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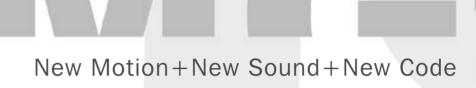
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Deconstruction is one of my favorite things. Julie Andrews had cream colored ponies and crisp apple strudel – I prefer deconstruction.

I realize I may be a club of one and it can be hard to remember why I put the concept near the top of my list whenever I, say... back the rental car into a white SUV stretch limo, lock myself out of the apartment (again), or lose a family member to some disease I didn't know existed and still can't pronounce.

It takes a certain mental discipline (and at least a passing appreciation for masochism) to embrace disasters large and small, secure in the knowledge they will uncover opportunities previously hidden under the cushions of the status quo.

Most deconstruction is involuntary; when you are kidnapped by pirates or said family member suddenly passes on (assuming you had no hand in it of course), your neurons try to make sense of the trauma by experimenting with new firing patterns. Your thoughts and priorities get scrambled whether you want them to or not.

To the chagrin of many of my relatives and coworkers, I am a firm proponent of voluntary deconstruction: sometimes nudging, sometimes sledgehammering otherwise smooth-running wheels hoping to prevent the rut before it begins.

Yes, change is good.

Example 1. Check out Stash's first video interview feature with Dstrukt and Hecg on this issue (courtesy of Designflux).

Example 2. Rumor has it the entire Stash archive (over 90 hours of video) will be available online to subscribers later this summer.

Although, on second thought, that strudel could work...

Stephen Price Editor New York, April 2009 sp@stashmedia.tv CLIENT: SONY COMPUTER ENTERTAINMENT EUROPE

Director: JOHAN RIMÉR

Animation: VISUAL ART

www.visualart.se

Building on the history of two previous installments of Playstation's Resistance series. Visual Art of Stockholm wanted to honor the game's legacy but steer clear of traditional game-play promos. Keeping the narrative compelling over the course of two minutes posed the biggest challenge for the creative team. "We knew the concept's success depended on revealing just enough story information to keep the interest up for the full duration of the trailer," states director Johan Rimér, After two and a half months, the team delivered the epic memorial featuring 67 unique 3D figures, 200 textures and a final statue containing over one billion polygons.

Watch Behind the Scenes on the DVD.



# For Sony Computer Entertainment Europe

CD: Arran Green Project manager: Petra Cattanach

### For Visual Art

Director: Johan Rimér EP: Peter Liljenberg Producer: Niklas Gunnarsson Editor: Johan Rimér 3D lead: Oskar Wahlberg 3D: Johan Rimér, Ulf Lundgren, Henrik Eklundh, Pontus Ekstrand, Kenneth Nyman, Greger Pihl, Patrik Wedinger, Jonas Ekman 2D comp: Johan Rimér, Henrik Eklundh, Calle Granström, Emnet Mulugeta Storyboard: Gustaf Holmsten

### Toolkit

Maya, Mudbox, Zbrush, mental ray, RenderMan, After Effects, Flame



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AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL TVC :60

Agency: LEO BURNETT LISBON

Director:
MATEUS DE PAULA SANTOS

Production: LOBO. THE EBELING GROUP

Animation/design: LOBO ANIMATÓRIO

www.lobo.cx www.animatorio.com.br

Lobo's Mateus de Paula Santos uses a barrage of jarring historic images to mash up time and tragedy while reminding us of man's legacy of inflicting violence on his fellow man. Animation was handled by the all-Brazilian team of Lobo and Animatório.

### For Lobo

Director: Mateus de Paula Santos EP: Alberto Lopes Producer: Loic Dubois Sound Design: Paulo Beto stash 56.03

HONDA "LET IT SHINE" TVC :60

Agency: WIEDEN + KENNEDY AMSTERDAM

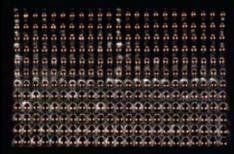
Director: ERIK VAN WYK

Production: BOUFFANT

Animation/VFX: BLACKGINGER

www.blackginger.tv

It looks so elegant and simple in the final spot but this matrix of animating Honda Insight headlights was a major feat of production planning and the careful melding of CG and live action. It started with Cape Town VFX boutique BlackGinger mocking up a 3D previs to determine the optimal camera height, lensing and layout for the nearly 1000 sets of lights - the final grid contains only a few actual cars, the vast majority of what appear to be vehicles are a combination of practical headlight rigs and CG car bodies.











Because of perspective, for the lights to appear in a perfect grid when seen from a camera suspended 60 meters above the ground they must be placed in a fan shape; spaced further and further apart the farther away they are from the camera. Finding the best layout for this optical trickery was crucial as all the light rigs had to be positioned manually on the location (120 km outside Cape Town) and couldn't be moved once

placed. Using the previs layout from BlackGinger, the surveyors could accurately plot the position of each set of lights.

The animations running on the light grid was converted to interface with the computer controlled lighting system that triggered the lights on location. The grid was shot in halves, stabilized and stitched together in Flame.

Because the live plates contain very few real cars, the reflections of the lights on the roofs were generated in 3D and composited to match the animation of the light rigs. Randomness or human error was then added and the skyline, sunrise and ambient light were added in Flame.

Watch Behind the Scenes on the DVD.

