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Steven Soderbergh to run seminar and masterclass for the Australian Directors Guild

Leading American filmmaker Steven Soderbergh will present a one-off seminar and masterclass on film direction in Sydney on Saturday November 21.

Presented by the Australian Directors Guild and visual effects company Animal Logic, the event is being staged while Mr Soderbergh is in Australia directing *Tot Mom* for the Sydney Theatre Company.

The seminar and masterclass are sponsored by the Australian Film Television and Radio School, which is providing facilities for the event.

Steven Soderbergh is a producer, screenwriter, cinematographer, editor and Academy Award winning director (for *Traffic*). His films include *sex, lies and videotape*, *Erin Brockovich*, *Ocean's Eleven* and *The Informant*. His films *The Girlfriend Experience* and *Che* are in cinemas now.

His morning seminar will be a theatre-style presentation with a Q&A and is open to the public. During the afternoon, 12 selected directors will participate in a practical masterclass exploring directing actors/action, shooting and editing. The masterclass is aimed at mid-career directors, but those at all levels may apply.

Two scholarship places are being made available in the masterclass for low-income filmmakers living outside major capital cities.

To attend the seminar or masterclass, send an email to rsvp@adg.org.au with the email subject heading "Soderbergh Seminar" or "Soderbergh Masterclass". Masterclass applicants should send their cv with a one page statement outlining what they would gain from the workshop, how it could support their career development and note if they have an upcoming project that may be assisted by this opportunity. They should also state if they would like a seminar spot if they are unsuccessful in your masterclass application. Further information is available at www.adg.org.au

Those successful in gaining a place will be contacted with payment details. The booking fee for the seminar is \$60 and – on application only - \$600 for the masterclass, with discounts for ADG members.

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