

HOMEMADE HOLLYWOOD: The Rise of the Fan Film Phenomenon

The original fan film program, "May The Fan Film Be With You," was such a success that now there's a prequel which serves as an introduction to fan films, presenting independently made films that star some of the world's best-known characters, ranging from Harry Potter to Batman and others!

SUMMARY: *Homemade Hollywood: The Rise of the Fan Film Phenomenon* traces the history of "fan films," a new movement in today's pop culture. Regular people are making films based on their favorite movies, books, TV shows and even video games, using consumer video cameras and computers to create complex, unique films. Many fan films are now high-quality efforts, sometimes costing as much as \$30,000 to produce!

This program—a 'prequel' of sorts to the *May The Fan Film Be With You* program—introduces audiences to some of the best fan films around...movies featuring Batman, Harry Potter, Superman, *The Matrix*, Snoopy, Lara Croft of *Tomb Raider*, Darth Vader and more of the world's most famous characters.

Most of these films are quite rare and have not been seen anywhere except the internet, but this program will screen them the way they were meant to be seen, in full-quality video. Additionally, the program will discuss the history of the growing fan film movement and explore what compels these budding filmmakers to invest so much effort into their personal visions of these popular characters. All material screened will be appropriate for the whole family, but discussion will be aimed primarily at adults and young adults.



WHO: Clive Young has been interviewed by *The London Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *The Australian* and *Newsday* as an expert on fan films and their culture. Additionally, he is the author of the first book about them—*Homemade Hollywood: Fans Behind The Camera* (Continuum, 2008)—covering the history of fan films from the 1920s to today. Young formerly ran "Mos Eisley Multiplex," the first fan film website during the 1990s, which *USA Today* named a "Hot Site of the Day." He is Senior Editor of *Pro Sound News*, a top music industry trade magazine and is also the author of *Crank It Up*, a book which profiles more than 70 of the greatest rock concert 'roadies.' Additionally, he has written for MTV, VH1, *Gig*, *Goldmine*, *Music Business International*, *American Songwriter*, and other publications.

OTHER PROGRAMS:

May The Fan Film Be With You: This program on *Star Wars* fan films presents the most exciting—and often funniest—*Star Wars* fan films from around the world.

The History of Rock Concerts: This multimedia program has been presented at numerous libraries, offering an insider's view on how rock concerts evolved from Elvis gyrating on a stage in the 1950s to the high-tech spectacles that the U2, the Rolling Stones and Madonna present today.

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