

Mike Figgis

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I am intrigued enough to want to continue, and also to try and work with companies like Sony on modifying the cameras and making them more user-friendly and efficient.

~Mike Figgis

But I don't have such a strong desire to need to get away from filmmaking.

~Mike Figgis

There's nothing quite like the idea of failing spectacularly to excite a film maker

~Mike Figgis

The world is an infinitely fascinating, tragic and humorous place.

~Mike Figgis

One of the things I love about cinema is the range.

~Mike Figgis

I'm a huge fan of world cinema, because each country uses cinema in a very individual way.

~Mike Figgis

I might have a guitar or a piano on set to play something for the actors.

~Mike Figgis

I like to work my camera as if it were a musical instrument.

~Mike Figgis

I play piano and trumpet. I studied classical guitar.

~Mike Figgis

I would certainly say that films like Time Code and the Loss of Sexual Innocence were far more rewarding to me in terms of being able to

move forward as a filmmaker.

~Mike Figgis

I've spent my life hearing people trying to apologize for music.

~Mike Figgis

When I do the music, I make the musicians listen to what's happening in the film. That way they treat the dialogue as if it was a singer.

~Mike Figgis

Then I became interested in drama, and almost by accident, I drifted into film.

~Mike Figgis

It's difficult working with very rich actors, because inevitably they become a little spoilt, and the managers and agents tend to control things more than is healthy.

~Mike Figgis

I started using film as part of live theatre performance - what used to be called performance art - and I became intrigued by film.

~Mike Figgis

I had no plans to be a director.

~Mike Figgis

There's nothing I've done which I'm ashamed of or I thought was actually bad.

~Mike Figgis

I made my first film on 16mm. Then I began using 35mm. Then I began working in Hollywood. And I began to really understand how films were made by professionals. I have to say I wasn't very impressed.

~Mike Figgis

There's a sadness to the human condition that I think music is good for. It gives a counterpoint to the visual beauty, and adds depth to pictures that they wouldn't have if the music wasn't there.

~Mike Figgis

The function of camera movement is to assist the storytelling. That's all it is. It cannot be there just to demonstrate itself.

~Mike Figgis

In discussing the process with the actors, I made it clear to them that they could improvise but that the sum total of their improvisation needed to impart certain plot points, and schematic material.

~Mike Figgis

The power of sound to put an audience in a certain psychological state is vastly undervalued. And the more you know about music and harmony, the more you can do with that.

~Mike Figgis

I've held onto little musical sketches that I thought could be useful, and the more time that I spend doing them for each film, then the more I have to draw on.

~Mike Figgis

Films take up so much time, and with theatre, you do have to plan a period of time that you can be free.

~Mike Figgis

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