Today there is no denying that narrative films are not only 'art'—not often good art, to be sure, but this applies to other media as well—but also, besides architecture, cartooning, and 'commercial design,' the only visual art entirely alive. The 'movies' have reestablished that dynamic contact between art production and art consumption which, for reasons too complex to be considered here, is sorely attenuated, if not entirely interrupted, in many other fields of artistic endeavor. Whether we like it or not, it is the movies that mold, more than any other single force, the opinions, the taste, the language, the dress, the behavior, and even the physical appearance of a public comprising more than 60 percent of the population of the earth. If all the serious lyrical poets, composers, painters, and sculptors were forced by law to stop their activities, a rather small fraction of the general public would become aware of the fact and a still smaller fraction would seriously regret it. If the same thing were to happen with the movies the social consequences would be catastrophic.

Erwin Panofsky

Moving Pictures is open to high school students of special promise and ability who will be entering grades 10, 11, or 12 next fall or who will have just graduated from high school this spring. Students admitted to the program must have at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average on a 4-point scale or its equivalent. Tuition is $650. Scholarships are available, but only for students demonstrating true financial need. Admissions are determined on a need-blind basis. No student will be prevented from participating in the program because of inability to pay tuition.

Classes are held at the University of Houston Central Campus, Monday – Friday, except 4 July. This program is meant to be enjoyable, but it is also challenging and requires focused effort and commitment.

To apply, fill out the student section of this form and then have a teacher or counselor who knows you well complete the recommendation section. Your teacher or counselor should then mail the completed form along with an official transcript reflecting your grades and PSAT scores plus any additional documentation required for scholarship consideration to:

Wonderworks
PO Box 667550
Houston, TX 77266-7550

To ensure full consideration, applications must be received by 2 May; early applications are encouraged.

All applicants will be notified by 23 May; early applicants will be notified sooner. Late applications will be considered only if space remains available. If you have questions or need additional information, e-mail info@wonderworkshouston.org or call 713.301.4882.

Agnes Varda (third from left) directing the filming of Cléo de 5 à 7
General information

To be completed by the student:
Which program are you applying for? (circle one)
○ Reduced-cost lunch at school?

○ Design: Architecture
○ Moving Pictures: Film
○ Closer Lookers: Art
○ Good Vibrations: Music
○ Story Lines: Literature
○ Stranger than Fiction: Literature

1. If yes (and you do not receive a free or reduced-cost lunch), please attach a copy of the enrollment certificate.

If the answer to either question above is yes, you qualify for a tuition waiver, and need not provide family income information below.

If you answer to both questions is no, but your family cannot afford the tuition, please provide the following information:
My family's TOTAL INCOME for 2015 (or 2014 if the 2015 return has not been filed—circle one) was:

○ As documentation, you MUST attach a copy of the first page of Form 1040EZ or the first two pages of Form 1040 or 1040A. If parents are divorced, both must provide income documentation.

2. For all tuition waiver applicants:
I affirm that the information provided above is true and correct and that this is a full disclosure of our family's financial circumstances and also that we truly need assistance.

signature of parent or guardian

3. Academic profile
To be filled out by a teacher who knows you well and/or a counselor. Your teacher or counselor should then mail this application, along with an official transcript and unofficial copies of PSAT score reports plus any supporting documentation for financial aid, directly to:

Wonderworks, P.O. Box 667550
Houston, Texas 77266-7550

Your application cannot be processed without an official transcript and PSAT scores.
Cumulative grade point average:
○ Top 5 percent
○ Top 25 percent

Class ranking (approximate):
○ Top 10 percent
○ Other (explain)

Grade you will enter next fall (10, 11, 12, college)

PSAT scores
Critical Reading
Mathematics
Writing

Month and year taken

Please provide a copy of official score report.

How to Apply

Admission is competitive – Wonderworks requires at least a 3.0 cumulative grade-point average plus a high level of achievement in relevant core subjects and PSAT scores consistent with the College Board benchmark criteria for college readiness in order to consider an application. Enrollment is limited to students who will be entering grades 10, 11, or 12 next fall or who will have just graduated from high school this spring.

All admissions decisions are made on a need-blind basis – we do not take into account whether you can or cannot afford the tuition, we're just looking for the very best students, period. Tuition waivers are made available to all qualified students who demonstrate financial need according to criteria specified in the financial aid section of the application form. To sustain this policy, no other financial aid is offered apart from need-based tuition waivers. If you truly need a tuition waiver, ask for it and show us why. If you truly need assistance, don't ask for it – we need to save it for those who do.

4. Financial information
As a rule of thumb, if you receive a federally-funded free or reduced-cost lunch at school and/or are enrolled in the state Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), you automatically qualify for a tuition waiver, subject to verification.

If the answer to both questions is no, but you qualify for a tuition waiver, and need not provide family income information below.

For full consideration, applications must be received by 2 May 2016; all applicants will be notified of acceptance by 23 May. Late applications will be considered only if space remains available. Early applications are encouraged and will receive early decisions. If you have further questions, please e-mail info@wonderworkshouston.org or call 713-301-4882.

Applications due no later than 2 May 2016. Early decisions for early applications!