For Honda Motor Europe, Ltd Head of marketing: Chris Brown Marketing communications:

Ellie Tory European brand: Gemma Sibley

# For Wieden + Kennedy Amsterdam

Ex CDs: Jeff Kling, John Norman CD: Sue Anderson Copy: Zach Watkins AD/animator: Nacho Guijarro AD: Oraig Melchiano Head of broadcast: Corey Bartha Producer: Erik-Jan Verheijen Associate producer: Ross Plummer MD: Lee Newman

# For Bouffant

Director: Erik van Wyk EP: Melina McDonald Line producer: Chris Reed Line producer/assistant director: Graham Hickson DOP: Tim Pike

# For BlackGinger VFX super/head flame:

Marco Barbosa Houdini: Neilan Naiker, Suzanne Van Neikerk 3D: Jonh-Claude Phillips, Lani Greenhill, Sasha Perdigao Nuke: Ashley Ryan, Angelo Collinicos Producer: Gabriella Harris Flame: Pheng Sisopha Grading: Craig Simonetti Music: Berend Dubbe, Gwen Thomas

# For Gear House

Light design: Tim Dunn

# For Upstairs Post

Off-line editor: Kobus Loot

# For The Ambassadors

Sound: Rens Pluym

## Toolkit

Houdini, XSI, Mirage, Photoshop, Flame, Flint

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# SUPERFAD



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# UPS CARDBOARD "GLADIATOR TV" TVC:30

Agency: DONER

Director: **PSYOP** 

Production: **PSYOP** TOOL OF NORTH AMERICA

# Animation: PSYOP

www.psvop.tv

Psyop producer Lydia Holness: "99.9% of the corrugation you see is modeled, we really wanted to keep the detail and not rely on texturing tricks so we didn't have to worry about getting nice details in close-ups, shadow effects, or textural detail in lighting/shading. What we saw is what we were going to get in render, and that allowed us a lot more creativity up front. But without running on 64 bit machines and operating systems we wouldn't have been able to approach the project this way. Still, our polygon counts pushed Maya to the limits on what it can handle in a scene. It also pushed how much corrugation our modelers could handle before cracking mentally.

"Another challenge we faced was Sr copy: Michael Gorelic creating a fully cardboard world AD: Andrew Wright that could feasibly have been Producer: Laurie Irwin created in a sound stage by stop For Tool of North America motion animators. Each character.

had to be broken apart and looked

at from the standpoint of how it

want the characters to look CG

so we tried to gave our geometry

a 'messed up' look without going

too far. Our director, Eben Mears.

kept referencing lasagna noodles

whenever he saw corrugation that

other hand, if we pushed it too far

our cardboard looked like it came

out of the garbage." Production

EVP/chief creative officer:

time: three months.

For Doner

Rob Strasberg

CD: Karen Cathel

VP/CD: Jimmy Kollin

was too clean in dailies. On the

would be built in reality to allow a

full range of motion. Also, we didn't

# Line producer: Jeff Tanner

Director: Tom Routson

EP: Jennifer Siegel, Brian Latt Production designer: Peter Benson DOP: John Schwartzman

# For Psyop

CD: Eben Mears EP: Lucia Grillo Producer: Lvdia Holness Associate producers: Kay Chen, Beki Gibney Designers: Ben Chan, Arisu Kashiwagi, Jungeun Jave Kim. Kitty Lin, Helen Choi Editor: Cass Vanini Lead TD: Tony Barbieri TD: Andreas Berner CG: Jordan Blit. Pat Porter. Gooshun Wang, Ian Brauner. Pete Devlin, George Smaragdis

Soo Hee Han. Tom Cushwa CG lighting: Anthony Patti, Helen Choi, Shu-Chen Lin. Russ Wootton, Marco lozzi Flash: Jared Deal Technical consultant: Thomas Goddard FX: Miguel Salek Lead compositor: Molly Schwartz Compositors: Manu Gaulot.

CG modeling: Lee Wolland.

# Wang, Kitty Lin, Pete Devlin

Previz: Jordan Blit, Gooshun

For The Underground Editor: Graham Brennan Color correct: Postique Colorist: John Cathel

# For Elias Arts

Dana Schechter

Composer: Nate Morgan

# Toolkit

Maya, XSI, 3ds Max, Flash, After Effects, Flame



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VISA "AQUARIUM" TVC:30

Agency: TBWA\CHIAT\DAY Director: MATTHIAS ZENTNER Production: FOREIGNFILMS

VFX: VELVET **BLACK MOUNTAIN** 

www.velvet.de www.blackmountain

The project looked good on pape working with Jacques Cousteau's former underwater DOP. Didier Noirot, for a two-day underwater shoot off the coast of sunny Mozambique, Unfortunately Mother Nature had different plans and sent cyclone winds and 14-foot waves to the location. Beating a swift retreat (not without a boat capsizing and the underwater camera case being broken), the shoot was relocated to the calmer waters off the coast of Egypt in the Red Sea. Shooting also included two very long nights in an aquarium and a studio in Cape Town, Back in Germany, a cast of CG mantas, fusilier fish, jellies and sea angels were created and blended with the live action plates at Velvet and Black Mountain.

