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NIKE "EVOLUTION" TVC :30 (Director's Cut)









Agency: WIEDEN+KENNEDY USA

Director: NEILL BLOMKAMP

Production/animation/VFX THE EMBASSY

www.theembassyvfx.com

Building on the success of "Crab", their previous Nike assignment, Vancouver-based director Neill Blomkamp and The Embassy crew unwrap the ancestral lineage of Nike's Air Zoom Huarache 2K4 trainer via some technically grueling CG masquerading as stop motion. BTW, this is the director's cut.

For The Embassy

Lead animator: Neill Blomkamp Animation Super: Trevor Cawood Animators: Winston Helgason, Simon van de Lagemaat Compositor: Stephen Pepper

Toolkit

LightWave, Shake, Photoshop

For Wieden+Kennedy

AD: Brad Trost Copy: Jason Bagley EP: Ben Grylewicz Producer: Jennifer Fiske





VISA "MONSTER CHASE" Cinema Commercial 2:00

Agency: CLEMENGER BBDO, SYDNEY

Director: BRUCE HUNT

Production: @RADICAL MEDIA

VFX: ANIMAL LOGIC

www.animallogic.com

This two minute theatrical version of a campaign that includes :60, :30, :20, and :15 versions for TV, counts 108 scenes of feature-scale VFX. "The idea," says director Bruce Hunt, "Is to hit the cinema audience between the eyes."

The four-day shoot found Hunt and Animal Logic's on-set crew toughing it out in Prague's opulent 18th century Strahov Library with supermodel Sofia Vergera playing the lead. Nine time zones away in Sydney the VFX team of 19 labored for 16 weeks to bring AL's sixth Lara Croft spot to completion.



For Clemenger BBDO

CD: Danny Searle Copy: Jeremy Southern AD: Rohan Young Producer: Paul Johnston

For @radical media

Producer: Julianne Shelton

For Animal Logic

EP: Jacqui Newman
Line producer: Sarah Hiddlestone
VFX super: Simon Whiteley
3D team leader:
Luke Hetherington
Lead compositor: Hugh Seville

Toolkit

Maya, MayaMan, RenderMan, Fusion, Flame, PC's







For Modernista!

ECDs: Gary Koepke, Lance Jensen CDs: Will Urions, Shane Hutton EP: Charles Wolford

Toolkit

Softimage XSI, Electric Image, After Effects, Photoshop, Final Cut

HUMMER "EVOLUTION" TVC :30

Agency: MODERNISTA!

Directors: BORIS NAWARTIL, DAVID NORD

Design/animation/post: FILMTECKNARNA

www.filmtecknarna.com

FilmTecknama was founded in 1981 but hit North American airwaves hard in the summer of 2004 with an impossible-to-ignore frenzy of kaleidoscopic collisions for the new Hummer H2. The animation, graphic work and post was done in FT's Stockholm studio.

For FilmTeknarna/ Curious Pictures

EPs: David Starr, Meredith Brown Producers: Susanne Granlöf, Sherri Leavy Prod. manager: Sophie Lindgren Editor: Johan Irebough Comp supers: Stefan Ljungberg, Aron Hagerman 3D modeling super: Johan Irebough

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NIKE - ART OF SPEED "LES JUMELLES" Branded content 2:05

Director: JOSEPH KOSINSKI Animation/VFX: KDLAB WWW KDI AR NET

In 2004 Joseph Kosinski was a relatively unknown director and partner in NY studio KDLAB. The unhkown part changed significantly with this piece which brings Einstein, tightly clad models and magical red footwear together in a to-die-for French chateau where an athlete learns. first hand the perils of going for your morning run at the speed of light. According to Albert's theory of special relativity, as a person approaches the speed of light time appears to accelerate around them - a phenomena known as time dilation. Short story shorter, when she gets back from her half hour jaunt six months have passed at home.

Check the Behind the Scenes feature on the DVD for on-set photos and storyboards.

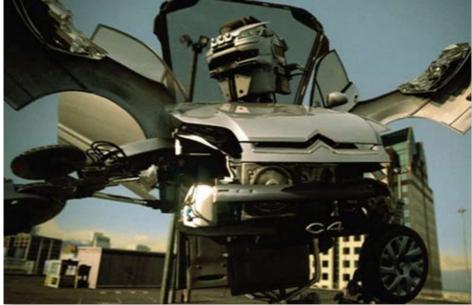


For KDLAB

Producers: Dean Di Simone, Joseph Kosinski EP: Chris Buckley Design/animation: Joseph Kosinski Motion graphics/titles: Dean Di Simone Modeling: Oliver Zeller Music/sound design: TRS-80

Toolkit

3DS Max, mental ray, After Effects, Premiere, BOXX workstations/render servers



For The Embassy

VFX: Neill Blomkamp
VFX super: Trevor Cawood
VFX producer: Winston Helgason
Lead animator:
Simon van de Lagemaat
Lead modeler: Paul Davies
Modeler: Ali Maleka
Compositiors: Stephen Pepper,
Jon Anastasiades



CITROEN C4 "TRANSFORM" TVC :30

Agency: EURO RSCG LONDON

Director: NEILL BLOMKAMP

Production: SPY FILMS

Animation/VFX THE EMBASSY

www.theembassyvfx.com

After detailed discussions of how a 25-foot high metal transformer might shake his tail lights, Marty Kudelka, better known as Justin Timberlake's choreographer, danced 30 takes of improvised motion capture to bring this little French car to life. The Embassy recommended the environment also be created in CG to allow them complete freedom of camera movement.

For Euro RSCG London

AD: Steve Nicholls Copy: Matt Anderson Producer: Nicola Evans

For Spy Films

EP: Carlo Trulli

Toolkit

Lightwave, Modo, Shake with Sapphire plug-ins

ADIDAS "UNSTOPPABLE" TVC:60

Agency: TBWA\CHIAT\DAY

Director: BRIAN BELETIC

Production: SMUGGLER

Animation/VFX: DIGITAL DOMAIN www.digitaldomain.com

Digital Domain ties together a CG gym, little CG people running on a CG floor, ten CG helicopters displacing air and casting shadows, live action people—big and tiny, swizzle stick sized CG harpoons and a tangle of CG cables to create a well trained (but disastrously camouflaged) Lilliputian Special Forces unit determined to rein in Tracy McGrady. The entire spot was previs'd to ensure the shoot stayed within the two-day hole in T-Mac's schedule.







