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#### noun

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2. a statement broadcast on radio or television that presents the opinion of the owner, manager, or the like, of the station or channel.

3. something regarded as resembling such an article or statement, as a lengthy, dogmatic utterance meant to indicate the writer's devastating insight and superior knowledge of a subject even if some months he really just loves gathering the coolest animation and VFX he can find, throwing it all on a disk or two and then whispering really loud, "Damn, check this out."

#### adjective

4. of or pertaining to an editor or to editing: editorial policies; editorial techniques.

5. of, pertaining to, or involved in the preparation of an editorial or editorials: editorial page; editorial writer.

6. of or pertaining to the literary and artistic activities or contents of a publication, broadcasting organization, or the like, as distinguished from its business activities and advertisements.

Stephen Price Editor New York, November 2007 sp@stashmedia.tv

HARMONIX "ROCK BAND" Game trailer

Client: HARMONIX MUSIC

Director: PETE CANDELAND

#### Animation: PASSION PICTURES

www.passion-pictures.com

Motion capture is a staple in the tool belt of most studios, but this new CG cinematic for the followup game to Guitar Hero is the first project for Passion Pictures and director Pete Candeland to use the technology. "We generally avoid [motion capture] as the characters we work with usually require more stylized motion." reveals Passion producer Anna Lord. "The character needed to be realistic, so using motion capture enabled us to save time and allocate more resources towards the environments and rendering." The fully CG film was animated in XSI, rendered in Mental Ray and composited in After Effects with characters built in Modo

#### For Harmonix Music

AD: Ryan Lesser



#### **For Passion Pictures**

Director: Pete Candeland Storyboard/design: Pete Candeland, Rob Valley, Nelson Yokota de Paula Lima Producer: Anna Lord EP: Hugo Sands CG line producer: Jason Nicholas Sr 3D: Stu Hall, Antoine Moulineau CG previz/camera: Wes Coman, Nick Symons CG: Wes Coman, Nick Symons, David Sigrist, Raul Moneris, Chris Welsby Character modeling: Mario Ucci, Matt Westrup, Nick Savy, Stu Hall Environments/vehicle modeling: Ian Brown, Marc Dinocera, Raymond Slattery, Daniel Sweeney, Craig Maden Rigging: Daniele Niero VFX artists: Elisée Cesarotti, Marc Di Nocera, Nuno Conceicao 3D: Vincent Thomas, Marc Dinocera, Simon Reeves, Claire Michaud Compositing: Niamh Lines, Lee Gingold, David Lea Matte painting: Lukasz Pazera, Max Dennison Director's assistant: Giles Dill Runners: Romek Sudak, Belle Buckley, Caroline Jones, Michael Sofoluke Editors: Jaime Foord, Lee Gingold, Daniel Greenway

Lip sync MC: Image Metrics Motion capture: Centroid

#### Toolkit

XSI, Modo, After Effects, Final Cut Pro

#### SONY BRAVIA "PLAY-DOH" TVC: 90

#### For Fallon

CD: Juan Cabral Producer: Nicky Barnes ECD: Richard Flintham

#### **For Gorgeous Productions**

Director: Frank Budgen Producer: Rupert Smythe PM: Judy Vermeulen

#### **For Passion Pictures**

Director: Darren Walsh EP: Andrew Ruhemann Producer: Russell McLean Belinda Blacklock VFX super: Neil Rilev Animation super: Drew Lightfoot Lead animators: David Scanlon Julia Pegeut Animators: Adam Pierce, Dan Anderson, David Pagano, Eileen Kohlhepp, Geoff Buck, Inez Woldman, Jeremy Bronson, Jimmy Picker, Kevin Coyle, Kim Keukeleire, Matt Somma, Matthew Amonson, Pete List, Bachel Hoffman, Tom Gasek, Tobias Fouracre, Wendy Griffiths Assistant animators: Amit Ashraf. Chelsea Manifold, Coire Williams, Emily Collins, Hudson Meredith, James Scourtos, Joy Marie Smith, Justin E Maldonado, John Kohlhepp, John Bega, Kamron