For TBWA\Chiat\Day Line producer: Gustaf Richter For Blackmountain Service production Cape Town: CD: Rob Schwartz CD: Patrick O'neil EP: Renier Ridgeway DOP: Torsten Lipostock Underwater DOP: Didier Noirot For Velvet Creative supervision: Toolkit: r producer: Veronica Beach Matthias Zentner Maya, Houdini, Real Flow, Flame, roducer: Aileen Balia EP: Gustaf Richter For Foreignfilms Editor: Jochen Kraus Production shoot Eavot: Flame: Sylvie Roessler Shake: Manuel Voss, Christian Velvet Film Director: Matthias Zentner Stanzel, Viktoria Herbert, EP: Federico Fasolino Tobias Wiesner

For Digital Domain

President of commercials/FP

Ed Ulbrich EP/HOP: Karen Anderson VFX super: Jonah Hall CG super "Assembled": Ron Herbst CG super "City": Greg Teegarden VEX producer: Chris Fieldhouse VFX Coord: Stephanie Escobar Previz: Simon Dunsdon Flame: Jonny Hicks. Brian Boungiorno, Dave Stern. Chris DeCristo Flame assist: Matt Bramante Nuke: Rafael Colon, Sven Dreesbach, Brian Smallwood, Michael Morehouse Digital artists: Marc Perrera. Tim Nassauer, Gourley, Chris Norpchen, Terry Naas, Justin Llovd, Jeff Dierstein, Adrian Dimond. Ruel Smith Houdini: James Atkinson Matte painting: Wei Zheng Roto: Marianne Magne, Mattaniah Yip, Tom Piedmont, Mike Boden, David Wu, Kanae Morton, Keith Weilmuenster On set tracker: Scott Edelstein Integration trackers: Som Shankar. Shelley Larocca Courte

# For The Whitehouse

Editor: Rick Lawley





# For Team One

CCO: Chris Graves Group CDs: Jon Pearce. Gavin Lester EP: Jennifer Weinberg

# For RSA Films

Director: Carl Frik Rinsch EP: Marije Abrahams DOP: Claudio Miranda Line producer: Annie Johnson 1st asst director: Howell Caldwell Prod super: Bryan Mitchell

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LEXUS "ASSEMBLED". "CITY" TVCs:30 x 2

Agency: TEAM ONE

Director:

CARL FRIK RINSCH

Production: RSA FILMS, INC

VFX:

DIGITAL DOMAIN, INC

www.digitaldomain.com

Fresh from their 2009 Visual Effects Oscar® win for The Curious Case of Beniamin Button. Claudio Miranda (DP), Donald Graham Burt (production designer) and Digital Domain reunite for Lexus. DD augmented the traffic in "City" with 60 CG vehicles and the CG music store. In "Assembled". the 30-person team lead by VEX super Jonah Hall created the convever belt, robots and auto parts. "Because so much of the story lies in the digital elements, when we showed Lexus the rough edit, all they saw was a series of empty rooms, the camera moving past an empty street and the incamera vehicle at the end. We had to help them visualize the intricate choreography of the spot by doing a lot of animation tests and inserting them faster than usual."

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CHINA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOUNDATION "SHANSUI" TVC:30

Agency: JWT SHANGHAI

Directors: YANG YEO, HAILONG LI

Production: JWT SHANGHAI, ONE PRODUCTION

Animation:

ONE PRODUCTION

www.oneproduction.net

Working with renowned local artist Yongliang Yang, JWT Shanghai created a series of dense and ominous paintings to run as subway posters and full-page newspaper ads to raise awareness of the ongoing environmental damage to China's landscape. A hit with the public and the press, the campaign - which hinges on the idea that the landscape in China is "nice from far, but far from nice" - was adapted into this PSA by Beijing studio One Production to run on air and on plasma screens in the Shanghai subway.



# For JWT Shanghai

CD: Yang Yeo
AD: Lillie Zhong, Yongliang Yang
Copy: Rafael Freire, Jacqueline Ye
Designer: Sean Tang
Original artist: Yongliang Yang
Client service: Betty Tsai
Print production: Liza Law,
Joseph Yu, Tao Shen
Producer: Jane Zhang

# For One Production

Director: Hailong Li Producers: Xue Wu, Yuncheng An Editors: Chun Huang, Jing Li



# For Strukt GmbH

Director/CD: Andreas Koller 3D: Andreas Koller, Nina Juric Music: The Metronome Compositing: Gregor Hofbauer Camera/lighting: Wolfgang

# Toolkit

Adobe Creative Suite







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TOCA ME DESIGN CONFERENCE EVENT TITLES 1:39

Director: ANDREAS KOLLER

Animation: STRUKT GMBH

http://strukt.com

Andreas Koller, CD at Strukt in Vienna: "Our story interprets the topic of the conference 'Hit by Inspiration' quite literally with bubbles falling out of the sky that contain small universes of ideas. As time and workforce were limited in this no-budget production, we had to keep an eve on the feasibility of the initial ideas. We came up with a 3D animation technique that opened up a lot of possibilities: By developing a special shader network we were able to create different 3D objects with a distinct style. In the course of the project we also improved our production pipeline and set up a better render farm. We worked for three weeks on the animation with one week for compositing and post-production with a team of two animators and a compositor."

