



MPS LIVE ACTION SHORT FILM DEPARTMENT FACT SHEET

The MPS Live Action Short Film Department is an intensive studio-based program that mirrors the real-life experience of a professional independent film production. Led by industry professionals and using the latest technology, the program provides the creative, critical and technical skills essential to the working filmmaker in today's marketplace.

The one-year, 36-credit degree is a rigorous and concentrated course of study designed to prepare students for all facets of the independent filmmaking process. Working with noteworthy writers, directors, producers, casting agents and editors, students in the MPS Live Action Short Film Department explore every aspect of short filmmaking, from the creation of a script to casting, budgeting, directing, filming, editing and marketing the final product. The program will culminate in a thesis-based short film festival at the SVA Theatre in New York City.

Enrollment begins in the fall of 2010.

Department chair

Bob Giraldi, producer and director

Faculty members

Patrick Burns, Jr., editor and director (Discovery Channel, Showtime, MTV, Time Warner); Susi Korda, director, writer and editor (*Mazel*, *Disturbing the Universe: Radical Lawyer William Kunstler*); Rachel Leventhal, executive producer, writer and creator (Mama Makes Movies, *Faux Baby*); Peter Repplier, assistant director, producer and director (*Tainted*, *Walls of Glass*); Amresh Sinha, filmmaker and contributor (*Subtitles: On the Foreignness of Film*, *Film-Philosophy* and *Colloquy: Text, Theory, Critique*); Alex Tanaka, screenwriter (*5G*, *The Sitter*, *Walorsky*)

Some notable guest lecturers

Frederick Kaufman, author and contributor (*A Short History of the American Stomach*, *Harper's Magazine*); Doug LeClaire, director (Asbury Shorts NYC); David Nugent, director of programming and programming consultant (Newport International Film Festival, Hamptons International Film Festival); Rajendra Roy, curator (Department of Film, The Museum of Modern Art)

Student exhibitions

There will be a screening of thesis films at SVA Theatre in New York City.

For further information, please visit our Web site at www.sva.edu and the department page at <http://mpsfilm.sva.edu>.