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**Modesto Junior College  
Honors the Work of  
George Lucas  
on the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of *Star Wars***

In the not too distant future, in a valley not so far away, the Modesto Junior College Television & Film Department – in association with the Division of Arts, Humanities & Communications – will pay tribute to Modesto native and MJC alumnus, George Lucas, on the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the release of his blockbuster film, *Star Wars*.

On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, creatures, rebels, Imperial Stormtroopers, droids, Jedi Knights, and other life-forms from across the galaxy will assemble in Modesto to celebrate the life and works of this legendary filmmaker and the epic film that changed everything.

This event will be a prelude to the grand opening of the college's new digital media and performing arts center, which will launch in the fall of 2008. The event will allow the college to showcase the media and performing arts accomplishments of current and former students. It will also coincide with the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the division's "Celebration of the Humanities" – the college's student fine-arts competition.



The day-long tribute event will include:

Multiple screenings of Lucas's student film, *Electronic Labyrinth THX 1138: 4EB*, and *Star Wars*, as well as other tributes to the films of George Lucas.

Educational presentations chronicling the life and work of Mr. Lucas.

Showings of the media work of other MJC alumni.

Photo opportunities with costumed members of the 501<sup>st</sup> Legion of Stormtroopers/Central California Garrison.

Seminars on film and video production.

Exhibits of *Star Wars* memorabilia and collectibles.

The shooting of a short film featuring *Star Wars* characters and crewed by MJC Television and Film students.

A *Star Wars* trivia contest featuring prizes from Galaxy Theatre.

A panel discussion with MJC alumni working in media about "Breaking into the Industry."

A *Star Wars* theme mashup event.

Sales of books, CDs, collectibles, and DVDs from Borders Books.

A chance to star in your own *Star Wars* scene through the magic of green screen.

A children's art corner and water gun play area.

And informational booths on all things Lucas.

Confirmed speakers will include:

Peter Krämer, a lecturer in Film Studies at the University of East Anglia, Great Britain, will speak about "The Course of Film History: *Star Wars*, Hollywood, and American Movie Audiences." He is the author of *The New Hollywood: From Bonnie and Clyde to Star Wars*.



Patti McCarthy, a Lucas scholar and fan, will present "The Force of Modesto." She wrote *The Lucas Effect: George Lucas and the New Hollywood* for her dissertation while attending University of Southern California. Dr. McCarthy currently teaches film and English courses at University of the Pacific, Stockton.

C. Andrew Nelson is an award-winning actor, artist, writer, consultant and motivational speaker. Andrew spent four years as a visual effects artist at Industrial Light & Magic. His credits at ILM include *Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace*, *Galaxy Quest*, *Adventures of Rocky & Bullwinkle*, *The Perfect Storm*, *Jurassic Park III*, and *Star Wars Episode II: Attack of the Clones*. Prior to joining ILM, Andrew spent nearly six years at LucasArts Entertainment Company where he served as a visual effects supervisor helping to create such popular games as *Dark Forces*, *Rebel Assault II*, *Jedi Knight*, and *Indiana Jones & the Infernal Machine*.

Reg Harris is the co-author of *The Hero's Journey: A Guide to Literature and Life* and the author and webmaster of *The Hero's Journey in Education*. Mr. Harris presents seminars and workshops on various aspects of Joseph Campbell's hero's journey, including its influence on *Star Wars*.

The free event will take place at the Mary Stuart Rogers Student Learning Center on the MJC west campus, 2201 Blue Gum Avenue. Festivities begin at 12PM with the first of three showings of the space saga, *Star Wars*. Doors open at 11:30AM. Seating at all screenings and presentations will be on a "first-come, first-served" basis. The final event of the evening will be the last showing of *Star Wars* at 8PM.

Event organizers are seeking donations of time, money, materials, and imagination to help underwrite this milestone event. Contributions will be used to help defray expenses and to help fund MJC Film & TV programs.

Join us as we celebrate the life and work of a true master of the universe; a visionary filmmaker who single-handedly changed the world of cinema.

If you've ever willingly suspended disbelief while adventuring in any of the worlds created by Mr. Lucas, you will enjoy this marvelous, magical day of celebration.



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