MAX MUSIC "WHERE MUSIC LIVES" (DIRECTOR'S CUT)

Agency:

Director: BEN WEST

Animation/VFX: **BEN WEST** 



# For XYZ

SynthEyes, 3ds Max, Fusion, final Cut









# For Fox Italy Creatives: Elena Froya.

Supervisor: Donatella de Panfilis



# For Pool Worldwide

Director/creatives: Andre Maat. Henk Loorbach (Superelectric) Producer/AD: William Griffioen PM: Laura Rippen DOP: Gabor Deak Camera asst: Carline Hansen Grip: Mike Laurevs Gaffer: Dick Bloemraad Best boy: Remco Breslau Electrician 16e: Alle Minnema Art-department: Robert de Bruin. Jelier en Schaaf, Goofz Makeup: Robert Stouthamer Styling: Heleen Out Location: Marie Lou Catering: Chefs 4u

# Toolkit

Adobe CS3, Final Cut

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FOX CULT IDENTS Broadcast design

Client: FOX ITALY

Directors: ANDRE MAAT. HENK LOORBACH

Production: POOL WORLDWIDE

Animation/VFX: POOL WORLDWIDE

www.poolworldwide.com

Pool Worldwide FP William Griffioen: "This flip book idea was based on a previous music videoclip we did called 'Squeeze Me' for the Dutch band Kraak en Smaak. The main creative challenge was to make the interaction between the flip books and background footage fit together - when a great creative idea has been conceived, only the practice will show whether or not the idea is attainable, both creatively and technically." The flip book action and background plates were shot separately over three days then carefully composited and finished using CS3 Creative Suite.

# 10TH ANNUAL FIRST BOARDS AWARDS Event titles 1:12

Director: JULIA DEAKIN

Design/VFX: TOPIX

www.topixfx.com

Beyond the primary need to reveal the sponsors and title during the 10th Annual First Boards Awards event in NY, Topix lead designer Julia Deakin says her "biggest creative challenge was one I imposed on myself: to get at the essence of a young talent's creative pursuit in a nonderivative and unexpected way. I wanted to make something that was both visually interesting and conceptually relevant to the event that it was introducing. From a technical standpoint, we were working with long-exposure still photographs I took while exploring caves in the Viñales Valley region of Cuba, Bringing life and depth to the photos was accomplished with a mixture of 2D camera moves, particle simulations, play of shadow and light, and handanimated elements."





## For Topix

CD/flame: Julia Deakin Assistant: Rodger Beck 3D: Chris Johnson, Kim Leow, Livio Passera, Alan Fregtman Producer: Bonnie Dickson Sound Design: Grayson Matthews Composers: Ryan Mclarnon, Gavin Whelehan

# Toolkit

Photoshop, XSI, After Effects, Flame

# For Egg Rock Pictures

Director: Mason Nicoll DP: Tim Hudson Editor: Jason Webb Music: Mark Walk EP: Ellen Stafford

# For Oh. Hello

VFX directors: Dan Brown, Thai Tran Tracking/rotoscoping: Charlie Bartlett, Dan Brown, Thai Tran, David Holm Compositing: Dan Brown, Thai Tran, David Holm UI: Dan Brown, Thai Tran, David Holm FP: Nathan F. Barr

### Toolkit

Motor, Mocha, After Effects







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# MICROSOFT "PRODUCTIVITY FUTURE VISION" Corporate film 5:48

# Client: MICROSOFT OFFICE LABS

Director: MASON NICOLL

Production: EGG ROCK PICTURES

# Animation/VFX:

OH, HELLO www.ohhello.tv

Turning the blue-sky imaginings of Microsoft prototypes into plausible near-future items, required Seattle studio Oh. Hello to find the right visual mix between the future and the present. Oh, Hello EP Nathan Barr: "The client wanted us to make this world feel alive. A lot of this tech is only available in early prototype stage, so we had to make it look like it actually exists. This called for lots of screen replacements, animation. and compositing." Live action shoots in Seattle and Hong Kong were followed by two months of tracking, rotoscoping, compositing and "deciphering heavy and everevolving client-provided Illustrator

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WEBBER & VETTEL "RIP THROUGH THE RULE BOOK" TVC/viral 1:52

**RED BULL MEDIA HOUSE** GMRH

Directors: PETER CLAUSEN. CHRISTIAN TYROLLER

Production: PETER CLAUSEN FILM

**PRODUKTIONSGESELLSCHAFT** MBH

**Animation:** AIXSPONZA GmbH

www.aixsponza.com

Munich's Aixsponza studio follow up their 2008 Red Bul "Singapore" clip with another pristinely rendered film carefully orchestrated to show how recent changes in FIA regulations are reflected in Adrian Newey's design for Red Bull's 2009 F1 car, Achim August Tietz, Aixsponza CG artist and managing director: "Many technical components of the race car had to be extracted out of a gigantic CAD data setup to put together shots like the exploded view of the power train, drive shaft and brakes - rendered at full detail these took up to 45 minutes per

frame. To get this all rendered in

time we had to increase hardware RAM on the whole farm and our software developers were busy coding a lot of extensions and plugins to increase our workflow. As the race car was still under construction during production, several design decisions and changes had to be adopted at the very last moment." Schedule: two months.

For Peter Clausen Film and TV Produktionsgesellschaft mbH Director/producer: Peter Clausen Line producer: Cecilia Trück

For AixSponza GmbH Co-director/editor: Christian Tyroller TD: Manuel Casasola Merkle PM: Eva Kunze CG: Leonhard Akinbivi. Douglas Bello, Arpad Beres, Marco Seeberger, Philipp Strasser, Achim August Tietz, Ingo Walde, Leon Zarbock CAD: Jan Haluszka, Markus Sick, Christian Förg Modeling: Ulf Gieseler. John Strieder VFX: Sebastian Stanek.

