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## The Total Picture Seminar

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**The Total Picture Seminar**, a California LLC, was formed by [Actor Martin Landau](#), [Director Mark Rydell](#), and [Screenwriter/Playwright Lyle Kessler](#). The purpose is to educate [Actors](#), [Writers](#), and [Directors](#) in the aspects of [filmmaking](#). [Martin Landau](#), [Mark Rydell](#), and [Lyle Kessler](#) have worked together for many decades at [The Actors Studio](#). They each bring industry experience, prestige, personal success, and a lifetime of teaching experience to this endeavor. The Seminar producer is [Jeffrey A. DeCola](#).

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Writers submit five minute scenes directed and staged for the camera by [Mark Rydell](#) working with a [cinematographer](#). Actors are cast from the audience and coached by [Martin Landau](#). The scene content is analyzed and discussed by [Lyle Kessler](#). Clips from motion pictures that Landau, Rydell, and Kessler have been involved with are analyzed for acting, directing, and writing content.

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