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Film Tutorials

Ever fancied making your own film, but didn't know where to start? For those signing-up to The Curzon's new film tutorials, this dream could at last become a reality.

Whether aged 16 or 60, this course of film tutorials is designed to provide practical expert advice of the processes involved, in not only putting a film together, but also encouraging those seeking to develop film making skills.

Over nine separate tutorials spanning April to July, the course will show students how to develop ideas, by Scripting, Story boarding, Camera techniques, Sound Recording, Editing - all the essential crafts that contribute creatively to a visual document.

Curzon Director Gareth Negus commented, "We are already working in partnership with The Barn in delivering a Young Person's Film Project, and we are delighted to be expanding our community activities through this new film tutorial course. We see it as an important way of developing our role in the local community through expanding people's appreciation of the arts and helping local budding film makers to develop their skills. There is no minimum entry level and students may have already shot some footage that they need help pulling into a finished film, or it could be some grand epic idea which may at last be brought to life. What is important is that applicants are able to demonstrate a drive and commitment to develop their skills or project."

The tutors on the course will consist of director/producers, cameramen, script writers, and film editors, all of whom are from the professional film business with very enviable and illustrious track records.

Curzon Trustee George Inger, a retired BBC Producer/Director who will be lead tutor and student mentor on the course, said "We are very privileged to have secured the services of a range of eminent experts in their field for this new course. The course tutors boast a wealth of experience and include specialists who have worked on natural history films such as The World About Us, Natural World, Life on Earth, The Living Planet and The Trials of Life, as well as dramas such as Casualty and Holby City. They are all looking forward to passing on the benefit of their considerable experience to local budding film makers."

The course, which is open to anyone over the age of 16, costs only £50 and, with places limited, is expected to be over-subscribed. Anyone interested in applying for the course can download full details and an application form from the Curzon web site at www.curzon.org.uk/tutorials. Alternatively, for an informal chat about what the course comprises, interested parties can call Brian Crewe on 01275 879009. The closing date for applications is 21 March 2008.

The Curzon Clevedon Community Centre for the Arts is a Registered Charity No 1058389
For all the latest film news visit www.curzon.org.uk

Notes to Editors:

1. *The Curzon is thought to be the oldest, purpose-built, continuously operated cinema in the world. We are committed to providing a high quality film experience and to be a thriving centre for cinema and the arts in our local community.*
2. *We have plans for a major restoration of this historic cinema, the first phase of which will be the restoration of the roof during 2009. The 'Raise the Roof' campaign is being supported by international stage and screen star, Alan Rickman.*

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