For TBWA\Chiat\Day

EP: Jennifer Golub ECD: Chuck McBride AD: Geoff Edwards Copy: Scott Duchon Producer: Monika Prince

For Digital Domain

EP: Gabby Gourrier Producer: Stephanie Gilgar VFX super: Brad Parker Animation super: Piotr Karwas CG supervisor: Brad Hayes Lead compositor: Rob Moggach

For Smuggler

EP: Brian Carmondy Producer: Aris McGarry DP: Jeff Cronenweth

For P.S. 260

Editor: Maury Loeb

Toolkit

Maya, LightWave, Nuke (proprietary), Flame



Toolkit3ds Max, Brazil, Digital Fusion



"GOPHER BROKE" Short film 4:17

Writer/director: JEFF FOWLER

Design/animation: BLUR

www.blur.com

The product of an in-house competition at Blur that invites employees to submit concepts, storyboards or treatments for short films. In production for five months with a team of 25, *Gopher Broke* went on to be short-listed for an Oscar.

Selected credits for Blur

EP: Tim Miller Additional story: Keith Lango, Tim Miller

Producer: Al Shier

Assoc producer: Mandy Sekelsky Animation super: Marlon Nowe Lighting/compositing super:

Dan Rice

Storyboards: Jeff Fowler Concept art: Sean McNally, Chuck Wojtkiewicz

Layout: Jeff Fowler, Derron Ross Animation: Wim Bien, Jeff Fowler, Remi McGill, Marlon Nowe, Samir Patel, Derron Ross, Davy Sabbe, George Schermer, Jason Taylor

See the DVD for full credits

"ESUVEE"
Cinema and TVC:60

Agency: BARTLE BOGLE HEGARTY, NY

Director: DANNY KLEINMAN

Production: KLEINMAN PRODUCTIONS

VFX: FRAMESTORE CFC

www.framestore-cfc.com

Arguably the most VFX intensive PSA in history, this spot required the creation of a photo-realistic herd of long-haired CG creatures interacting with humans in only three months. Technical prep work on the creatures' shaggy coats alone took two of those months and was finally solved using Maya's Paint Effects. The spot is one component of a \$27 million campaign produced as part of the settlement with Ford related to the high incidence of SUV rollovers particularly among younger male drivers.

Watch Behind the Scenes on the DVD.



For Bartle Bogle Hegarty Producer: Bruce Wellington Creatives: John Hobbs, Peter Rosch

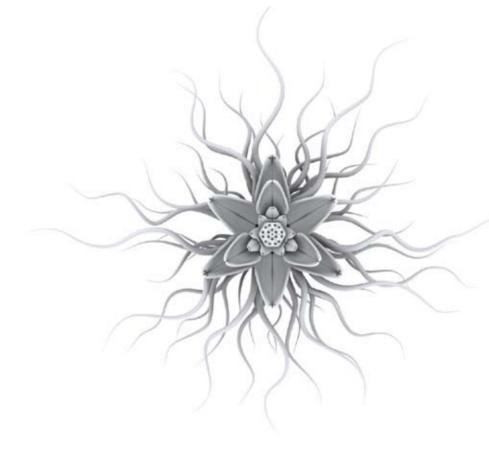
For Kleinman Productions Producer: Johnnie Frankel For Framestore CFC

VFX super/Inferno: William Bartlett CGI supers/TDs: Andy Boyd, Jake Mengers 3D animators: Don Mahmood, Rob Hemmings, Gwilym Morris, Nicklas Andersson, Anders Thonell, Federico Cascinelli TDs: David Mellor, Dean Robinson, Laura Dias, Howard Sly, Alex Doyle 3D assistant: Thomas Mortimer

Roto: Nicha Kumkeaw, Dasha Ashley Inferno: Chris Redding, Darran Nicholson Colorist: Matt Turner Post producer: Scott Griffin PA: Linda Francini

Toolkit

Inferno, Maya with proprietary in-house scripts/plug-ins, boujou, MatchMover, Spirit 4K



MTV "FLOWER" Broadcast design

Client:

MTV INTERNATIONAL NETWORKS

Director:

Animation: TOKYO PLASTIC

www.tokyoplastic.com

Produced as part of the MTV Art Breaks series, all design, modeling, animation, sound and editing for this ID was completed by London-based directing team Tokyo Plastic; AKA Sam Lanyon Jones and Drew Cope. The pair assures us the conceptual starting point for the piece was, "The fusion of the organic and the synthetic with allusions to the mystic/mythical/Eastern religions. It's kind of complicated and kind of irrelevant."

For MTV International

Commissioner: Peter Moller

For Tokyo Plastic

Design/animation/sound/editing: Sam Lanyon Jones, Drew Cope

Toolkit

3 Max, Brazil, Sound Forge, Acid and After Effects

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"STRANGER'S WRATH"
Game cinematic

Director: LORNE LANNING Design/animation:

ODDWORLD

www.oddworld.com

The singularly odd world of Lorne Lanning swerves into a neo-wild west vibe for the latest incarnation of his hit franchise. This Stanger's Wrath game open was animated in-house at the Odd World studio in San Luis Obispo, CA by a tiny team working to a six month schedule. Odd World Stranger's Wrath was released in the US and the UK in 2005 to run exclusively on Xbox.

Read more about this project at www.stashmedia.tv/08 28.

Watch Behind the Scenes on the DVD.







For Visual Art

CD/lead 3D: Johan Rimér Producer: Johan Sjöstedt Project manager: Frida Färlin Project assistant: Eva Mautino 3D: Niklas Ström, Mattias Forsstöm, Daniel Rodén, Kim Hellgren 2D: Niklas Nyqvist, Emnet Mulugeta, Dogge Artursson 2D/editor: Kalle Lundberg Flame: Jens-Peter Sjöberg

Toolkit

Maya, RenderMan, mental ray, After Effects, Flame, Shake, Joe Alter's Shave and a Haircut



GIZMONDO "BUMBLEBEE" TVC:30

Agency: MOTHER

Director: JOHAN RIMER

Animation: VISUAL ART

www.visualart.se

This all-CG spot for Gizmondo's handheld gaming/music/movies/ camera/texting device was created in five weeks by animation and post house Visual Art. The Stockholm-based studio employed Joe Alter's Shave and a Haircut software to place a million hairs on the bee which was modeled after a real *Bombus terrestris* borrowed from the Swedish Museum of Natural History. The 30 second project took a week to render with toughest frames topping out at eight hours each.

Watch Behind the Scenes on the DVD.

