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Bang Bang Club Actors Train at Market Photo Workshop

The Market Photo Workshop recently hosted five cast members from the forthcoming feature film *The Bang Bang Club*. The actors, who are in Johannesburg for the film shoot, attended a specialised training workshop in the technical aspects of photography and photojournalism. The training session was convened by the Head of the Market Photo Workshop, John Fleetwood.

Based on the book by Joao Silva and Greg Marinovich, *The Bang Bang*

Club follows four of South Africa's most well-known photojournalists in the period running up to the country's first democratic elections.

Ryan Phillippe and Taylor Kitsch (who play Greg Marinovich and Kevin Carter) are joined by South African counterparts Neels van Jaarsveld (Joao Silva) and Frank Rautenbach (Ken Oosterbroek). Malin Akerman is cast as Robin Comley, then Picture Editor of *The Star* newspaper. The film is being directed by local documentary

producer Steven Silver.

The Market Photo Workshop was established in 1989, and is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. Having trained many of the photojournalists and social documentary photographers who covered South Africa's transition to democracy, the Market Photo Workshop is now nurturing a new breed of young, aspiring and socially-engaged photographers.

The film is due for release in 2010.

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