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Collaboration key in UCLA course

Martin Landau, Mark Rydell, Lyle Kessler to conduct seminar

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Actor Martin Landau, director Mark Rydell and playwright/screenwriter Lyle Kessler will conduct the Total Picture Seminar, an immersion course in the inter-relationship of film writing, acting and directing, Nov. 14-15 at UCLA.

Rydell and Landau have been directors of Actors Studio West since the late '60; Kessler, also prominent in the Actors Studio program, has been director of the Sundance Screenwriters Lab.

"While there are ample instructions in the skills of each discipline, no one has taught the even more complex ways in which actors, writers and directors can collaborate on the most artistically rewarding level," Rydell said.

The program will be "as interactive as is the process of film production," Landau added, with full participation by writer-students in the creation and filming of a series of five-minute, two-character plays to be filmed by one of the industry's top cinematographers.

Professionals and students in each of the crafts can apply at thetotalpictureseminar.com for a \$250 fee.

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