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Roeper to host 'Starz Inside'

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Sun-Times columnist and "Ebert & Roeper" co-host Richard Roeper has taken on another assignment. He will be the host of "Starz Inside," a new monthly series of original movie-related specials on the Starz cable channel beginning in September.

Starz launches the series Sept. 24 with "Fog City Mavericks: The Filmmakers of San Francisco," a look at the legendary filmmakers who call the San Francisco Bay Area home, including George Lucas, Francis Ford Coppola, Clint Eastwood, Chris Columbus and producer Saul Zaentz.

Next up on Oct. 26 is the original special "Bloodsucking Cinema," an exploration of vampire movies through the years, including Coppola's "Dracula," "Interview with the Vampire," "The Lost Boys," "Blade," "Van Helsing" and "Underworld."

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"Starz Inside" will have the Sun-Times' Richard Roeper as its host.

"Hollywood Goes Gaming," bowing Nov. 26, analyzes the rise of video games being transformed into films and vice-versa. Films and games explored include "300," "Resident Evil," "Lara Croft: Tomb Raider," "Surf's Up" and others.

"Anime: Drawing a Revolution," premiering Dec. 17, celebrates the genre's pioneers and creators, but also anime's influence on the world in general and leading Hollywood filmmakers. Films discussed include "Spirited Away," "Ghost in the Shell," "Princess Mononoke," "Akira,"

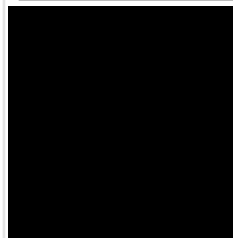
"The Matrix" series, "Transformers" and others.

The series continues in 2008, with six additional specials to be announced at a later date.

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