

YIKES: THE HISTORY OF MOVIE STUNTS!

This is a fun, visual program that mixes some of the most exciting moments in cinema history with an educational primer on movie stunts, explaining how filmmakers have used technology and derring-do to thrill audiences with amazing action for over a century!

SUMMARY: *Yikes: The History of Movie Stunts* is a fast-paced sequel to my popular *Kaboom: The History of Special Effects* program, tracing the action-packed evolution of jaw-dropping stunt work in movies. From car chases, explosions and leaping off bridges, to sword fights, motorboat jumps and hanging from helicopters, Hollywood stuntmen and women willingly risk their lives daily to bring excitement to the silver screen.

Starting with seat-of-their-pants feats filmed in the early 1900s, the program follows a timeline of movie stunts throughout the ages, presenting some of the most spectacular acts ever put to celluloid while explaining the advancements in technology, training and safety that made them possible.

Amazing stories and profiles reveal how and why top stuntmen do what they do. Why is the divorce rate among them so high? What feats are they most afraid of? How do they focus when they know their next move could be their last? Illustrating the program are legendary stunts from throughout film history, from the work of pioneers like Harold Lloyd and the Keystone Kops, to clips from *The French Connection*, *The Bourne Identity*, *The Road Warrior*, *Smokey and the Bandit*, *Terminator II*, the *James Bond* series and more. Presented with plenty of “don’t try this at home” reminders, *Yikes* is a fascinating, exciting program for all ages.

MATERIALS: This program requires a DVD player and video projector. I supply the laptop computer for the PowerPoint segments.

WHO: Clive Young is the author of numerous books, including the recent *Homemade Hollywood: Fans Behind The Camera*, a look at the underground “Fan Film” movement. He is Senior Editor of *Pro Sound News* and founder of *FanCinemaToday.com*. He has given more than 90 film and music talks at libraries, colleges and events.

CLIVE YOUNG’S OTHER PROGRAMS:

Kaboom: The History of Special Effects: My most popular program, *Kaboom* traces movie special effects from the late 1800s to the wild computer-generated creations of today.

Homemade Hollywood: Regular people are making underground movies featuring Harry Potter, Batman, Darth Vader and others, creating a secret filmmaking movement!

May The Fan Film Be With You: Similar to *Homemade Hollywood*, this focuses solely on *Star Wars* fan films.

The History of Rock Concerts: Discover how concerts evolved from Elvis gyrating onstage to today’s multimedia spectacles.

Video Killed The Radio Star: Named for the first clip shown on MTV, this is the surprising history of the music video from the 1930s to today, showcasing the greatest songs, stars and directors.

Book Discussion: *Watchmen* by Alan Moore. Delve deep into the most famous graphic novel ever!

SOME OF THE GREAT MOVIES HIGHLIGHTED IN YIKES!



Won In The Clouds



Safety Last



James Bond



French Connection



Raiders of the Lost Ark

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