



Controversy Sheet

The author of *“Success In The Arts: What It Takes to Make It in Creative Fields”*
takes on the Artsy world

“Artsy” folk say

- “Enough talent will overcome all obstacles”
- “You can’t learn talent, either you have it or you don’t.”
- “If you’re gifted, you don’t have to work at it”
- “Creativity means you can act any way you want”
- “Artistic people only work when they are inspired”
- “If you’re going to succeed, you can’t listen to criticism”
- “Creativity can’t be increased, you have it or you don’t.”
- “If you’re really talented, the world will find you.”
- “If you don’t make it, you just gave up.”

Michael Says

- “Talent is not enough, sometimes it’s not most important”
- “Talent is a learned skill, your talent grows with effort.”
- “Everybody has to work at their art, gifted or not”
- “Creativity is no license to be rude or difficult.”
- “That’s the theme song of the lazy and underachievers.”
- “You must listen to criticism to know where comes from.”
- “Many things can increase your creativity.”
- “Make your own opportunities, or no one will find you.”
- “There are many good reasons to change your goals.”

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