

Mike Nichols

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There's nothing better than discovering, to your own astonishment, what you're meant to do. It's like falling in love.

~Mike Nichols

I love to take actors to a place where they open a vein. That's the job. The key is that I make it safe for them to open the vein.

~Mike Nichols

Any good movie is filled with secrets.

~Mike Nichols

There's nothing in the American dream about character. It's a serious flaw.

~Mike Nichols

A movie is like a person. Either you trust it or you don't.

~Mike Nichols

The unconscious is our best collaborator.

~Mike Nichols

Take off all your clothes and walk down the street waving a machete and firing an Uzi, and terrified citizens will phone the police and report, There's a naked person outside!

~Mike Nichols

Being with an insanely jealous person is like being in the room with a dead mammoth.

~Mike Nichols

I was just trying to make a nice little movie... It wasn't until I saw it all put together that I realized this was something remarkable.

~Mike Nichols

I love the editing process of making movies. I just wish that life had one.

~Mike Nichols

I have never understood people dividing things into dramas and comedies.

~Mike Nichols

I came to love silence, because it's so rare, and it's now my favorite aural condition.

~Mike Nichols

That seems to me the greatest American danger we're all in, that we'll bargain away the experience of being alive for the appearance of it.

~Mike Nichols

The only safe thing in filmmaking is to take a chance.

~Mike Nichols

It's the hardest thing on earth to like yourself, and then when you do, it's a catastrophe. I mean, the people I know who like themselves - I don't want to see them!

~Mike Nichols

Nerves provide me with energy... It's when I don't have them, when I feel at ease, that's when I get worried.

~Mike Nichols

Jewish introspection and Jewish humor is a way of surviving . . . if you're not handsome and you're not athletic and you're not rich, there's still one last hope with girls, which is being funny.

~Mike Nichols

It's not a filmmaker's job to explain his technique but to tell his story the

best way he can.

~Mike Nichols

Yes. The whole point about laughter is it's like mercury: you can't catch it, you can't catch what motivates it - that's why it's funny.

~Mike Nichols

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