Bobinson, Lu Bosa, Luca Vitale, Mark Pagano, Matt Kushner, Matthew Porsorske, Molly Light, Myra D Rivera, Patricia Burgess, Patrick Krebs, Richard Ledley, Stephan Brezinsky, Spencer McCormick, Zoubien Bana DOP: Tristan Oliver Camera assistant: George Milburn Gaffer: Matt Dav Rigger: Denise Russo Sculptors: Sarah Turner, Andre Gilbert, Fiona Barty Head of CG: Jason Nicholas CG: Wes Coman, Chris Hemming, Howard Bell, Nick Symons, Chris Welsby Modeling: Ian Brown. Florian Mounié Sr TD: Julian Hodgson Lighting/rendering: Tommy Andersson

#### For Moving Picture Company

Operator: Ludo Fealy Producers: Graham Bird, Paul Branch

#### Toolkit

XSI, Plasticine









# FVC: 90

Agency: FALLON, LONDON

Director: FRANK BUDGEN

Animation director: DARREN WALSH

Production: GORGEOUS PRODUCTIONS

Animation: PASSION PICTURES

www.passion-pictures.com

#### VFX: MOVING PICTURE COMPANY

www.movingpicture.com

Passion Pictures leaps into the third Sony Bravia spot by wrangling a team of 53 professional and student animators for a sweltering nine-day stop-motion shoot in NY. Eight days of rehearsal workshops ensured a consistent animation style and an agile team which had to improvise many of the shots on location.

# Watch Behind the Scenes on the DVD.

MOTOROLA "EXPERIENCE" TVC :60

Agency: CUTWATER

Production: PARTIZAN

Director: MICHEL GONDRY

#### Animation: FLY STUDIOS

www.flystudio.com

When dreaming up this very Gondry-esque reality for Motorola's Bazr 2, the director insists he had no interest in creating the scenic transformations in post. So he designed complex mechanics to keep as much of the magic and weirdness in camera as possible. But in the end Montreal's Fly Studio (who worked with Gondry on Beck's "Cell Phone's Dead") had plenty of digital work to do including: opening and closing the windows on the building: adding and animating the envelopes in the trees; lighting effects for the drummer: the cars and background in the final sequence; etc, etc. etc.

Watch the "making of" and the Gondry interview on the Behind the Scenes section of the DVD.



For Cutwater, San Francisco Producer: Jennifer Golub ECD: Chuck McBride CD: Matt Rivitz, Tyler Magnusson Copy: Matt Ravitz, John Patroulis

#### For Partizan

Director: Michel Gondry EP: Sheila Stepanek Line Producer: Valerie Romer DP: Ellen Kuras

#### For Fly Studio

FX Supervisor: Jean-Francois Talbot For Akjak Pictures Editor: Matt Goldman

For PLANK Editorial Producer: Jennifer Suttlemyre

For Squeak E. Clean Productions Composer: Jason Murgo

Sound Design: Endless Noise

#### Toolkit XSI, After Effects, Smoke, boujou, Combustion.

#### For T.A.G/McCann Worldgroup

ECDs: Rob Bagot, John McNeil CDs: Scott Duchon, Geoff Edwards, John Patroulis ADs: Nate Able, Tim Stier Producer: Hannah Murray Copy: Matt Bunnell

#### For MJZ

Director: Rupert Sanders EPs: Lisa Rich, David Zander, Marcia Deliberto DOP: Chris Soos Producer: Laurie Bocaccio

#### For Method

VFX super/lead 2D: Cedric Nicholas CD: Laurent Ledru 2D: Jake Montgomery, Sarah Eim, Kyle Obley 3D: Sean Durnan, Matt Wheeler, Chi Wei Hsu, Chris Smallfield Jr. 2D: Ryan Raith, Zach Lo Jr. 3D: Matt Longwell Shoot super: Cedric Nicholas Producers: Luisa Murray, Lisa Houck

#### For Stan Winston

Production designer: James Chinlund

Previs: Halon

Miniature landscape: New Deal Studios

#### For Stimmung

Performer: Mike Lang Composer: Frederic Chopin





#### Facts:

Number of figures: +/-1000 Size of figures: 8 inches tall Figurines' faces: 3D scans of the director and crew Diorama size: 30 x 40 feet Shooting speed: 1 fps with motion control Shooting schedule: 48 shots in three days. Total schedule: less than three weeks

#### XBOX HALO 3 "BELIEVE" TVC :60

#### Agency: T.A.G/MCCANN WORLDGROUP

Director: RUPERT SANDERS

Production: MJZ

Miniatures: STAN WINSTON

#### VFX: METHOD www.methodstudios.com

A :60 enigma: a video game ad with virtually no action and very few VFX. The production details are far beyond the scope of this page, but crucial to the spot's success says Method CD Laurent Ledru was a full CG previs: "We decided where to put the streets, how many buildings and tanks and explosions to have. By the time we locked it down, we knew how many figurines, what kind of poses – everything we needed to go into the fabrication phase."

