



On December 18, 2015, *Star Wars: The Force Awakens* will hit movie theaters—the most anticipated film of 2015 and the first new *Star Wars* film in more than a decade. Bring some of that excitement to your library with the new program, *George Lucas and the Creation of Star Wars*!

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Featuring lots of exciting, rare footage and flashy PowerPoint, *George Lucas and the Creation of Star Wars* chronologically traces the history of the original *Star Wars* trilogy—*A New Hope*, *The Empire Strikes Back* and *Return of the Jedi*—that writer/director George Lucas created between 1975 and 1983.

Designed for both casual and die-hard fans of all ages, this fast-paced, multimedia program explores Lucas' inspirations for the characters, stories and settings in the original trilogy, and follows the backstage drama behind all three films, from writing and casting the movies to their groundbreaking special effects and challenging productions (each movie was predicted to be a failure). Finally, the program examines the legacy of the *Star Wars* franchise today and its on-going impact on pop culture.

PRESENTER

A film historian and expert on *Star Wars*, author/speaker Clive Young appeared in the noted documentaries, *The People Vs. George Lucas* (2010) and *Jedi Junkies* (2010) discussing George Lucas, fandom culture and their relationship with each other. His second book, *Homemade Hollywood: Fans Behind The Camera* (Bloomsbury/Continuum), covers the cultural and technological impact of “fan films” from the 1920s to today, with a particular emphasis on *Star Wars*; an updated Portuguese language edition will be published by Marsupial Editora in 2015. Young has presented more than 150 programs about cinema, music and modern pop culture at libraries, universities and conventions across the United States.

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