MICHEL GONDRY

Born in Versilles, France 1963

Mother played piano.
Father sold instruments.

Grandfather Contant Martin invented early form of synthisizer. Clavioline. (1943)

Dreams of being a painter or inventor.
Went to an Art school in Paris for Graphic Arts.
(1980's)

Le Voyage en Ballon was inspiration to his films and videos. (1960)

Worked for 2 years printing calendars.
Designed ad graphics and quit.
"After half an hour, I quit. It was just 10 a.m., so I went back to bed. I remember this feeling of freedom in my bed, after I decided that I would never take orders again."
(1988)

Found film through his room mate's vast collection and film equipment.
(1980's)

Drummer in the band Oui Oui.
Also made animation to their songs.
(early 1990's)

Bjork saw Michels videos he made for Oui Oui and wanted him to make her video "Human Behavior."
(1993)

Moved to LA (1990's)

Friend Spike Jonze introduced him to Charlie Kaufman. The made Michel's first feature film "Human Nature"
(2001)

After work relationship with Bjork, other bands such as, Beck, Foo Fighters, White Stripes, Daft Punk, and The Chemical Brothers, wanted to work with Michel. (Late 1990's)

Collaborated with Charlie Kaufman on Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind.
The movie became a popular independent film Michel and his co-writers won an Oscar.
(2004)

Wrote and directed
The Science of Sleep. (2006)

Wrote and Directed
Be Kind Rewind. (2008)

Directed The Green Hornet.
(2011)

Made by Liz Ostasiewski

Videos:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=II0er7TmkS8&feature=related ----Camera Trick
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VmNztYfInOA&feature=related ----Air France
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0S43IwBF0uM -----Chemical Brothers
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uj6G1C6c0uw -----Levi's Commerical

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