# Watch Behind the Scenes on the DVD.

HEINEKEN "CONTINENTAL SHIFT" TVC :60

Agency: BATES ASIA, SINGAPORE

Director: LANCE KELLEHER

Production: 8 COMMERCIALS

#### VFX: POSTMODERN

www.postmodernsydney.com

Sydney design and VFX house Postmodern propagate 20 extras into an adrenalin-fueled tectonic force – using Massive and their own replication software called Tiny – to get the Australian and Malaysian public riled up for the Heineken Rugby World Cup 2007. CGI environments were handled in Maya with countless layers of compositing fed through Shake, Flame and Inferno.

#### For Bates Asia Singapore

ECD: Rob Gaxiola Head of art: Joseph Tay Sr copy: Raymond Quay TV Producers: Charm Wall, Shareen Thumboo







#### For 8 Commercials

Director: Lance Kelleher EP: Mike Vanderfield Producer: Annie Schutt DOP: Stefan Von Borbely Production design: Danny Black

#### For Post Modern

VFX super: James Rogers Head compositor: Simon Brewster Flame: Nick Tabet

Sound Design: Nylon

#### Toolkit

Photoshop, After Effects, Flame, Shake, Inferno, Massive, proprietary software, Maya



NIKE "LEAVE NOTHING" TVC :60

Agency: WIEDEN+KENNEDY, PORTLAND

Director: MICHAEL MANN Production:

ALTURAS FILMS

ASYLUM www.asylumfx.com

Director Michael Mann sends Shawne Merriman of the Chargers and Steven Jackson of the Rams into battle against time, the elements, and performanceenhanced opponents with Asylum bringing their A game of seamless VFX including CG weather, stadium recreation, crowd replication and, most importantly, mattress removal for those really ugly hits.

#### For Wieden+Kennedy, Portland

ECDs: Steven Luker, Jelly Helm CDs: Alberto Ponte, Jeff Williams Copy: Alberto Ponte, Ari Weiss AD: Ryan O'Rourke EP: Ben Grylewicz Producer: Kevin Diller

#### For Alturas Films

Director: Michael Mann EP/President: Marshall Rawlings EP: Jeff Rohrer Producer: Leslie Vaughn

#### For Asylum

VFX/CG super: Sean Faden **EP: Michael Pardee** Producer: Mark Kurtz AP: Ryan Meredith Production coordinator: Compositing super: James Allen Compositor/Inferno: Rob Trent Joev Brattesani Inferno: Chris Decristo Chris Moore, Paul Kirsch Smoke: Adam Frazier. Scott Johnson CG producer: Jeff Werner Houdini effects/massive animator: Dan Smiczek Animator: Scott Smith Animator/rig: Kevin Culhane TD lighting: Jeff Willette, Denis Gauthier Lighter: Rob Stauffer Modelers: Chad Fehmie, Toshihiro Sakamaki, Scott Brust, Greg Stuhl Tracker/matchmover/stadium photographer: Eddie Offermann Trackers/matchmovers: Mike Lori.

Andrew Cochrane, Tom Stanton, Devin Fairbaim Tracker: Genevieve Yee Setup: Brian Bell Matte/texture painters: Tim Clark, John Hart, Eric Mattson, Aaron Vest, Robin Foley Roto super: Elissa Bello Roto comp: Eric Evans, James Lee, Valy Lungoccia, John Brennick Roto: Michael Liv, Huey Carroll, Meredith Hook, Junko Schugardt, Mark Duckworth, Laura Murillo, Eric Almeras, Dan Linger, William Schaeffer, Mattanaiah Yip, Ed Anderson

#### Toolkit

Houdini, Massive, Smoke, Inferno, Maya

MOTOROLA "HAKKO" TVC :60

Agency: OGILVY BEIJING

Director: FREDERIK BOND

Production: SONNY LONDON

VFX: THE MILL www.the-mill.com

Only just settled in to his new production venture Sonny London. Fredrik Bond set out for a fourday shoot in Prague that included a full-sized Parisian apartment set, fifteen kilometers of wire, a professional acrobat, a three-ton camera rig, birds, cats and a 1/25th scale model of Montmartre in the early 1900s. "Some of the cables were shot in camera, which is always a good reference," recalls The Mill Lead Flame artist Ben Turner, "But as the 3D guvs started to hit their stride, it was becoming clear we could achieve a more dynamic movement of the cables in CG."

