

Robert Mankoff

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Humor is basically a cognitive process. And it's a creative process not only on the part of the cartoonist but on the part of the viewer.

~Robert Mankoff

There is no Algorithm for Humor

~Robert Mankoff

While the end-of-the-world scenario will be rife with unimaginable horrors, we believe that the pre-end period will be filled with unprecedented opportunities for profit.

~Robert Mankoff

Im pretty adept with computers and Photoshop for my blog, and I found my style with a conversational voice and an image-ready column.

~Robert Mankoff

If you have any problems at all, don't hesitate to shut up.

~Robert Mankoff

I do find that humor helps in relationships. It certainly helps in my marriage now because I'm a very, very fallible person. And if I wasn't funny I'd be kicked right out the door.

~Robert Mankoff

The digital realm give cartoons and cartoonists more possibilities for exposure.

~Robert Mankoff

There is humor that's just whimsy, that we smile at, but the humor that we laugh at, someone has to be - someone's dignity has to be reduced.

~Robert Mankoff

Each cartoon needs the right amount of wrong.

~Robert Mankoff

There are no cartoons about happy marriages.

~Robert Mankoff

It's not the ink, it's the think.

~Robert Mankoff

Humor levels the playing field. I understood that early on - that was something I had.

~Robert Mankoff

The ability to be funny is pretty widespread in the population.

~Robert Mankoff

The generations that were exposed to sitcom have the people actually saying the line, saying the joke, whereas sort of before that you have much more observational humor.

~Robert Mankoff

A lot of what the Internet is showing is that talent is more disperse than gatekeepers such as myself...

~Robert Mankoff

As a cartoonist I do what I find funny. As an editor I have a broader approach realizing that humor is inherently subjective and I don't want my preferences to rule out what others might like.

~Robert Mankoff

I know everybody wants humor to be subversive and speak truth to power. I don't think power's been listening, incidentally.

~Robert Mankoff

The most popular cartoon of mine is a guy on the phone looking at his

appointment book and saying "No, Thursday's out. How about never, is never good for you?"

~Robert Mankoff

None of the cartoons that I ever did are basically, if they're about sex, they're about sex in sort of this, you know, this ironic way, or the way that people actually treat it.

~Robert Mankoff

I was the founder of the Cartoon Bank in the 90s. I was interested in finding ways for cartoonists to supplement their incomes.

~Robert Mankoff

Cartoons are like fruit flies. Biologists use fruit flies because their large chromosomes and short life cycle make them ideal for studying hereditary changes.

~Robert Mankoff

I'm making fun of myself and I think I'm making fun of all men in our desperate, desperate attempt to understand the people we're with and hopefully through humor have them understand us.

~Robert Mankoff

There's all kinds of theories among the cartoonists: start with funniest, end with funniest.

~Robert Mankoff

There's usually nothing in a guy's joke in which we have to understand what's going on in someone else's mind.

~Robert Mankoff

When you look back at the older cartoons, they're very much more observational cartoons. And the cartoon, the people in the cartoons are not making the joke.

~Robert Mankoff

I have a cartoon where the guy is pretty much, he's a regular-sized guy, but he's the size of the island. He's saying no man is an island, but I come pretty damn close.

~Robert Mankoff

Cartoons, often, that you do for the New Yorker don't appear for months afterwards, and the record for that is a cartoon that was bought by James Stevenson in 1987 and didn't appear until 2000.

~Robert Mankoff

It's always harder satirize what you like rather than what you dislike.

~Robert Mankoff

You do have to put in a lot time to get good at anything and than includes cartoons. So I think it's true of art and everything else.

~Robert Mankoff

Primitive, naive drawing can also be good drawing but it's hard to pull off. I don't think most submitters realize that.

~Robert Mankoff

I'm very fond of the strictly visual cartoons I did when I was breaking in in the 1970's. Over time I migrated to a more verbal approach.

~Robert Mankoff

I've learned not to look a gift horse in the mouth. Why you would want to look any horse the mouth considering how infrequently they brush is beyond me.

~Robert Mankoff

I'm really interested in the link between creativity and humor because humor is a type of creativity, and I do think that humorous people and

humorous health helps creativity.

~Robert Mankoff

I have been married three times and it just keeps better and better, but I'm going to stop here.

~Robert Mankoff

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