Matthias Zabiegly

Rigging: Fabian Rosenkranz Software development: Marcel Casasola Merkle Compositing: Andreas Gebauer Sound design/mix: Jochen Fenzl, Michael Gerlach Composer: Andrej Melita, Peter Clausen

RhinoCAD, Nevercenter Silo,

V-Ray, FumeFX, After Burn, Afte Effects, Final Cut



# For Tiny E Records

Management: 3 Artist Management FP: Sheira Rees-Davies

# For UVPHACTORY

Directors: Alexandre Moors. Jessica Brillhart Producer: Brian Welsh 3D lead: Sue Jang Compositing lead: John Stanch AD: Alexandre Moors Editing: Jessica Brillhart DOP: Brian O'Carroll 3D: Scott Sindorf, Ali Asghar, San Charoenchai, Ajit Menon 2D: Marco Valentin, Jason Salo TD: Damiian Saccio Prod coordinator: Lauren Simpson

# Toolkit

Softimage, After Effects, Illustrator, Bridge, Photoshop, Final Cut





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THE CRYSTAL METHOD FEAT. MATISYAHU "DROWN IN THE NOW" MUSIC VIDEO 3:35

Label: TINY E RECORDS

Directors: ALEXANDRE MOORS. JESSICA BRILLHART

# Animation/VFX: UVPHACTORY

www.uvphactorv.com

New York's UVPH boil down live action, 2D, and 3D ingredients into a snowy, surreal, hi-con world for The Crystal Method's collaboration with Hasidic Jewish rapper Matisvahu. The majority of the city, the storefronts, billboards, etc. were constructed using 2D cutouts and After Effects, Live footage of Matisyahu was shot on greenscreen, treated to look like animation and looped to appear as though he were walking the streets of Brooklyn. The 3D robot infestation and water tanker were rendered though Toon Shade to achieve the Sin City-esque comic book aesthetic.

Record label: SPECTROPHONIC SOUND

Directors: SYD GARON. JOHANNES GAMBLE

Production: SQUEAK E. CLEAN

Animation: **BOB INDUSTRIES** SUPERSTUDIO

www.superstudio.tv

Five years ago American producer DJ/composer Sam Spiegel, aka Squeak E. Clean, teamed up with Sao Paulo DJ Zegon under the name N.A.S.A. (North America/ South America). Their debut album, The Spirit of Apollo, finally released on February 17, 2009. features a wide spectrum of collaborators.

Susan Applegate, producer at Squeak E. Clean in Los Angeles: melded their sounds and asked their favorite artists and creative influences to join them in making music. When the time came to create videos they wanted to duplicate this creative synergy



and mix still artists' work with animation. This music video melds the artwork of Marcel Dzama and the animation skill of Svd Garon and Johannes Gamble.

"The original art pieces were paintings, collage, and sculpture that had to be scanned or photographed and manipulated it was a Photoshop extravaganza of hours. After everything in the digital world was done it looked too polished so we decided to distress it the old fashioned way by putting it on film.

film he left out in the sun for five years, he shot the film for us then and down the street several times. walked all over it and then let the cat bite it for while. Then we took it to a transfer house called New Hat in Santa Monica - they have a million dollar film transfer machine that made most of the scratches disappear. Doh! So we took it back into the parking lot, drove a car over it, threw some water on it and spliced it up a bit. The transfer quy cut his color correcting finger in the process and like a trooper he poured the blood on the film."

# For Bob Industries

Director/animation: Svd Garon

# For Superstudio

Johannes Gamble Art: Marcel Dzama Producer: Susan Applegate Transfer: New Hat Film: Lance Accord Adolfo Martinelli Photoshop: Jeremy Kaller. Jennifer Fuiikawa

# Toolkit After Effects, Photoshop



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"BLOODY BAND AIDZ" Short film/mini-pilot 2:05

Directors: AARON STEWART, TODD LAMB Production: HORNET FILMS

Animation: HORNET FILMS

www.hornetinc.com

Lock up your daughters, director/ animator Aaron Stewart is back with a new mini-pilot immortalizing a certain sub-species of indigenous New Jersey life. Codirected by Stewart's writing partner Todd Lamb (formerly with Mother and Goodby), the manic short was produced through Hornet Films, a division of Hornet Inc. set up to develop TV and film opportunities for the company's

# stable of directors. For Hornet Films

Directors: Aaron Stewart. Todd Lamb Animation director: Aaron Stewart

Writer: Todd Lamb Animator: Efrain Cintron Music: Bing Ja Ling

# "SCARYGIRL" Game trailer 1:28

Director: CHRIS HAUGE

Production:
PASSION PICTURES
AUSTRALIA

# Animation: HALO PICTURES

www.halopictures.com

Australian-born artist Nathan Jurevicius moves his Scarygirl franchise into the game world with a new Flash animated production developed by the Melbourne office of Passion Pictures. Jurevicius: "In the past fans have had a glimpse of the Scarygirl universe through designer toys and mini-comics but the online game will incorporate a new chapter to the brand. Now old and new fans will have a chance to discover her journey on a deeper, more satisfying level."

This introductory trailer for the game site was directed and animated by Chris Hauge at Halo Pictures from a script written by Simon Racioppa and Richard Elliot of Reptile Films. The trailer was produced using Flash and Maya, and composited in Shake. Chris Hauge also supervised all

the production of key Scarygirl character animation cycles for the game.

BTW: Scarygirl is the story of a little girl who was abandoned at birth and raised by a friendly giant octopus (Blister), and guided by a mystic rabbit (Bunniguru) on her quest to discover her origins.