Watch Behind the Scenes on the DVD.



#### For Ogilvy

CDs: Andrew Lok, Nils Andersson Producer: Eric Verheijen

For Sonny London

Director: Fredrik Bond Producer: Helen Kenny

#### For The Mill

Producer: Ben Hampshire Telecine: Paul Harrison Lead Flame: Ben Turner Flame assist: Johnathan Box, Paul Downes 3D producer: Will O'Connor 3D: Hitesh Patel, Tom Bussell, James Rogers, Sergio Xisto, Mario Ucci

**Toolkit** Flame, XSI, Shake, PFTrack



#### For W+K Tokyo Lab

Directors/ADs/designers: +cruz, Woog CDs/illustrators: Maharo, Solobongnu-Sensei Designers: Woog, Mark Okon, lan Lynam, Shotaro Tomiyama, Kaoru Kobayashi Script: Hifana, Woog, +cruz Animators: Genki Ito, Mark Okon, Shane Lester, Jordan Lloyd Editors: Mark Okon, Takeshi Kogahara Live action camera: Takeshi Kogahara, Shane Lester, Mark Okon

#### **Toolkit** After Effects, Maya, Illustrator, Photoshop, Final Cut Pro

#### HIFANA "CONNECT" Music Video

Agency: W+K TOKYO LAB

Directors: +CRUZ, WOOG

Animation: W+K TOKYO LAB www.wktokyolab.com

Part of the new live Hifana DVD album released in Japan. "The video comments on the never-ending, vicious cycle of consumerism," says W+K Tokyo Lab designer/director Eric Cruz. "This clip is a surreal shopping experience through Tokyo. It highlights Japanese youths' current obsession with music. fashion, and collectible figures." Working with a tight timeline, low budget, small staff and not enough sleep, Cruz admits, "Our team really does it for the passion and glory - definitely not the cash." Schedule: originally two months. extended to three.

#### MHD REBRAND Broadcast design

Client: VH1 Animation: TROIKA DESIGN GROUP

MHD, the music network combining HD programming from MTV. VH1 and CMT. gets a new look inspired by the The Book of Genesis and Indonesian shadow puppetry. "Because MHD is broadcast in high definition and in Dolby 5.1 Surround Sound, this gave us the opportunity to push the visuals and audio to the absolute maximum," says Dan Pappalardo, ECD and partner at LA's Troika Design Group. The team started with pencil sketches of the characters, scanned them at 600 dpi, painted them with Photoshop and Painter, then deconstructed them into separate limbs and applied them to 3D geometry animated using IK skeletons.





#### For VH1

SVP/brand & design: Phil Delbourgo Director OAG: Dave Perry Design director: Jim Fitzgerald Editorial director: Traci Terrill Sr writer: Beth Wawerna

#### For Troika Design Group

ECD: Dan Pappalardo Lead designer/illustrator: Heather Kim Original concept: Michael Mikulec EP: Holly Eddy Producer: Neil VanHarte Producer: Robert Bateman Animators/compositors: Maziar Majd, Craig Stouffer Character animator: Ben Hendricks Designer/animator: Huy Dang Design assistants: Mindy Park, Marc Juon Animator: Mark McConnell

#### Toolkit

Maya, Cinema 4D, After Effects, Photoshop, Painter

MTV "FAUNA" Broadcast design

#### Broadcaster: MTV CANADA

#### Director: ANTHONY BURNS

Animation: MTV CANADA www.mtv.ca

Part of a summer branding effort produced in house by a tiny team at MTV Canada based on characters designed by Australian artist/illustrator Nathan Jurevicius. MTV Canada CD Peter Molle: "MTV was looking for a unique approach which reflects the 'real life aspect' on the streets. The campaign had to look fun without appearing too young," Besides the Canadian cable market, the campaign appeared on the giant MTV HD screen in Times Square. and has spawned a line of three tovs available soon on mtv.ca/ fauna. Schedule: four months. including all elements of the channel design: bumpers, menus, graphics, mobile content and toy design.



