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Tom Savini, Legendary Special Make-Up Effects Artist, Actor and Director, Launches Digital Film Production Program

New program at Douglas Education Center

Monessen, PA—Douglas Education Center (DEC), a creative career school located just 30 miles south of Pittsburgh, is already home to Tom Savini’s monstrously successful Special Make-Up Effects Program, which began in 2000 and has graduated hundreds of students from all over the country. DEC offers many other programs besides make-up effects, including graphic design, illustration and fantasy art, cosmetology, and now winding down its first semester, Tom Savini’s Digital Film Production Program.

“Our film students have the opportunity to collaborate with all of these other programs on their productions,” said Savini. “They are surrounded by talented individuals, just like in a professional studio, from the very first day they step on campus.”

Each student entering the 16-month program receives a video camera and a laptop computer, fully equipped with editing software for all of his or her filmmaking needs. As part of the curriculum, they will work on real productions, alongside instructors culled from the entertainment industry, utilizing high definition cameras, professional lighting equipment and a newly constructed soundstage. Planned projects include music videos, trailers to present to the American Film Market, feature films, and even pilots for reality television shows.

Facilities include a soundstage with green screen, infinity wall, shop farm (with rooms for make-up, wardrobe and props), dressing rooms, administrative offices, lounges, a recording studio, editing suites and a 50 + seat theater for film classes and student film showcases.

“We’re doing everything we can to give the students an amazing portfolio ‘reel’ when they step into the real world,” said Savini. “And that’s what excites me. The possibilities are endless.”

For more information, or to apply to the program, visit the DEC Web site at www.dec.edu

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