THE CHEMICAL BROTHERS
"BELIEVE"
Music video

Record Label: VIRGIN RECORDS

Directors: DOM & NIC

Production: FACTORY FILMS

VFX:

FRAMESTORE CFC

www.framestore-cfc.com

During the shoot for the Renault "Hector's Life" spot (Stash 07) Framestore CFC and directing team Dom & Nic shot exploratory live action tests using Mini DV. Intrigued with the feel and handheld look of the digital footage, the directors chose to use the format for this narrative promo that would have been prohibitively expensive in 35mm. With over 30 CG shots to do in a compressed schedule. Framestore senior TD Chris Syborn used Maya's dynamic hair tools to handle the secondary motion required by the robot's tail of cabling and wires. The final composite was completed in two weeks.





For Factory Films

Producer: John Madsen

For Framestore CFC

VFX super: Ben Cronin CGI super/TD: Andy Boyd 3D animators/TDs: Jamie Isles, Chris Syborn, Nicklas Andersson, Alex Doyle, Howard Sly, Anders Thonell, Don Mahmood, Dean Robinson, Kate Hood, Jake Mengers, Rob Holder Sr Inferno: Ben Cronin Inferno: Chris Redding Post producer: Rebecca Barbour Line producer: Linda Francini

Toolkit

Image-based lighting with mental ray, Maya, Inferno







For Smuggler

EPs: Patrick Milling Smith, Brian Carmody Producers: Allison Kunzman, Jeff Miller Writers: Filip Engström, Sinuhe Shrecengost DP: Joe Desalvo 2nd unit photography: Tim Angulo Production designer: Steve Sumney

For PS260

Editors: Maury Loeb, Sara Idris

For Q Department

Sound Design/music super: Maury Loeb SONY DREAMS
"LITTLE PONY"
Branded content

Director: STYLEWAR/FILIP ENGSTRÖM

Production: SMUGGLER

VFX: THE MILL FRAMESTORE CFC MOVING PICTURE COMPANY SMOKE & MIRRORS A52 SWAY

In an ongoing annual series designed to help Sony HD technology penetrate the commercials market, the company placed their newest HD production gear in the hands of A-list advertising directors and their associated production companies. The result is a star-studded invitational film festival of branded shorts. This entry, from Sweden's Filip Engström of the Stylewar directing collective, finds six ace VFX houses donating time and talent to a vivid childhood fantasy of doafiaht heroics.

BMW M5 "ROAD MONSTER" Viral:60

Agency: WCRS

Director: PHILIP HUNT

Animation: STUDIO AKA

www.studioaka.co.uk

This minute-long battle between demonic asphalt and the quiet confidence of the BMW M5 was created by London's Studio AKA for distribution via email, web and DVD with possible TV and theatrical exposure to come. The design of the monster started with concept collages from AKA animator Dermot Flynn and then re-interpreted into 3D with XSI by director Phillip Hunt. Compositing was handled in After Effects.

For Studio AKA

Animators: Dermot Flynn, Rob Latimer, James Galliard, Fabrice Altman, Andy Staveley, Talia Hill Music: Aphex Twin, "Gwely Mernans"

Toolkit

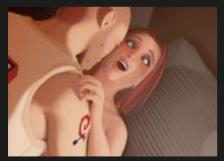
XSI, After Effects













AIDES Short film 3:30

Agency: TBWA

Director: WILFRID BRIMO

Production: WANDA

www.wanda.fr

Animation: AKAMA STUDIO

www.akamastudio.com

By lubricating a serious message of sexual caution with comedy (music by The Vibrators) and a semi-cartoon style, TBWA CD Erik Vervoegen says he was able to get away with storytelling deemed completely unacceptable in live action. Working from concept sketchs by Vervoegen, director Wilfrid Brimo drew a reference bible for each chapter of the short. It took a team of fifteen from Parisbased Akama Studio three months to complete the final animation.

For TBWA

Producer: Christine Bouffort CD: Erik Vervroegen

For Wanda

Producer: Claude Fayolle

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HELLGATE: LONDON
Game cinematic

Developer: FLAGSHIP STUDIOS

Director: PHIL SHENK

Animation: BLUR

www.blur.com

Flagship Studios maiden entry into the game market is a highly randomized action RPG set in a future that finds London in the grips of a demonic invasion. Our heroes, clad in stylin' neo-medieval armor, slice and blast their way through layers of nasty, ugly and angry creatures in hopes of returning to the decaying world above.











2D and 3D demon concept art for the Hellgate: London game cinematic crafted by Blur Studios, Venice, CA.

NINE INCH NAILS "ONLY" Music video

Record label: I NOTHING

Director: DAVID FINCHER

Production/animation/VFX: DIGITAL DOMAIN

www.d2.com

Twenty years ago David Fincher began his directing career helming videos for pop heartthrob Rick Springfield. His work during the late eighties for acts like Paula Abdul, Madonna and Aerosmith lead to his narrative feature film debut with *Alien 3* in 1992. With the help of Digital Domain he stepped back into the video genre in 2005 with this piece for NIN—his first collaboration with Trent Reznor since the opening title sequence for Se7en in 1995.

Digital Domain SVP Ed Ulbrich says Fincher has been toying with the pin box animation idea for almost 10 years, waiting for the right project and CG technology to coincide. According to VFX super Eric Barba "Only" contains 76 fully CG shots with 10 more containing some live action (including the opening shot featuring his hand).





The hyper-real rendering, which makes it virtually impossible to tell the live action from the 3D shots, was accomplished with the ray tracing, HDR and global illumination abilities of V-Ray (a plug-in for 3ds Max) and a render farm of up to 800 machines.

The 10-week schedule included only six hours to shoot Reznor's performance which was captured with DV on greenscreen with red and blue key lights to provide chroma information to help drive the procedural pin block animation.

The project, which had up to 18

bodies assigned to it, was the first project Fincher has done at DD without storyboards, choosing instead to work out the interaction of Reznor's performance and the desktop set in previs and the edit.

Watch Behind the Scenes on the DVD.

