



MASTERCLASS

RON HOWARD

TEACHES DIRECTING



INTRODUCTION

ABOUT THIS WORKBOOK

The MasterClass team has created this workbook as a supplement to Ron's class. Chapters are supported with a review, opportunities to learn more, and assignments. We recommend dedicating a notebook to your course work.

MASTERCLASS COMMUNITY

Throughout, we'll encourage you to discuss elements of the class and share work with your classmates in [The Hub](#). You can also connect with your peers in the discussion section beneath each lesson video.

ABOUT RON HOWARD

Ron Howard is a legend on both sides of the camera. As a child, his portrayal of Opie in *The Andy Griffith Show* and Richie Cunningham in *Happy Days* launched him into every living room in America. After leaving acting to direct, Ron developed an extensive directorial résumé which includes *Cocoon*, *Splash*, *Parenthood*, *Apollo 13*, *A Beautiful Mind*, *Frost/Nixon*, *Solo: A Star Wars Story*, and the beloved TV series *Arrested Development*. In addition to being a box office blockbuster, he is a two-time Academy Award-winning director.

"I have endeavored my whole life, to try to demystify the process of directing. If you start to look at it piece by piece, scene by scene, sequence by sequence... it is a lot less mysterious. Because these stories, they are mosaics. And the more you understand that, the more exciting it is."

SUGGESTED VIEWING

- *Splash*. Directed by Ron Howard. Performed by Tom Hanks and Daryl Hannah. USA: Touchstone Home Entertainment, 1984. DVD.
- *Apollo 13*. Directed by Ron Howard. Performed by Tom Hanks and Ed Harris. USA: Universal Studios Home Entertainment, 1995. DVD.
- *A Beautiful Mind*. Directed by Ron Howard. Performed by Russell Crowe and Jennifer Connelly. USA: Universal Studios Home Entertainment, 2006. DVD.
- *Cinderella Man*. Directed by Ron Howard. Performed by Russell Crowe and Renée Zellweger. USA: NBC Universal, 2005. DVD.
- *Frost/Nixon*. Directed by Ron Howard. Performed by Michael Sheen and Frank Langella. USA: NBC Universal, 2008. DVD.
- *Rush*. Directed by Ron Howard. Performed by Chris Hemsworth and Daniel Brühl. USA: Universal Pictures, 2013. DVD.
- *Parenthood*. Directed by Ron Howard. Performed by Steve Martin, Dianne Wiest, and Dennis Dugan. USA: Universal Studios Home Entertainment, 1989. DVD.
- *La La Land*. Directed by Damien Chazelle. Performed by Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone. USA: Lionsgate, 2017. DVD.
- *Star Wars: Episode IV - A New Hope*. Directed by George Lucas. Performed by Mark Hamill and Harrison Ford. USA: 20th Century Fox Film Corporation, 2006. DVD.
- *The Rolling Stones: Gimme Shelter (The Criterion Collection)*. Directed by Albert Maysles, David Maysles, and Charlotte Zwerin. Performed by Mick Jagger, Keith Richards (II), Mick Taylor, and Ike Turner. USA: Criterion, 2000. DVD.

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- Seger, Linda. *Making a Good Script Great*. 3rd ed. Los Angeles, CA: Silman-James Press, 2010.
- Field, Syd. *Screenplay: The Foundations of Screenwriting*. New York, NY: Delta Trade Paperbacks, 2005.
- McKee, Robert. *Story: Substance, Structure, Style, and the Principles of Screenwriting*. New York, NY: Penguin Random House, 2005.
- Mackendrick, Alexander. *On Film-making: An Introduction to the Craft of the Director*. Edited by Paul Cronin. 2nd ed. New York, NY: Faber and Faber, 2005.
- Campbell, Joseph. *The Hero with a Thousand Faces*. 3rd ed. San Francisco, CA: New World Library, 2008.