# For Passion Pictures Australia

Producer: Sophie Byrne AD/creator: Nathan Jurevicius

# For Reptile Films

Intro script: Simon Racioppa, Richard Elliot

# For Touch My Pixel

Game designer/developers:
Tarwin Stroh-Spijer, Tony Polinelli

# For Renmotion

Game animator: Suren Perera

# For Halo Pictures

Animation director: Chris Hauge CGI: Craig Baxter, Phil Jennings, Manuk Chang CGI textures: Darren Carney Edit/grade: Wayne Dakin Compositing: Demis Lyall-Wilson, Scott Geerson Line producer: Jani Dunn

# For Vishus Productions Music/SFX: Luke Jurevicius

For Digital Artisan SFX: Mike Darren



KILLZONE 2 Game cinematic 3:39

Clients: SONY COMPUTER ENTERTAINMENT EUROPE, GUERRILLA GAMES

Director: STUART AITKEN

Animation: AXIS ANIMATION

www.axisanimation.com

Brian Cox reprises his role as Helghan leader Scolar Visari, and Axis Animation are back at the helm in this cinematic follow-up to the Sony/Guerrilla hit Killzone (featured on the cover of Stash 05).

Axis director Stuart Aitken: "The storyboarding and development of the 2D animatic was the start of a long road to getting the three-minute long camera move to work. After we had it down in terms of overall framing and timing we moved over to 3D layout where we worked very hard to get the camera motion to work across the vast distances and changes of scale – we go from an eye filling the entire frame to sweeping past planets and back again."

The Axis team adapted some game assets for use in the studio



pipeline, including converting the game engine normal maps into true detailed displacements to increase the levels of detail, but the majority of models — including Visari, the ISA Command base and spacecraft – had to be built.

Assets were processed and created in Modo, Zbrush and Maya, rigged and animated in Maya, then exported to Houdini which was the primary 3D application for shading, lighting, rendering and visual effects. Compositing was handled in Digital Fusion.

# For Sony Computer Entertainment Europe

CD: Arran Green Project manager: Petra Cattanach Marketing managers: Jon Anning. Chris Weatherhead AD: Jan-Bart van Beek Writers: Arran Green, Jan-Bart van Beek, Philip Lawrence, Jain Howe Sound director: Mario Lavin Audio mix: Garry Taylor Music: Joris de Man. Alastair Lindsay Creative services manager: Dan Bardino Graphic design manager: Oliver Wright Graphic design: Alex Townsend. Nathan Teoh Motion graphics: Nigal Raymond Video: Tim Roe, Michael Bowver

# For Axis Animation

Producer: Debbie Ross Director: Stuart Aitken Prod coordinator: Naomi Foakes Prod assistant: Tiago Antunes Concept/prod artist: Gareth Hector Storvboard: Ulrich Zeidler Character: Ensar Yanar Graham McKenna Jr character: Finlay Sutton Vehicle artists: Simon Reeves Dave Clelland, Alain Rivard, Sandra Pinto, Sergio Caires Environment: Joev Loke, Gunnar Radeloff, Graham McKenna Props: Tiago Antunes Rigging TD: Jamie McCarter. Marco Godinho, Marco D'Ambros Lavout: Stu Aitken Animators: Jamie McCarter. Richard Clay, Steve Graham, Bruce Sutherland Matte painter: Gareth Hector VFX TD: Nick Pliatsikas. Sergio Caires, Gunnar Radeloff, Zeliko Barcan TD support: Georg Duemlein Lighting/compositing: Sergio Caires. Stu Aitken. Graham Mckenna Motion capture: Audiomotion Finish/grade: Scramble

# Toolkit

Modo, Zbrush, Maya, Houdini, Mantra, Digital Fusion, Flame



# For Lakai Limited Footwear

EPs: Kevin Dunlap, Brian Dunlap, Tim Gavin, Rick Howard, Mike Carroll, Eric Koston, Megan Baltimore, Spike Jonze Directors: Spike Jonze, Ty Evans Editor: Ty Evans Producer: Emma Wilcockson Associate producer: Katie Molenaar Prod super: Shannon Strange 1st AD: Matt Finish
PAs: Keith Balser, Todd Manes,
Michael Balasco, Matt Silverman
Tony Oberstar, Patrick Strange
DOP: Mark Williams
2nd camera: Spike Jonze
3rd camera: Ty Evans
1st A.C.: Jeff Caples
2nd A.C.: Matt Williams
Loaders: Chtri Strauser,
Daniel Pacifici

Photosonics: Gary Anderton Key grip: Eric Zucker SPFX super: Marty Bresin Set construction: Brent Kronmueller, Audrey Napier VFX: Ben Gibbs

Telecine: Stefan Sonnenfeld, Rvan Greenberg

Lab services: Fotokem

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UNKLE "HEAVEN" (FULLY FLARED INTRO VIDEO REMIX) Music video 6:58

Record label: SURRENDER ALL

Directors: SPIKE JONZE, TY EVANS

Production: LAKAI LIMITED FOOTWEAR

www.lakai.com

According to Charlene Myles at UNKLE's label Surrender All in London, this track "was used in the acclaimed skate film 'Fully Flared' directed by Spike Jonze and Tv Evans. This collaboration inspired the directors to take footage from the film and re-edit a sequence of shots that shows the Lakai skateboarding team demonstrating their skills as they negotiate various exploding obstacles." No CG was used, only carefully choreographed moves and perfectly timed explosives. "As far as we know." adds Myles. "No skateboarders were hurt while shooting this, though it's hard to believe in some of the shots."