For Digital Domain

Head of production: Michael Pardee VFX super: Eric Barba VFX producer: Lisa Beroud Digital PM: Chris House Editor: Russ Glasgow CG super: Jay Barton Compositing super:
Jonathan Hicks
Flame: James Blevins
Nuke composite: Greg Teegarden,
Janelle Croshaw
Color grader: Todd Sarsfield
Pre-vis: John Allardice
Digital artists: Chris Norpchen,
Piotr Karwas, Richard Morton,
John Cooper, Dave Carlson,
Patrick Perez, Rob Nederhorst,
Jim Gaczkowski, Aaron Powell
Tracking: Scott Edelstein

Toolkit

LightWave, Maya, 3ds Max, V-Ray, Nuke, Flame, Inferno



For George Patterson Partners

CD: James McGrath Creatives: Grant Rutherford,

Ant Keogh

Producer: Pip Heming

For Plaza Films

EP: Peter Masterton

For Animal Logic

VFX super: Andrew Jackson Lead compositor: Angus Wilson VFX producer: Caroline Renshaw

Music: Cezary Skabiszewski

Toolkit

Massive, Inferno, Maya, Combustion

CARLTON DRAUGHT "BIG AD"

Agency: GEORGE PATTERSON PARTNERS

Director:
PAUL MIDDLEDITCH

Production: PLAZA FILMS

VFX: ANIMAL LOGIC

ANIMAL LUGIC

www.animallogic.com

Sydney's Animal Logic creates hordes of 3D extras, wraps them in flowing robes and sends them rampaging across the New Zealand countryside in a stampede to "sell some bloody beer". Behavioral controls and performance parameters within Massive crowd simulation software allowed the digital humans to respond to their environment and to the actions of the others around them.

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JOURNEY TO THE WEST

Director: MOTO SAKAKIBARA

Animation: SPRITE ANIMATION STUDIOS

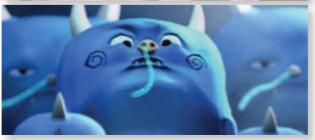
www.spritee.com

Los Angeles-based Sprite is the new home of Moto Sakakibara, best known as co-director of Columbia Pictures' 2001 release, Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within. With a new CG feature called GON due to hit theatres in 2007, Sprite debuted this trailer at Siggraph 2005 as a demonstration of the company's creative abilities.

Populated by wholly original visions of mechanimals and various yoh-kai (spirit monsters), "Journey to the West" was inspired by an ancient Chinese tale and takes place in a silly-spectacular place called Nirvana Land which is meant to resemble a meditative state of Buddha.







For Sprite

Producer: Junichi Yanagihara AD: Tatsuro Maruyama Concept designer: Eric Feng 3D: Tatsuro Maruyama, Takuji Tomooka Animator: Hideki Sudo VFX: Koji Kawamura Software engineer: Tadashi Endo

Director: Moto Sakakibara

Toolkit Arnold, Maya





For Lion Nathan Australia

Marketing director: Margaret Zabel Marketing manager: Ben Slocombe Brand manager: Josh Gaudry

For BMF Advertising

AD: Andrew Ostrom Copy: Andrew Petch ECD: Warren Brown Producer: Sue Stewart

For Filmgraphics

EP: Jude Lengel Animation director: Simon O'Leary Editor: Sue Schweikert

For Animal Logic

EP: Jacqui Newman
Producer: Sarah Beard
Line producer: Pip Malone
Design/on-set super:
Jane Milledge
VFX super: Will Reichelt
3D team: Mike Mellor, Andrew
Lodge, Ben Falcone, Alwyn Hunt,
Arild Anfinnsen, Steve Beck,
Nathan Mitchell, Paul Jackovich,
Brett Margules
Lead compositor: Leoni Willis
Compositing: Angus Wilson,
Mark Robinson
Software: Chris Bone

Toolkit Maya, Flame

TOOHEYS EXTRA DRY "WAR OF THE APPLIANCES" TVC :60

Client: LION NATHAN AUSTRALIA

Agency: BMF ADVERTISING

Director: GRAEME BURFOOT

Production: FILMGRAPHICS

VFX: ANIMAL LOGIC www.animallogic.com

Perfect 3D integration, masterful fight choreography and a certain cruel humor ensure this ad a place in the Stash Hall of Fame. Animal Logic teamed with fellow Australians Filmgraphics for the complex spot where the real appliances and their 3D stunt doubles are impossible to tell apart.

GUINNESS "NOITULOVE" Cinema and TVC:60

Agency: AMV BBDO

Director: DANIEL KLEINMAN

Production: KLEINMAN PRODUCTIONS

VFX/animation: FRAMESTORE CFC

www.framestore-cfc.com

London's Framestore CFC contribute a confounding tidbit to the ongoing debate about evolution with this digital assemblage of CG creatures, trees, grasslands, rivers, waterfalls, a meteorite, greenscreen footage, ape-man make-up, live action plates of Icelandic scenery, thirsty mudskippers plus timelapse footage of baking bread and boiling sugar standing in for evolving rock. Production schedule: three months.





For AMV BBDO

CDs: Ian Heartfield, Matt Doman Producer: Yvonne Chalkley

For Kleinman Productions

Producer: Johnnie Frankel Editor: Steve Gandolfi

For Framestore CFC

VFX super/lead Inferno: William Bartlett Inferno: Alex Thomas Additional Inferno: Murray Butler, Jonathan Hairman Jr Inferno: Chris Redding Roto: Nicha Kumkeaw. Daria Ashlev CGI super: Andy Boyd Sr CGI: Dan Seddon CGI: Jamie Isles, David Mellor, James Healy, Laura Dias, Chris Syborn, Alex Doyle, Michele Fabbro, Joe Thornley Lead animator: Quentin Miles Animators: Nicklas Andersson. Craig Penn, Don Mahmood Jr CGI: Rob Richardson CGI tracking: Joe Leavson Telecine: Matthew Turner Producer: Scott Griffin PA: Sarah Goodwin

Toolkit

Inferno, Maya, Houdini 3D



For TBWA

Producer: Diane Croll

For RSA Films

Advisor to the director: Chris Cunningham Producer: Kate Taylor

For The Mill

Production: Stephen Venning, Liz Browne 3D super/lead character animator: Ben Smith Lead animator/fight scene: Martin Gauvreau Character animators: Martin Gauvreau, Maarten Heistra, Jordi Bares, Jamie Lancaster, Quentin Miles, Ivor Griffin Lighting/rendering: Laurent Makowski, Vincent Baertsoen, Sam Driscoll, Robert Kolbeins, Aiden Gibbons Lead Flame: Barnsley Flame: Rich Roberts Flame assist: Mark Payne TK: Paul Harrison

For Final Cut

Editor: Jo Guest

Toolkit

XSi, Maya, Shake, Flame, Spirit

SONY PSP
"A DAY IN THE LIFE"
TVC:60

Agency: TBWA

Director:
ALEX RUTHERFORD

Production:

VFX/animation: THE MILL

www.the-mill.com

Another safe bet for the Stash Hall of Fame, this :60 started life as an agency brief to create a constantly changing entity made up of the PSP icons for gaming, music, film and photography. The tricky part? That entity could not resemble human or animal and could not possess legs or wheels. To that end, the first month of The Mill's production schedule was set aside for design and motion tests. BTW, Chris Cunningham is credited as advisor to the director

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"ALIVE IN JOBURG" Short film

Production: SPY FILMS Director: NEILL BLOMKAMP VFX: RATEL

"Alive in Joburg" is a personal work from Vancouver-based director and black belt in VFX Neill Blomkamp. Although the setting is bleak and the underlying themes serious. Blomkamp - who was born in South Africa - insists the work is a tongue-in-cheek experiment in presenting western science fiction in a non-western setting, "It's a strange piece, and I suspect that at first, people might not know how to react to it. But. that tends to be how it is with experimentation." The South African shoot (captured throughout 2005 in between paying gigs and another personal project called "Tempbot") was financed by Toronto's Spy Films with all VFX completed by Blomkamp through his new VFX studio RATEL.





