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Young Chicago Critics Get the Inside Scoop from Michael Phillips and John Petrakis!

Facets' Young Chicago Critics program will welcome guest film critic John Petrakis, Thursday, June 26 and Michael Phillips, head film critic for the *Chicago Tribune* and regular contributor on the *Ebert & Roeper* television show, Friday, June 27.

Petrakis and Phillips will share their experience of being a professional movie critic with nearly 150 aspiring filmmakers ages 7-14. Young Chicago Critics takes place at Facets Multi-Media, 1517 W. Fullerton Ave., In Chicago.

Before these visits from professional critics, the YCC participants have spent the past six days critiquing films from around the world, and creating their own short live-action movies. Says Petrakis, "Children are never too young to appreciate good movies."

Phillips' talk precedes the "final exam" for YCC in which young critics review a foreign feature film. "Hearing from real critics gives kids that final inspiration to keep thinking about what they're watching, using their critical thinking skills long after the program is over," says Operations Manager, Kathleen Beckman.

From June 18 to June 27 and again from July 7-16, Facets hosts the annual Young Chicago Critics program for 150 children, ages 7-14. This unique camp teaches children the basics of film theory and production training while honing their critical skills through written and verbal exercises. The program is supported by a strong curriculum, helping children to discover new ways to examine the media images they will confront on a daily basis throughout their lives.

Session 2 of Young Chicago Critics begins July 7 for kids ages 11-14. Spaces are still available to enroll in Session 2!

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