For MTV Canada Director: Anthony Burns Character design: Nathan Jurevicius Animation: Alex Avram, Anthony Burns Compositing: Anthony Burns, Alex Avram Sound: Anthony Burns CD: Peter Moller

Toolkit Maya, After Effects.

#### For Cartoon Network

CD: Sean Atkins AD: Kevin Fitzgerald HOP: Nathania Seales

#### For Shilo

CDs: Andre Stringer, Jose Gomez, Evan Dennis Lead artist: Evan Dennis Design: Evan Dennis. Andre Stringer Animation/compositina: Stieg Retlin, Eric Bauer, Seth Ricart, Wyeth Hanson, Rick Maltwitz, Marco Giampaolo, Dorian West Editors: Nathan Caswell. Galen Summer Producer: Dexter Bandazzo Line producer: Magali Selosse EP: Tracy Chandler Previs: Fred Fassberger



#### CN REFRESH "FALL MUSIC VIDEO" Broadcast design

Client: CARTOON NETWORK

SHILO

Production: SHILO

#### Animation/design: SHILO

www.shilo.tv

Shilo handles the live action and design and animation for this kinetic kids' take on fall fueled by a custom track from The Hives. "This spot is really all about the kids," says Evan Dennis, who led the Shilo team. "Their personalities and actions drive what amounts. to a really cool music video. That energy and personality was our biggest inspiration and our toughest challenge. We had to consider how the kids would develop their own world. It was a stream-of-consciousness process. a kind of cerebral doodling, as we imagined bizarre rainbows, odd shapes, weird eyeballs, etc. We eventually came up with some lush, youthful drawings from which our animators were able to build toolkits."

#### NICKELODEON LATIN AMERICA Broadcast design

#### Director: TOTUMA Animation: TOTUMA

www.totuma.net

In the 20 countries of Latin America (from Mexico to Argentina), the main cable competitors for Nickelodeon are the Disney Channel, Cartoon Network and Discovery Kids. But what sets Nick apart as a brand is its focus on kids, not the whole family. "This is the channel to be a little mischievous, to gain some independence, to start growing up, and make their own first decisions," asserts Hubert Reinfeld, CD at Totuma.

"Using a nontraditional and rebellious illustration approach, we appealed to the playful and imaginative nature of kids, creating a modular system that would allow our ID battery to grow and change, adapting itself to every new thing in a fun and cheerful way, just as kids do.

"For the IDs we developed a series of characters that would represent all of the possibilities



















of what Nick could became in the imagination of kids – short, modular five second pieces so the Nick team can interlace and create their own series of mutations from one character to another to finally (or not), the Nick logo." Schedule: three months including bumpers, end pages, menus, IDs, lower thirds, and weekly program specials.

#### For Nickelodeon

CDs: Jimmy Leroy, Cesar Teixeira Creative producer: Sebastian Mercader

#### For TOTUMA:

CDs: Hubert Reinfeld Edward Thomas ADs: Cristina Briceño. Vladimir Mihalkov, Ruben Fariñas Lead designers: Pablo Iranzo, Cristina Briceño Character design/illustration: Andreina Diaz, Yonel Hernandez 2D animation/compositing: Pablo Iranzo, Daniel Blanco, Jorge Vigas, Juan Andrés Behrens, Andres Ungaro 3D modeling: Manuel Piña, Ruben Fariñas, Miguel Monteagudo, Marcos Medvedov 3D animation: Manuel Piña, Ruben Fariñas, Miguel Monteagudo, Marcos Medvedov

#### Toolkit

After Effects, Maya, Photoshop, Illustrator

#### VPRO 3VOOR12 Broadcast design

Client: VPRO

Production: KARMA

#### Animation: KARMA

www.karma.tv

Examples of the recent and extremely eclectic rebrand of 3VOOR12, a popular Dutch music channel run by public broadcaster VPRO, which included full graphics packages for 14 programs, "The packaging had to be very inspiring, to enhance the progressive programming and niche positioning of the digital channel," says Karma creative director Danny Smit. The biggest technical hurdle was not the 10week deadline or rendering times, but talent, "The project dropped in the middle of our holiday season. Finding freelancers to man up the kit was a great challenge. It seemed that everybody was in France or Italy."