EP: Carlo Trulli
VFX: Neill Blomkamp
Producer: Simon Hansen,
Sharlto Copley
Production/location manager:
Jason Cope
Sound recording: S'bo Nyembe
Sound design: Francois Lafleur
"Harmonic Code" track:
Q Department
Score: Clinton Shorter
Alien prosthetics: Sarah Bergeest
Motion capture: Mainframe Inc.

Toolkit

LightWave, After Effects, boujou, Photoshop





For Blur

CG. Super: Kevin Margo
Animation super: Remi McGill
Layout/editorial super: Paul Taylor
Producers: Sherry Wallace,
Pehbie Yu

Read the complete credit list at www.stashmedia.tv/17 29.

Toolkit

3ds Max, Photoshop, Brazil, Digita Fusion, Premiere, PostgreSQL, Perl/Python, Linux Fedora

Watch Behind the Scenes on the DVD



AEON FLUX Game cinematic

Game developer: TERMINAL REALITY

Director: BLUR

Animation: BLUR

www.blur.cor

Starting with 3D scans of Charlize Theron's body and face, high respix of her in the Aeon Flux costume and a series of facial expression photos, Blur set about recreating the digital doppelganger of the Oscar winning actress. But Blur CG super Kevin Margo reveals the 3D scans were ultimately only used as a rough proportional guilde, "The client was interested in achieving a stylized/idealized face and body".

Margo gives high marks to Brazil's skin shader and GI rendering capabilities which, in combination with HDRI images, the team used as a base/ambient lighting pass with key and rim lights added for the Aeon character when needed.

Based on the 1995 animated MTV series and timed to the Paramount feature release directed by Karyn Kusama, the Aeon Flux game was released for PlavStation and Xbox.

ADIDAS "MODULAR MAN" TVC :30 x 2

Agency: 180 AMSTERDAM Director: ARVIND PALEM Animation:

1ST AVE MACHINE
www.1stavemachine.com

The singular talents of 1st Ave Machine suddenly found themselves in the international spotlight with this global campaign for the customizable +F50 TUNIT soccer boot. Starting with 3D head scans of the soccer superstars and the footwear as a rendering reference, the New York studio explode/implode elegant and powerful modular versions of the players for TV, print, online games and World Cup large-screen applications.

For Adidas International

Head global communications: Uli Becker Brand marketing: Arthur Höld Communication: Levin Reyher Advertising manager: Andrew Lux



For 180 Amsterdam ECD: Andy Fackrell Creatives: Lee Hempstock, Chris Landy EP: Peter Cline Sr producer: Cedric Gairard Producer: Kate Morrison **For 1st Ave Machine** Animator: Arvind Palem Producer: Serge Patzak For Q Department Sound design/mix: Drazen Bosnjak

Toolkit 3ds Max







For Buf

Producer: Aurelia Abate Editor: Tom Hok Sound design: Mic Brooling Flame: Cari Chadwick, Rene Chamblain Mac: Guillermo Lecona,

Phillip Shtoll

FOXSPORTS "NASCAR 2006" TVC :60

CD: ROBERT GOTTLIEB

Production: FOXSPORTS

Animation/VFX: BUF

www.buf.fr

FoxSports and Paris-based animation/VFX legends BUF team up for the second time to create visual poetry from virtual NASCAR action and deliver it to the masses. "We had about three weeks of prep before shooting where we storyboarded the scenes and honed in on what locations we would shoot," recalls FoxSports CD Robert Gottlieb, "Then it was about eight days of shooting the hi-res stills, and finally we had a bit less than four weeks to complete the 3D work, the edit and the sound design."

For FoxSports

VP/CD: Robert Gottlieb CD: Mark Simmons Producer: Bill Battin

RENAULT MEGANE "HEADS" TVC :30

Agency: PUBLICIS LADO C

Director: SMITH & FOULKES

Production/animation: **NEXUS PRODUCTIONS**

www.nexusproductions.com

"We wanted the world to look fairly realistic but have that touch of weird fakeness that would allow animated characters to believably live there," say UK directors Smith & Foulkes of this spot created over 10 weeks and starring the digital double of F1 racing hero Fernando Alonso. The duo considered using a 3D car but chose to shoot live action which vielded beautiful footage but posed the problem of how to composite the car into the CG world. "We had to meticulously plan every shot in the animatic so we knew exactly what to shoot action, cameras, distances and speed. When we brought the footage into the animated comp we couldn't believe how close it was to the animatic car"



For Publicis Lado C

Creatives: Marcelo Vergara. Fabio Mazia, Maxi Itzkoff, Lucas Cambiano, Lucas Paulino, Angel Torres

For Nexus Productions

DOP: Dennis Crossan Producer: Julia Parfitt PM: Nathalie le Berre Post producer: Gabriel Jorges Heads of 3D: Darren Price. Ben Cowell Head of animation: Reece Millidge Compositing/Flame: Mike Skrgatic,

For The Lift

Producers: Alvaro Weber. Gabriel Jorges

Sound design: Aaron Revnolds. Alex Hubbard at Wave Music composer: Aleiandro Marti



SKY HD "FEEL EVERYTHING" Cinema:60

Agency: UNITED LONDON

Design: VENTURE THREE

Animation: THE MILL

www.the-mill.com

The golden age of broadcast hi-def show pieces is well underway as this piece for Sky HD demonstrates. The original creative brief from Venture Three called for five six-second idents, each based on an emotion: Intense. Euphoric, Alive, Hot, and Serene. The resulting phantasmagoric visuals - referencing textures and movements of deep-sea creatures and microscopic organisms - soon grew into five 15-second ads, a:30 for television and this :60 for cinema. In all, including the five sections and more than 20 rendering passes, over 40,000 high def frames were output at 1920x1080 resolution.

