I think they want to know whether the film works or not.

~Michel Gondry

There is an amount of abstraction in my movies, and sometimes they don't really understand it until the film is finished.

~Michel Gondry

I read about some movie where they did everything on blue screen, and the actors were not even connecting to each other.

~Michel Gondry

I find, surprisingly, that actors are liberated in their work if there's stuff going on around them, because they can't think too much about who they're supposed to be.

~Michel Gondry

I like actors who just are who they are, with a little bit of qualification to adapt to their character. But mostly they just use their own personality to embody the character.

~Michel Gondry

I like actors who don't have to think too hard about what they have to do to achieve their performance.

~Michel Gondry

The problem is when you get forced to use ideas that aren't good. When I can filter the ideas and use the best of them, I am happy to collaborate.

~Michel Gondry

My goal was to show that even if people work in a garage or a supermarket, they have very funny things to say. We never hear their voices.

~Michel Gondry

I'm always excited to work with actors.

~Michel Gondry

I don't like those shows where people get eliminated every week, and then they have to get meaner to survive.

~Michel Gondry

I was sort of lazy at school, but I realize I still have something to bring to the subject which is comforting. I feel I am not as stupid as I thought I was.

~Michel Gondry

I think it's a problem when journalists have the title of their article before they do the interview, because it biases the way they conduct it.

~Michel Gondry

I hate cynicism. I wipe it from me. I don't like cynical people. I don't like cynical movies. Cynicism is very easy. You don't have to justify it. You don't have to fight for it.

~Michel Gondry

Competition impedes creativity because you present yourself in a way that's going to been seen by somebody outside of you. You're not very much yourself and it limits you.

~Michel Gondry

And I'm not a micromanagement guy. I prefer to spend my time doing other stuff than that.

~Michel Gondry

I love 3D a lot, I have a great interest in 3D, so if I am given the tools to do a project with 3D, it's a dream for me.

~Michel Gondry

In the '90s movies were so serious, and so stylistic and slick that I could not identify with them.

~Michel Gondry

The problem when you edit a film together, when you shoot a film, you are drawn into the moment. You want each moment to be special and full of life.

~Michel Gondry

You can't feel sorry for a scene. If the movie works without the scene, then you don't need the scene.

~Michel Gondry

Objectivity is very hard to achieve. It needs some research and patience. If you want to do something honest, you have to explore it a little longer.

~Michel Gondry

If people don't like the trailer, then blame it on the people who made the trailer.

~Michel Gondry

I don't thrive on control. I'm not looking for control. I think I get better results when I don't control things.

~Michel Gondry

I want to explore new ideas and put myself in a place where I can finish a project that is more unusual or that doesn't seem doable.

~Michel Gondry

I learned to drive when I was 35. I'm driving like an old lady and very close to the wheel. I don't take many risks, and when people yell at me I say 'sorry, sorry, sorry!' I don't have road rage yet.

~Michel Gondry

At school I was very shy. I wasn't funny really.

~Michel Gondry

I don't like the idea of competition - maybe because I kept losing them when I was a kid. Maybe it's better to be the one who loses?

~Michel Gondry

It's very hard to say I'm surrealist. It's like saying I'm poetic. It's not something you want necessarily to be aware of.

~Michel Gondry

I'm attracted to working with comedians because they don't have that stars' idea of what a hero should be. The downside is they're always addressing the camera too much.

~Michel Gondry

The problem is, with a lot of children's films, they are very commercial.

~Michel Gondry

Pop music is created by repression - and then the system takes it and makes even more money with it!

~Michel Gondry

My father had a Super 8 camera when I was a kid and sometimes he would use it. I did some animation with it. I did a lot of flipbooks.

~Michel Gondry

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