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MCDONALD'S
"HEAVENLY STEAK"
TVC:47

Agency: DDB PRAGUE

Director: WOLFBERG

Production: STILLKING FILMS

Animation: WOLFBERG

www.stillking.com/wolfber

This elite hunger-fighting squad of CBO (Chicken, Bacon and Onion) was cooked up by Stillking Films directing duo Wolfberg for the launch of a new McDonalds sandwich in the Czech Republic. As a follow-up to their twisted nod to soap opera drama for the 2007 Chicken Romance campaig (Stash 39), the directors had to come up with something similar but fresh. The answer was to continue the collage style of the characters while expanding the scope of the narrative into B-movie science fiction. "We've had total creative freedom from the agency, which is so great and so challenging at the same time."



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JAMES HUNTER "CARINA" Music video 3:23

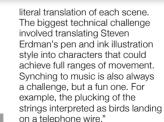
Record label: GO RECORDS / HEAR MUSIC

Directors: STEVEN ERDMAN LOU SOLIS

Animation: SOLIS ANIMATION

www.solisanimation.com

The artwork of Steven Erdman bursts to life with the help of Toronto studio Solis Animation providing the appropriate whimsy to "Carina" by Grammy-nominated singer/songwriter James Hunter. Kimberly Guis, EP of video and president of GO Records: "James did not want to use any live action footage for this video because it would come across as a bit hokey or contrived given the lyrical content of the song. We also wanted the video to tell the story of the song without a



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EP: Kimberly Guise For Solis Animation Animation: Lou Solis, Les Solis

# For House of Lard

Art: Steven Erdman

Song: James Hunter

# Toolkit

Flash, Illustrator, After Effects, Windsor Newton #2 brush



FONTERRA "WHOLE 30" TVC:30

Agency: SUGAR

Director: LINDS REDDING

Animation/VFX: FUSION CI STUDIOS DEPARTMENT OF MOTION GRAPHICS

www.fusioncis.com http://dmgltd.co.nz

"We knew this was going to be one of the most challenging projects we'd ever undertaken," recalls Linds Redding, CD at Department of Motion Graphics in Auckland. "From the outset, we realized we were going to need some specialist help." Enter Fusion CI Studios in Santa Monica, the secret weapon of many A-list commercial and feature film studios who need complex fluid and particle effects.

Fusion CI CG super Mark Stasiuk: "Creating the illusion of fluid without destroying the details of the geometry is tricky. Fluid looks most realistic when it's in natural forms. As it transforms toward a detailed shape, you have to sculpt the motion so its behavior looks







and performs naturally. You also have to make sure only the exact quantity of fluid that will fit on the surface of the geometry is used – add too much fluid or distribute it badly and it will turn into a giant glob. Once it's on the shape, you don't want it to look like an ice-sculpture so you have to develop ways of making the fluid continue to move even as a still object."

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# For Sugar

Producer: Pat Cox

Writer: Nigel Corbett
AD: Marc Chetcuti
For Department of Motion
Graphics
Director: Linds Redding
Producer: Kiri Hay
3D modeling/lighting/rendering:
Linds Redding
Compositing: Dan Short
Grading/finishing: Dan Short
Additional 3D: David Downes
Intern: Mell Tuskia

# For Fusion CI Studios

CG super: Mark Stasiuk EP: Lauren Millar RealFlow: Max Daniels, Victor Luba

Toolkit RealFlow stash 56.24

WENJUN "FORMATION, DIAMOND" TVC/viral 1:05

Client: LVMH GROUP

Agency: BRAVO ASIA

Director: STEVE GORDON

Production: CHEERS FILMS, SHANGHAI

VFX: LOKI VISUAL EFFECTS TRACK AND FIELD

www.lokivfx.com http://trackandfieldvfx.com

The project – based on the legend of Chinese poet Sima Xiangru who's soulful music caused water to rise up in fanciful shapes – began with 1000 fps Phantom footage shot in China by director Steve Gordon, continued with the addition of complex and pristine CG from Toronto's Loki VFX and finished with online and compositing at Track and Field.

Loki VFX supervisor Gene Dreitser: "From a CG perspective, the scariest things you can hear a director say are 'Water', '1000 fps' and '1080p'. When you hear all three in the same sentence.



you know it's going to be a long couple-o-weeks.

"The biggest challenge was to match the level of complexity and the level of interest of the live footage. The fluid surfaces started off as regular polygons, then were translated into volumes (SDFs), then into a particle system, then animated, then finally, back to polygons so they could be rendered. We were also faced with large data sets – each frame's scene description file was approximately 500MB – taking upwards of an hour to render and

some taking far longer. Meaning the margin for error was narrow."

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For Bravo Asia Creative: Kenneth Ip

For Sons and Daughters Director: Steve Gordon

Producer: France Daigle

For Cheers Films Shanghai EPs: Anthony Tse, Eugenia Cheng

For Loki Visual Effects Supervisor: Gene Dreitser For Rooster
Editor: Bob Kennedy

For Tin Pan Sound and Music Composition/sound design/mix: Matt Davis, Mike De Eyre

For Track and Field
Online: Kristi-Ann Webster, Kevin

For Notch

Colourist: Elaine Ford

Toolkit

Rilev

AVID, Inferno, Houdini, Mantra, Flame

IKFA PS Cinema 1:35

Agency: NORDPOAL+

Director: PARASOL ISLAND GmbH

Production: PARASOL ISLAND GmbH

Animation: PARASOL ISLAND GmbH





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### For Parasol Island

# Toolkit

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RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES "BETTER TOGETHER" PSA 2:38