"WARHAMMER: MARK OF CHAOS" Game Cinematic

Client: NAMCO BANDAI AMERICA CINERGI INTERACTIVE GAMES WORKSHOP

Director: ISTVAN ZORKOCZY

Animation: DIGIC PICTURES

www.digicpictures.com

Based in Budapest, Hungary, Digic Pictures secures its position on the cinematic A-list with this Warhammer intro which stole the show at E3 2006 in LA and appeared in the 2006 Siggraph Electronic Theater program. The high definition film not only presents spectacular action, but introduces complex characters and what passes in the gaming world as a "deeply emotional tale". The core of the story is the unequal epic battle between the Imperial Army and the forces of Chaos

For Cinergi Interactive EP: Alex Babb

For Games Workshop

Producer: Erik Mogensen Black library author: Gavin Thorpe



For NAMCO BANDAI America

Sr producer: Chris Wren Producer: Thomas Wu

For Digic Pictures

Creative producer: Gabor Marinov CG super: Robert Koyacs AD: Peter Fendrik Cinematic advisor: Gabor Szabo, HSC CG: Laszlo Aszalos. Akos Haszon. Janos Orban, Karoly Porkolab. Kornel Ravadits, Tamas Varga Animators: Gabor Horvath. Agoston Princz TDs: Szabolcs Horvatth. Peter Kovacs, Andras Tarsoly Mocap: Hoselito Duric Stunts: Gabor Balogh, Tamas Gyongyossy Tool development: Gabor Medinacz, Gabor Tanay Systems admin: Gabor Kali

Original music: Tim Kelly Orchestra: Hungarian Film Orchestra Sound designer: Attila Tozser

Toolkit:

Maya, Syflex, RenderMan, mental ray, Digital Fusion, Nuke, After Effects, Photoshop, BodyPaint, ZBrush, Unfold3D stash 23 N1

COCA-COLA "HAPPINESS FACTORY" TVC -90

Agency: WIEDEN+KENNEDY **AMSTERDAM**

Directors: TODD MUELLER. KYLIF MATULICK

Animation: **PSYOP**

www.psyop.tv

When W+K, Amsterdam pitched for the global Coke business in 2005 one of the ideas they presented was a journey through a wacky factory inside a vending machine. After winning the coveted account the agency began talking to animation production companies about the spot. Psyop's presentation re-envisioned the original factory concept as a spectacular fantasy landscape populated by surreal characters - an entire world instead of an interior Once W+K had swallowed the Psyop Koolaid, CDs Hunter Hindman and Rick Condos sat down with co-directors Mueller and Matulick for a week to sketch out the wildest ideas they could come up with.

"That was a really enjoyable



process," says Matulick, "Our visual premise was one of blending machinery and natural elements. within which we added all these exotic creatures performing their particular functions. What's great about this kind of intense creative. collaboration is that you end up going in directions you'd never thought of before. From some initial ideas about a 'factory.' we moved on to this insanely epic fantasy landscape. We suspended all rules of objective reality and focused on getting this bottle delivered in the most ridiculously large and crazy way possible. It was something of a free-for-all, but it was incredibly valuable in the end, because we discovered that the spot was more about all the characters than the factory process, and that was the key to it's success."

For Wieden+Kennedy

CDs: Hunter Hindman. Rick Condos Producers: Darryl Hagans, Tom Dunlap Assistant producer: Matt Kendall ECD: Al Moselev, John Norman EP: Tom Dunlap

For Psyop

EP: Justin Booth-Clibborn Producer: Boo Wong Assistant producers: Kate Phillips, Viet Luu Flame: Eben Mears Lead 3D: Joe Burrascano 3D animators: Kevin Estey, Josh Harvey, David Chontos, Jonathan Garin, David Lobser, Naomi Nishimura, Ylli Orana, Clay Budin, Chris Bach, Dylan Maxwell, Kyle Mohr, Miles Southan, Boris Ustaev, Dan Vislocky Modelers: Jave Kim, Joon Lee

Storyboard: Ben Chan Matte painter: Dylan Cole Editor: Cass Vinini

Music: Human FP: Marc Altshuler

Sound design: Amber Music & Sound Design FP: Michelle Curran Sound designer: Bill Chesley Producer: Kate Gibson

Audio post: Audio Engine

Toolkit

Maya, XSI, Flame, Photoshop, Illustrator, After Effects

Watch Behind the Scenes on the DVD.

AXE / LYNX "MILLIONS" TVC :60

Agency: **BBH**

Director: FREDERIK BOND

Production: M.17

VFX: THE MILL

www.the-mill.com

Lynx campaigns - winners of many industry awards and countless fans - up the ante with this grand opus to male ego and political incorrectness. After the live action shoot in Los Angeles, women of different body shapes were mocapped walking, running, wading, and climbing to provide natural motion files for the CG extras. Those extras were then multiplied using Weta's Massive crowd replication software to create the armies of up to 100,000 Brazilian. Thai and Swedish Amazons, No. word on a release date for the casting session tapes.





For BBH

CDs: Adrian Rossi, Alex Grieve Producer: Olly Chapman

For MJZ

Producer: Anna Hasmi

For The Mill

Producer: Austen Humphries Lead Flame: Giles Cheetham Flame: Mark Payne. Wes. Pheng Sisopha, Ian Plumb Flame assist: Mark Payne Smoke: James Pratt 3D producer: Will O'Connor Massive: Rick Walia, Eric Deltour, Diamid Harrison-Murray Modelers: Mario Ucci. Mikko Martikainen, Alex Hammond, Stefan Gertsheimer. Andrew Cadey 3D tracker: Astrid Busser-Casas

Matte painter: Dave Gibbons Special thanks: Elaine Ormes at boujou

Telecine: Adam Scott

Toolkit

Mava, XSI, Inferno, Massive. boujou, Shake





COCA-COLA "VIDEOGAME" Cimena & TVC :60

Agency WIEDEN+KENNEDY Director:

SMITH & FOULKES

Production/animation: NEXUS PRODUCTIONS

www.nexusproductions.com

Directing duo Smith & Foulkes of London's Nexus Prodcutions continue their winning streak while taking the piss out of violent video games in this brilliant musical send-up for Coke. Created in HD, the fully CG spot opened in cinemas in the US followed by television worldwide and took 15 weeks to produce, "It was important that the urban landscape resembled current computer games but we wanted the characters to have a wider range of emotion and expression." says the directors. "They are, after all, breaking out of their typical computer game behavior. To get the end sequence right we worked with a choreographer and filmed dancers who interpreted the moves for individual characters. For the final chorus we both ioined in too."

