

SCANNING THE MOVIES

SCANNING THE MOVIES, a half hour television program, began broadcasting on Bravo! across Canada in September 1997. SCANNING THE MOVIES is for anyone with an interest in the movies. It is of special interest to movie buffs as well as to those who teach or study the movies. Movies are a powerful marriage of image and sound, an exciting yet complex means of affecting how we feel and even how we think. While many of us understand something about the books we read or the music we hear, we don't necessarily understand as much about the movies we see.

Think of this show as a way to "read" movies, to discover how they work and how they communicate through the magic of story-telling on the big screen. SCANNING THE MOVIES is about giving audiences new ways of looking. It's about discovery, appreciation, and critical understanding of movies.

Each episode of SCANNING THE MOVIES features selected clips from the movie as well as interviews with those who made the movie - directors, actors and writers. The idea is to look at the movie and the themes it explores from a media literacy point of view.

Produced by Clare Productions for Bravo! NewStyleArtsChannel, in association with Warner Bros. Entertainment (Canada) Inc., SCANNING THE MOVIES is prepared and hosted by noted author and media specialist, John Pungente, SJ. He is the former chair of the Manitoba Film Classification Board, President of the Canadian Association of Media Education Organizations (CAMEO) and Executive Director of the Jesuit Communication Project. SCANNING THE MOVIES is available for teachers to tape off air, commercial free and copyright cleared courtesy of Cable in the Classroom. A complete study guide for each movie, written by award winning media educator Neil Andersen is available on the Internet - www.chumlimited.com/mediaed

The series is both a critical and popular success. The Toronto *Globe and Mail* wrote that "Pungente's deconstruction of popular movies makes for enlightening and compelling viewing." The Toronto Star called the show "TV's best-kept secret." The show has won a number of international awards.

2003: Scanning the Movies: Matrix Reloaded wins Silver Chris (best in category) at 51st Annual Columbus International Film and Video Festival and is chosen to be shown at the Festival.

2003: Scanning the Movies: Matrix Reloaded wins Gold at Intecom, Chicago International Film Festival

2003: Scanning the Movies: Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets wins Special Jury Award (Best in Show) at Houston World Festival

1999: Scanning the Movies: Wizard of Oz wins Silver Medal (Education) at 32nd Annual International Film and Video Festival, Chicago, Illinois.

1998: Scanning the Movies: LA Confidential wins Gold Medal (Education) at 41st Annual New York International Festivals of Non-Broadcast Media, presented in New York, January 1999.