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Young Women's Summer Workshop at SFCC, June 21-25

Santa Fe, NM, April 22, 2009 — Santa Fe Community College's "Girls Make Media" workshop returns this summer to help young women ages 14 to 25 find their voice through film, video and alternative media. Now in its third year, the intensive runs June 21-25 on the SFCC campus, 6401 Richards Ave.

During the weeklong workshop, students learn basic concepts of writing, producing, acting, editing, sound, cinematography, animation, documentary and experimental filmmaking in hands-on workshops. "The object of the program is to give young women the tools to create media," said SFCC film instructor Monique Anair. "Classes are designed for these young students not only to help them understand the stereotypes perpetrated in media but to also get their hands on the tools to empower their own voices, to tell their own stories."

Over the past two years, the SFCC Film Program has incorporated more women-focused classes into its curriculum. "There is a large gender gap in Hollywood," said Anair, who is currently working on plans to develop additional film courses in the history of women's cinema, as well the creation of a Women's Media certificate. This spring, the program formed "Women Make Media," a sister workshop designed for women 20 and older. "Less than 10 percent of directors working in Hollywood are female. There is a need for women's stories to be told."

Tuition for "Girls Make Media" is \$160 for students who qualify for in-state/in-district tuition. Registration ends June 1. The class is also offered as dual credit for all local high school students who qualify.

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