For Wieden+Kennedy

Creatives: Sheena Brady, Shannon McGlothin Producer: Niki Polyocan

For Nexus Productions

EP: Chris O'Reilly HOP: Julia Parfitt

Producer: Kara McCombe

Sound Design: Amber Music

Toolkit:

3ds Max with Brazil, After Effects, Combustion

"EXIT" Viral

Director: SATOSHI TOMIOKA

Animation: KANABAN GRAPHICS

www.kanaban.com

Japanese director Satoshi Tomioka pumps up his singular style of CG action-cartoon with this story of a tryst gone very wrong for the online game "Exit". A graduate of Tokyo's University of Technology, Tomioka's career started at Dream Pictures Studio. His first film "Sink" received extensive screenings on the festival circuit and was followed by his second film "Coin Laundry" and work for MTV's Artbreak project (Stash 03). Tomioka now heads up Kanaban Graphics, his Tokyo-based studio and is represented internationally by Nexus Productions in London.

For Kanaban Graphics

Director/layout: Satoshi Tomioka Animation: Kesuke Minami, Synhei Kumanoto, Mazuyo Esaka





For Impact / BBDO Dubai

ECD: Peter Russell Group head/copy: Jennie Morris AD: Sian Binder Producer: Azza Aboual Magd

For X-Ray Film Amsterdam

Producer: Soeren Schmidt Director: Joeri Holsheimer

For Valkieser Captial Images

VFX super: Hans Loosman 3D supervisor: Rolf van Slooten Producer: Niels Scheide Offline: Annelien van Wijnbergen Online: Hans Loosman, Floris van der Veen, Tim van Paassen CG: Rolf van Slooten, Marco Stolker, Mark van Berkel, Michiel van den Berg, Willem Zwarthoed Color correction: Hendrik Wingelaarz

Toolkit

Maya, Shake, Inferno, Cintel Millenium 2 Data Mill, Davini 2K, iQ





SNICKERS "DON'T STOP" TVC :90

Agency: IMPACT / BBDO DUBAI Director: JOERI HOLSHEIMER

Production: X-RAY FILM AMSTERDAM

Animation: VALKIESER CAPITAL IMAGES www.valkieser.com

A Westside Story for the Middle East, After low-light tracking tests and motion capture experiments with proprietary LED motion trackers. Amsterdam's Valkieser Capital Images was off to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia to shoot back plates, HDRI spheres, and take measurements of the locations. Back in Amsterdam, a team of six stunt coordinators spent two days in the mocap studio generating over 200 takes. The spot was delivered in PAL but posted in HD to ensure the best motion tracking and compositing results.

Watch Behind the Bcenes on the DVD.

SAAB "BLACKBIRD" TVC:60 (spec)

Director: JOSEPH KOSINSKI

Production: ANONYMOUS CONTENT

Animation/VFX: SPEEDSHAPE, LOS ANGELES

www.speedshape.com

The spark for this smooth and elegant spec spot was ignited during a trip to the LA Auto Show in December 2006 where director Joseph Kosinski spotted the Saab Aero X concept vehicle: "I knew immediately it was the car I wanted to use in the spot. I also wanted to do a branding spot rather than make it product-specific - no gimmicks, slogans, taglines. etc. Focus on mood rather than features, and try to provide a brief alimpse into the near future. The approach is more like a music video - a very simple, classic, open narrative, with focus on establishing a relationship between the car and the girl through a variety of visual metaphors, e.g. opening doors vs. folding legs, cutting between girl on her back and car upside down on the road, etc.'



The silky and riveting final visuals belie three months of late nights and technical heavy lifting by the Venice, CA office of CG specialists Speedshape. VFX super Robert Nederhorst lets us in on some production secrets: "For all the 3D work we used 3ds Max and rendered with VRay. The VRay render engine chewed through 280 million polygons in the forest scene with over 1000 trees in it. Render times for that were manageable at two hours/frame at 960x540 with displacement. reflection, shadows, and pure HDRI lighting. Our entire shoot used a digital film pipeline with the Viper camera in FilmStream mode. Compositing was done in D2 Software's Nuke and we used Intel based Xeon workstations and AMD based Opteron render

nodes. Additional Boxx hardware provided realtime HD playback and we used a Panasonic 50" 1080p plasma to QC our work."

Read more detailed notes at www.stashmedia.tv/32_01. Watch behind the Scenes on the DVD.

For Anonymous Content

EP: Jeff Baron HOP Sue Ellen Clair Head of sales: Michael DiGirolamo DP: Gary Waller Storyboards: Dwayne Turner

For Speedshape

VFX super: Robert Nederhorst Producer: Stephen Griffith CG super: Greg Tsadilas Compositing super: Marc Dominic Rienzo Previz: John Allardice Digital artist/videographer: Erick Schiele Digital artists: Nathan Millsap, Linden Vennard, Matt Fairclough Modeling: Jared Tripp, Justin Mijal, Nick Poznick, Jeff Zimnickas, Willam McMahan

VFX assistant: Hagen Gilbert Compositing assistant: Brady Doyle 3D tracking: Mike Orlando

EP: Steve Reiss
Managing director: Carl Seibert
On set photography:
Pamela Newlands

Music: remix of Nina Simone by Jeffery Kosinski

Toolkit

3ds Max, V-Ray, Scratch, PF Track, Photoshop, Terragen



For Axis Animation

Producer: Paula Lacerda EP: Richard Scott Production coordinator: Jo Shaw Technical director: Nic Pliatsikas Lead artist: Sergio Caires

Toolkit

Maya, Houdini, Modo, Combustion, Final Cut Pro

"COLIN MCRAE DIRT" Game trailer

Game developer: CODEMASTERS

Director: WIEK LUIJKEN

Animation: AXIS ANIMATION

www.axisanimation.com

The assignment on this project, says Axis EP Richard Scott, was to distinguish the trailer for Colin McRae Dirt from the many other driving and off-road promotional clips in the games world. "The trailer needed to illustrate to consumers the main features of the new title, which are a variety of racing styles, extensive car damage, detailed car interiors and amazing realism including visual effects. It also needed to induce high levels of emotion from the viewer and explain how the franchise has progressed since the last Colin McRae Rally game." Schedule: 14 weeks