Agency: LEO BURNETT

Director: SANTA MARIA

Production/animation/VFX: HORNET INC.

www.hornetinc.com

Harbored safely in Brooklyn and under the guidance of Hornet Inc., the good ship Santa Maria (aka Josh Goodrich and David Hill) is bobbing along nicely with a string of breakout work. This complex clip with VO by Helena Bonham Carter, was designed to elicit donations for the Ronald McDonald House Charities

# For Leo Burnett, London

Creatives: Philip Deacon. Bertie Scrase Producer: Javré Dow CD: Jim Bolton ECD: Jon Burley

# For Hornet Inc

Director: Santa Maria FP: Michael Feder Producer: Hana Shimizu Designers: Josh Goodrich, David Hill, Lindsey Mayer-Beug, **Emily Wormley** 



3D: David Hill, Erwin Riau, Sam Lee Character animation: Mike Luzzi Efrain Cintron, Lizzi Akana Animation/compositing: Josh Goodrich, David Hill. John Harrison, Yussef Cole. **Emily Wormley** Editor: Anita Chao

Sound: Grand Central Sound Studios

Music: "Lucky Elephant" by Lucky Elephant

## Toolkit

Maya. After Effects, CS3, Flash



stash 56 26B

DENTYNE "BLOG SMOG" VIRAL 2:05

Agency: MCCANN-ERICKSON US

Director: SANTA MARIA

Production/animation: HORNET INC.

www.hornetinc.com

Santa Maria: "We were given a script that required us to create an environment and a list of characters that didn't offend the Blogger audience but poked fun at it. The look and feel, was open brief - we didn't wanna go too gritty, which we found ourselves doing time and time again. So we tried to find a balance between dirty and designed." Schedule: one week.

# For Hornet Inc.

EP: Michael Feder Producers: Grea Bedard, Sana-Jin Bae Editor: Anita Chao Animator: Mark Pecoraro For McCann-Erickson US EVP group CD: Craig Markus AD: Tracev Smith

## Toolkit

Photoshop, Illustrator, Flash

Directors: DAVID PURCHASE, IAN PURCHASE

VFX: PURCHASE BROTHERS www.purchasebrothers.com

David and Ian Purchase, a directing duo from the suburbs of Toronto, produced this short based on the Half-Life video game as a way to supplement their demo reel but ended up causing a YouTube frenzy. Within 24 hours of posting, total views shot past 500,000 and are approaching 2.4 million at press time. Working with a \$500 budget for costumes and props the brothers handled all the filming and post production. Shooting in true guerilla style, the pair and their crew were frequently chased off the locations.

After the film's release, Valve Corporation, the developer of Half-Life, flew the directors out to their Seattle HQ for some face time. Gabe Newell, CEO of Valve: "After seeing some of the dreadful ways Hollywood has attempted to turn video games into film, it was great to see how well The Purchase Brothers have brought our game



to life. Hollywood could learn a lot from these guys." The brothers are now represented by Anonymous Content for commercials and feature films.

VFX: David Purchase, lan Purchase

Actors: Derek Chan, Ian Purhcase, Mike Spears, David Purchase, Julia Tourianski



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"YANKEE GAL" Student film 4:52

Directors: ANTOINE PEREZ CÉLINE DESRUMAUX FRANCOIS PONS GARY LEVESQUE

Production: SUPINFOCOM, VALENCIENNES

French animation school Supinfocom has produced a bumper-crop of mega-watt student talent in 2008, with "Gary" (Stash 55), "Taste of Surimi" (coming in Stash 57), and this surrealist WWII allegory titled "Yankee Gal".

Co-director Antoine Perez on the design and delivery of the film: "We crafted a story that focused completely on the characters, so we had to make sure the audience could identify with them. The designs needed a realistic feel, something that would make them stand as humans and not toys. However, they also needed a touch of magic and imagination, so we mixed both influences together.

"We finished a little off-schedule. By that I mean we willingly missed our train to the jury to grab a few more work hours. Those last









hours were so intense that Gary Levesque temporarily forgot how to use Photoshop, from stress and sleep deprivation!"

Animation: Antoine Perez, Céline Desrumaux, Francois Pons, Gary Levesque Sound track: Cole Porter, Nicolas Répac, Olivier Calmel

Distribution company: Premium Films

# Toolkit

3ds Max, mental ray, After Effects, Avid Xpress, Photoshop, After Burn, PolyBoost, Vanilla Pass Manager

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# **DESSERTER NOCTURNE WACKO GONZO** Short film: 2:58

Directors: Cary Janks, Mitchell Paone, Marcos Ceravolo, Rvan Uhrich



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Directors: Tomas Garcia, Fernando Sarmiento, Rvan Rothermel Robbie Johnstone



# TRANQUILITY FAT YAK HAPPY **FUN SHOW** Short film 4:34

Directors: James Wignall, Russ Murphy, Erik Karasyk, David Schwarz



# OMAR HOT PURSUIT S.E.A.R.C.H. Short film 4:36

Directors: Doug Purver, HONEST, Cole Gerst



# GODEL ??? ??FILM SCHOOL Short film 3:13

Directors: Gideon Baws, Chris Harding, David O'Reilly, David Shrigley



# TUBA THUNDERGROUND SOUNDBLIND Short film 2:52

Directors: Orion Tait. Pete McDonald, Sean Pecknold, Matt Smithson, Fabricio Lima







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