



Dear member of the Official *Star Wars* Fan Club:

*"Begun, this Clone War has!"*

As a *Star Wars* fan, you've always known that there was a Clone War. But it's taken me years to bring my original vision to the screen. Thanks to innovations in digital art and technology, I've finally been able to show audiences that anything that can be imagined can now be seen.

The ability to seamlessly integrate live and digital action was a huge breakthrough. That, combined with advances in pre-visualization and the equipment to make and project an entire movie digitally, finally gave me the tools to tell my story.

Similar tools, on a smaller scale, are enabling thousands of young moviemakers to tell their own stories and, using the Internet, distribute them to literally millions of potential viewers. Out of the current crop of young moviemakers will likely come some of tomorrow's best writers, producers and directors.

I was particularly happy that we sponsored a Fan Films Awards contest that culminated in 10 fan filmmakers getting trophies at *Star Wars* Celebration II. The fact that the *Star Wars* saga has spurred and inspired such fan creativity over the last quarter century is one of its hallmarks.

It is gratifying to see your passion for the movies, whether by making a short film, attending the fan convention in Indianapolis (27,000 of you!), or becoming a member of the Official *Star Wars* Fan Club. Thanks to you, the nearly worldwide simultaneous release of *Attack of the Clones* was a big success.

Work on Episode III is well underway and on track. You know where the movie is headed, but I promise that there will be some surprises along the way. And when it is done, you will finally know the full story of the Skywalker family.

As a member of the Official *Star Wars* Fan Club, you are part of a community of fans that has been central to the legacy of *Star Wars*. You are key to our success and an inspiration as well. I thank you for your support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "George Lucas".

George Lucas