#### For VPRO 3VOOR12

Commissioners: Mirka Duijn, Nicolette Nol

#### For Karma

CD: Danny Smit Directors: Danny Smit, Wouter Kroese, Dorus van Lieshout Animators: Aljen Hoekstra, Martijn Paaschens, Johan Klungel, Bouwine Pool Compositors: Aljen Hoekstra, Dorus van Lieshout, Wouter Kroese Producer: Berber Coeur Music: Karma SD: Arno Natte Composers: Arno Natte, Paul Cupido, Arno Natte, Thijs van der Klugt

#### Toolkit

Photoshop, LightWave, Cinema 4D, After Effects, TV Paint, HDDV Camera



## For Joyrider

Animation/VFX/design: Andras Ketzer

Toolkit 3ds Max, After Effects "SHORT" Short film

Director: ANDRAS KETZER

Production: JOYRIDER FILMS

#### Animation/VFX: ANDRAS KETZER

www.joyriderfilms.com

Inspired by the retro cool look of Commodore 64 graphics and Jean-Pierre Jeunet's film *Foutaises*, Hungary-born, Londonbased director Andras Ketzer (repped by Joyrider Films) created this new personal short of "things that matter to me" from photos, home videos, maps of favored cycling routes, and a family tablecloth from Budapest.

Focusing on a low-tech experimental approach, additional elements were filmed using a Logitech web camera and a digital handy-cam running at 10 FPS. According to Ketzer both cameras were "extended with homeattached extra lenses including a broken pair-of-spectacles and black-paper-with-a-hole foreplates as a special aperture." Schedule: two months between bike rides in the country.



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www.stashmedia.tv/feed

NIKE "DOUBT & BELIEF" TVC :30

#### Agency: WIEDEN+KENNEDY, SHANGHAI

Director: ASH BOLLAND

#### Animation: UMERIC

www.umeric.com

The Milwaukee Bucks' rookie power forward Yi Jianlian had a rough time in his NBA debut (fouling out after 16 minutes) but he delivers a smooth and heartfelt VO for this Chinese Nike spot rendered in elegant abstraction by Sydney's Umeric. Translation: "You can go pro at the age of 15. You can play for your national team. You can win three championships. You can be named MVP. But that is not enough. You can only be what you make of yourself next."

#### For Wieden+Kennedy

CD: Frank Hahn AD: Kai Zastrow Copy: Achilles Lee, Dean Wei Producer: Kerli Teo

#### For Umeric

Director: Ash Bolland Producer: Von Dekker





#### ROYAL ELASTICS "FEILFRI" TVC/viral :30

#### Agency: FURST MEDIA, MELBOURNE

Director: ASH BOLLAND

#### Animation: UMERIC

Umeric producer Von Dekker says this blatantly strange :30 produced for the Asian market originated when "The agency approached us with the idea of 'beaux tech' or beautiful technology. They sent a visual of the new shoe and asked us to write a number of treatments based around the beaux tech idea and look and feel of the shoe while keeping a very youth feel in mind. From there one idea was picked and refined into the final TVC."

#### For Furst Media

Director: Olivia Skuza Marketing manager: Sheleen Jegasothy

#### For Umeric

Director: Ash Bolland Producer: Von Dekker

#### Toolkit Cinema 4D, After Effects,

Photoshop



For Head Gear Animation

Directors/animators: Steve Angel, Julian Grey, Isaac King, Philippe Blanchard, Sean Branigan Compositors: Julian Grey,

Isaac King, Philippe Blanchard, Sean Branigan, Kyle Griblin Producer: Kathryn Rawson

Sound mix: Deschamps Studios

Cel animation, Photoshop, After Effects

#### DAIRY FARMERS OF CANADA "MILK DOTS" TVCs :5 x 10

#### Agency: DUE NORTH COMMUNICATIONS

#### Director: HEAD GEAR ANIMATION

#### Animation. HEAD GEAR ANIMATION

www.headgearanimation.com

Deciding to work with, or, more accurately, actually accelerate teenagers' brief attention spans. Toronto agency Due North Communications commissioned Head Gear Animation to produce a series of 50 five-second microspots. Each clip is rendered in a different technique with only the fleeting screen time and bovine end tag in common. There were 19 spots on air at press time; these were our 10 favorites.

