



XMA World Headquarters

The Revolution Continues!

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XMA—Xtreme Martial Arts—was created by actor, stuntman, retired seven-time World Forms and Weapons Champion, and Black

Belt Hall of Fame member Michael Chaturantabut, or Mike Chat, as he is popularly known. Mike is renowned for introducing

Xtreme competition categories into international tournament competition and is responsible for ESPN2's coverage of the XMA events that occur at the US OPEN/ISKA World Championships each year. Along with Base Productions, Chat and his student, Matt Mullins of Sideswipe, starred in the Discovery Channel's XMA—*Extreme Martial Arts* documentary, which was stunt coordinated by the legendary James Lew. The documentary has aired in over 170 countries worldwide.

A performance-based program, XMA is a fusion of all martial arts styles, acrobatics, gymnastics and the performance arts. The XMA Performance Training Program was launched four years ago in association with the Martial Arts Industry Association (MAIA) and Century Martial Arts, the world's leader in martial arts equipment manufacturing and supply. XMA is now practiced all over the world, with over 600 licensed facilities offering XMA Performance Training classes.

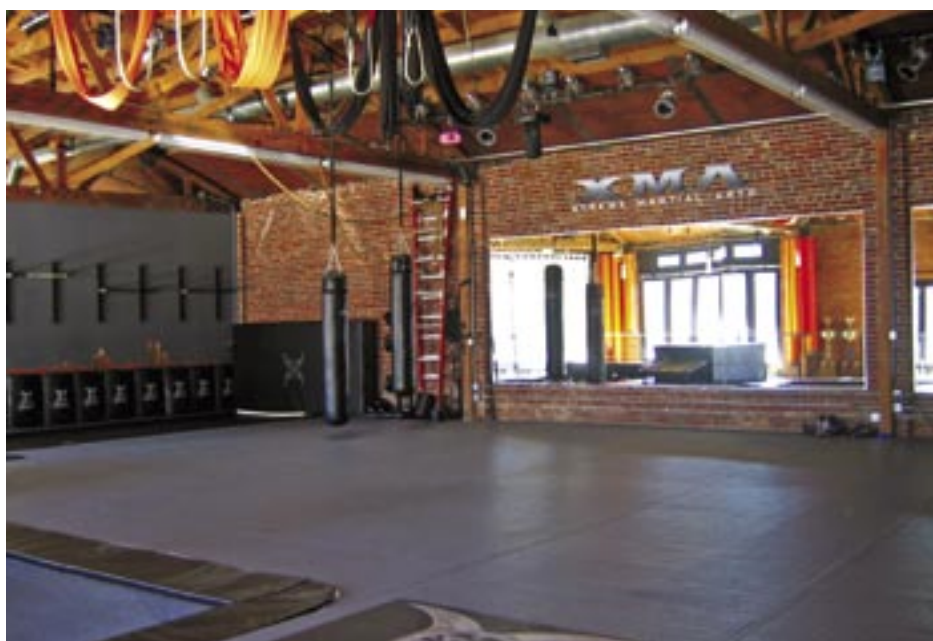
In October of 2007, Chat fulfilled his long-time dream of studio ownership. Chat explains, "We wanted to design the ultimate training facility, which would create a dynamic environment for aspiring and seasoned industry professionals to train, network and be inspired." After one-and-a-half years of searching for the perfect location, nine months spent in gaining permits and building out the structure, Chat and his wife, McKenzie, recently announced the grand opening of their state-of-the-art, one-of-a-kind training facility, the XMA World Headquarters, located in the heart of the NoHo Arts District in North Hollywood, California.

The XMA World Headquarters is the flagship training facility for XMA and was designed to accommodate beginning students, elite-level competitors and professionals in the stunt, acrobatic, gymnastic, dance, circus and martial arts industries. The XMA HQ staff includes world champion martial artists, stunt industry professionals, Capoeira Brasil instructors, and Cirque du Soleil and Ringling Bros. acrobats. Classes at the XMA HQ include XMA, capoeira, stunts, trampoline, acrobatics and circus arts by Focus Fish.



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The 5,100-square-foot XMA World Headquarters is complete with an Olympic Stratum fiberglass spring floor, twenty-foot tumble track, foam pit, Eurobed competition trampoline, Swain-Dollamur flooring and is rigged for Hong Kong-style wire work. Members also enjoy a VIP lounge, locker rooms, theatrical sound and lighting for performances, a homework counter/workstation, iMac editing stations loaded with Final Cut and the entire facility has free Wi-Fi. Members can shoot their own videos, load them into Final Cut, edit them and send them off to casting directors, producers and stunt coordinators for auditions and industry work. The XMA HQ is also available for facility

rental for rehearsals and production needs. The XMA HQ also has a relationship with 87Eleven (David Leitch, Chad Stahelski and Damon Caro) to provide XMA training and facilities to stunt industry professionals looking to enhance their martial arts fight choreography skills. Mike Chat has trained the stunt doubles for Keanu Reeves, Brad Pitt, Matt Damon and George Clooney, and has worked with Hong Kong action stars Sammo Hung, Jackie Chan and the renowned Alpha Stunt

Team. Chat is also responsible for training over fifty World Forms and Weapons champions and is one of the industry's leaders in developing martial arts talent for the entertainment industry. Chat's students and XMA Performance Team members have starred in films such as *The Adventures of Shark Boy and Lava Girl* and Jackie Chan's *House of Fury* and *Rob-B-Hood*, to name a few. For more information or to take a "test drive" at the new XMA World Headquarters, you can contact them via telephone at 818-980-2962 or via e-mail at info@xmahq.com. You can also check out their Website at www.xmahq.com and view videos on YouTube by searching for XMAHQ.