



MEET ACADEMY AWARD NOMINEE, DON McALPINE, AT THE REAL FILM FESTIVAL

The Real Film Festival is honoured to have the internationally celebrated cinematographer, Don McAlpine, present a workshop and discussion at this year's event.

The workshop, Motion Pictures – The Progression of The Cinematographer, will explore how motion pictures have changed in Don's lifetime, how he has had to adapt to these changes and the effect this has had on him personally and professionally.

Don McAlpine has had an extraordinary career, having shot over 50 feature films, in diverse genres and styles. Don was awarded the Australian Centenary Medal in the 2001 Queen's New Year's Honours List for his service to Australian Society and Australian Film Production.

"The differences in the industry from my early days working in Australia, to my time in the Golden Age of Hollywood and now the digital era, are extraordinary" he said.

"The mystic around cinematography has diminished, the access to film and production techniques has increased and it's changed the way people look at filmmakers. People understand more now about how the industry works – you can even make films on iPhones these days. The opportunities are endless."

The workshop will give participants a look into Don's amazing life, as his career took him around the world.

"I've had a fantastic life and career, full of interest, challenges and opportunity. I'm very grateful so many people like what I do," Don said this week.

The workshop will also discuss career pathways for anyone wanting to work behind the camera and Don is keen to share his wealth of knowledge.

"This is my first time at the Festival; I'm looking forward to meeting so many young enthusiasts and sharing my stories with them. I started from nothing and became an international cinematographer... so by example, I'm proof anyone can do it if they have a go!" he said.

Don's workshop will be held at 2.00pm, Friday 26 October at the Film and Media School in Newcastle. There will be limited seating and bookings are essential. To book go to www.realfilmfestival.com.au

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