

## ***Film Director Research Project***

The purpose of this assignment is to acquaint you with several different famous directors, designers or innovators in the world of film - not touched on or covered in class. To achieve this, each student will select a person from the list below, study the details of their life and career highlighting any awards or accomplishments, and present no less than a 5minute video, explaining their background, achievements, impact on film, and innovations. All visual aids will be counted as part of your time. The final video assignment is worth 100 points. There will also be points given along the way for research and other things associated with the project.

Some famous cinematic artists are: this is by no means a complete list! (Ask me about artists not listed.) No two people can have the same director.

### ***Directors – critically acclaimed films***

- Francis Ford Coppola (The Godfather)
- Martin Scorsese (Goodfellas, Taxi Driver, The Departed)
- Clint Eastwood (as Director – Million Dollar Baby, Unforgiven, Mystic River)
- Christopher Nolan (Interstellar, Batman trilogy)
- Ridley Scott (Mad Max, Thelma and Louise, Blade Runner)
- James Cameron (Terminator, Titanic, Aliens, Avatar)
- Quentin Tarantino (Pulp Fiction, Reservoir Dogs)
- Sergio Leone (The Good, the Bad and the Ugly)
- Peter Jackson (Lord of the Rings trilogy, District 9)
- David Fincher (Fight Club)
- Joel and Ethan Coen (Fargo, No Country for Old Men)
- J.J. Abrams (Star Wars VII, Star Trek)
- Guillermo Del Toro (Pan's Labyrinth)
- Robert Zemeckis (Back to the Future, Who Framed Roger Rabbit?)
- Tim Burton (Edward Scissor Hands, Beetlejuice)
- Brian DePalma (Scarface)
- M. Night Shyamalan (The Sixth Sense)
- Woody Allen (Annie Hall, Manhattan)
- Spike Lee (Do the Right Thing, Malcolm X))
- Ava DuVernay (Selma)
- Roman Polanski (Rosemary's Baby)
- Frank Capra (It's a Wonderful Life)
- Nora Ephron (When Harry met Sally, Sleepless in Seattle)
- Kathryn Bigelow (The Hurt Locker)
- John Huston (Prizzi's Honor, The Maltese Falcon)
- Mike Nichols (The Graduate, Silkwood)
- Jane Campion (The Piano)
- Terrance Malik (Days of Heaven, the Thin Red Line)
- Robert Altman (Nashville, MASH)
- Antoine Fuqua (Training Day)
- Sophia Coppola (Lost in Translation, Marie Antoinette)
- Michael Curtiz (Casablanca)
- John Singleton (Boyz in the Hood)
- Joseph L. Mankiewicz (All About Eve)
- Nancy Meyers (Something's Gotta Give)
- Arthur Penn (Bonnie and Clyde)
- Claire Denis (Chocolat)
- Oliver Stone (JFK, Platoon)
- Mel Brooks (Blazing Saddles, Young Frankenstein)
- Penny Marshall (Big, League of their Own)
- Sam Raimi (Evil Dead, Spiderman)
- Barbra Streisand (Yentl, the Prince of Tides)
- Guy Ritchie (Snatch, Lock Stock and Two Smoking Barrels)