For Codemasters

Brand manager: Guy Pearce

TARGET "MARBLES", "REVOLUTION" Outdoor branded films

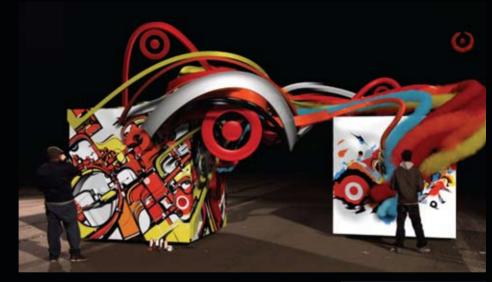
Agency: CATALYST STUDIOS

Director: TRONIC

Design/animation: TRONIC

www.tronicstudio.com

To fully appreciate these films you need to understand the venue where they are installed. Victory Park is a retail/residential/hotel/ office development in Dallas, TX, and one of the largest outdoor media installations in the world. The video assets include eight movable 15x26-foot LED screens mounted on rails facing each other across the 60-foot wide Victory Plaza. This gave Tronic the opportunity to choreograph the movement of the screens and connect it to the content of the films. "We found interesting ways to have the actual marbles play against the physical borders of the moving screens," says CD Jesse Seppi. "Sometimes the screens play identical footage, at other times they go into the 'full mode' where what happens on the east and west screens is different but is narratively connected."



For Target

Creative manager: Ron Anderson Producer: Barth Ward

For Catalyst Studios

CD: Shannon Pettini Producer: Betsy Treinen

For Tronic

CD: Jesse Seppi EP: Vivian Rosethal Producer: Toby Sowers Music: Statique Sound, Modern Music, Martell Sound

Toolkit

3ds Max, Final Cut Pro, After Effects, Photoshop, Illustrator, boujou,



STARCRAFT II Game trailer/cinematic

Game developer: BLIZZARD ENTERTAINMENT Creative director: NICK CARPENTER

Animation: BLIZZARD ENTERTAINMENT

www.blizzard.com

When the world's most popular real-time strategy game came back for round two the trailer created by the in-house talent at Blizzard - set new standards for anyone interested in 3D. Here's Nick Carpenter, CD of the Blizzard design team on what it all means: "The idea of turning the creation of a marine into a cinematic has been on my mind ever since we started working on the cinematics for the original StarCraft. When you click on that button to build a marine. what does that mean? Actually showing the marine being built gives us an exciting opportunity to show that in the StarCraft universe, even something that's normally very mundane can have a truly epic feeling to it.

"When you see all the intricate pieces of the armor coming together, you really get to





appreciate the power and the toughness of the marine unit from a whole new perspective. But this is only the most basic unit; this is your cannon fodder, your red shirts. If the creation of a mere marine is already this cool, just imagine what it must be like when a goliath or a siege tank is assembled. Essentially, we picked this scene because we felt it was a great way to return to the StarCraft universe.

"There's a great deal of collaboration going on between all the teams that work on StarCraft II. We have a lot of brainstorming sessions where people from my team, the StarCraft design team, and our creative team sit. down and throw around story ideas, character ideas, and just general thoughts of what's going to happen next. For example. as we were coming up with the concept for the teaser cinematic and fleshing out the details for the marine portraved in it. that marine evolved over time into a character, named Tychus Findlay, that features prominently in StarCraft II. The creative process involved with working Tychus into a certain role in the plot and fleshing him out helped us give him even more character depth in the cinematic."

The finished marine character – in development for over a year – is composed of over seven million polygons and is so data-heavy he broke Blizzard's renderfarm and had to be disassembled into component body parts and rendered as separate passes. Schedule: "full-scale production mode for six months."

Toolkit

3ds Max, Nuke, RenderMan

For Blizzard Entertainment

The Blizzard cinematics team

GUINNESS "IT'S ALIVE INSIDE"

Agency: IIBBDO

Director: STEVE COPE

Production: RED BEE MEDIA

VFX: THE MILL, LONDON www.the-mill.com

The grand scale and dense action of this spot belies its humble live-action beginnings consisting of one drum, several lengths of rope and three stuntmen in a greenscreen studio. All the backgrounds are CG as are the music machine and the supporting characters, which were created in Natural Motion Endorphin and then imported into XSI. The characters' bubble trails and explosions were all created in Maya. Schedule: eight weeks for 50 shots (10 in full CG).

Read more detailed notes at www.stashmedia.tv/37_01.

For IIBBDO

CDs: Pat Hamil, Mark Nutley, Brendan Coyle Producer: Noel Byrne







For Red Bee Media

Director: Steve Cope Producers: Edel Erickson, Laura Gould

For The Mill

Production: Charlotte Loughnane, Lee Pavey Telecine: Seamus O'Kane Lead Flame: Richard Roberts Flame assist: Leon Woods, Paul Downes Lead Shake: Darren Christie Shake: Grainne Freeman, Becky Porter, Pete Hodsman Smoke: John Thorton VFX super/Lead 3D: Juan Brockhaus Lead TD: Tom Bussel 3D: Aidan Gibbons, Alex Hammond, Suraj Odedra, Ross Urien, James Rogers Final Cut editor: Daniel Budin

Toolkit

XSI, Maya, Endorphin, Shake, Flame, Smoke, Final Cut

For The Mill

Music: I Like it Like That, EMI
Music Publishing
Sound production: Amber Music
Composer/arrangers: Colin Smith
Simon Elms
EP: Michelle Curran
Sound designer: Bill Chesley
Mix: Jungle. London



or FFL, Paris

ECDs: Fred & Farid CDs: Michael Zonnenberg, Joseph Dubruque, Nicolas Lautier, Baptiste Clinet Advertising supers: Hugues Pietrini, Marie-Laure Trichard Ty producer/3D production: Bobin Accard

For Stink/Psyop

Directors: Todd Mueller,
Kylie Matulick
EPs: Daniel Bergman,
Sylvaine Mella
Producers: Richard Fenton,
Mariya Shikher
Animation director:
Nicholas Weigel
Additional design: David Chontos
Editor: Paul Hardcastle

ORANGINA
"NATURALLY JUICY"
TVC/viral

Agency: FFL. PARIS

Directors: TODD MUELLER KYLIE MATULICK

Production STINK PSYOP

Animation: THE MILL, LONDON

Paris-based über creatives Fred & Farid enlist Psyop co-directors Todd Mueller and Kylie Matulick and the CG animation crew at The Mill, London then push hard on a whole lot of buttons and boundaries to boost the image of a classic carbonated drink and its iconic bottle. "I guess it goes without saying that when you get the opportunity to spray Orangina all over the chest of a sexy bunny girl, you go for it," sighs Mueller. "That was basically the motivation and creative charge throughout the production; the agency just kept pushing us to get furrier and naughtier."



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