#### For Due North Communications

CD: Karen Howe Copy: David Gee AD: Shawn Wells

#### OTTAWA INTERNATIONAL ANIMATION FESTIVAL Event titles

#### Director: FILMTECKNARNA

#### Animation: FILMTECKNARNA

www.filmtecknarna.com

Attending the 2007 Ottawa International Animation Festival can take a heavy toll on your attention span. After watching 94 short films over three days vou are very thankful when the festival intros still catch your eye. FilmTecknarna managed to do just that with these two clips. combining hand drawn animation, 2D After Effects designs, 3D elements and the assorted talents of their entire directing staff of the Stockholm studio. Lars Ohlson, FilmTecknarna CEO says the nineweek project, "was essentially made like a chain-letter film, where each animator was totally free to do whatever he/she wanted as long as they started with the last frame of the previous person's animation "



#### For FilmTecknarna

Team: Jonas Odell, Stig Bergqvist, Jonas Dahlbeck, Boris Nawratil, Jessica Laurén, Johanna Andersson, David Nord, Anders Mering, Per Helin Toolkit Softimage, After Effects

THE GUM THIEF "ROGER: PART 1" "BETHANY: PART 1" "GLOVE POND: PART 1" Virals

Client: RANDOM HOUSE CANADA

Production: CRUSH INC.

VFX: CRUSH INC.

The first three of a nine-viral campaign behind the release of Douglas Coupland's new novel The Gum Thief from Toronto graphics and post studio Crush. Commissioned directly by Random House Canada, the project brings passages of the book to life in vastly disparate styles but according to Gary Thomas, managing CD at Crush, "We wanted the three strands to have a unique look, but when viewed as a group would feel coherent." Wrapping the films in Coupland's deadpan voice-over doesn't hurt.

).9 mg. nicotine

For Random House Canada Commissioner: Sharon Klein

#### For Crush Inc.

CD: Gary Thomas Producer: Patty Bradley Directors: Gary Thomas, Adrian Lawrence, Chris Rolf, Stefan Woronko Online/compositing: Greg Dunlop SD: Dave deCarlo

20 MENTHOL CIGARETTES

#### THEY MIGHT BE GIANTS "I'M IMPRESSED" Music video

Record label: IDLE WORLD RECORDINGS / ZOE RECORDS

Director: ROB SHAW

Production: BENT IMAGE LAB

Animation: BENT IMAGE LAB www.bentimagelab.com

To get the mix of epic and miniature scales he wanted for this tale of a dictator's rise and fall, director Rob Shaw opted to animate the stop motion in a series of layers and assemble them in post. "I wanted to shoot it in a bit of a flat way - as threedimensional lavers - stacked on top of each other, going away from the camera. I feel that gives it a storybook fairytale quality. You can see the technique in a lot of Russian and Eastern European stop-motion animation." Schedule: six weeks.



#### For Bent Image Lab

Director: Rob Shaw EPs: Chel White, Ray Di Carlo Sr producer: Tsui Ling Toomer Producer: Kara Place Creative partner: Chel White DOPs: Mark Eifert, James Birkett Animators: Rob Shaw, Sarah Hulin Assistant animators: Brian Kinkley, Marty Easterday Character designer: Bartek Prusiewicz Storvboard: Monique Ligons Art dept director: Solomon Burbridge Art dept: Diana Joy Parker, Marty Easterday Compositors: Orland Nutt. Brian Kinklev Online editor: Jon Weigand PA: Chris Parkhurst Interns: Javan Ivey, Alisa Stern, Jamie Edwards, Jesse Hollis



THE SEA AND CAKE "COCONUT" Music video

Record label: THRILL JOCKEY RECORDS

Director/editor: LUNG

Animation: LUNG

Stash: What was the project brief? Lung: None.

Did that freedom create any creative challenges? Erm,,, none.

*I see. Any technical challenges?* Nope, pretty simple one this.

How about a schedule? Three days doing it and three weeks for Thrill Jockey to decide whether to release it.

Where has it been seen? Internet, festivals, my house.

#### Anything else?

Nothing to report really. Just wanted to make a mess out of other peoples' mess. Offset the track with some sore eyes.

**Toolkit** After Effects, Final Cut Pro

"ODYSSEY IN ROME" Opening titles

Client: FILMMAKERS ENTERTAINMENT

Director: JOOST KORNGOLD

#### Animation: RENASCENT

www.renascent.nl

Dutch director/designer/animator Joost Korngold, who worked on this documentary title sequence between paying gigs for several months, admits he took on the project, "for the love of the game without a budget and in hopes of getting more exposure for feature main title work. I was given a rough cut of where the titles needed to fit. Other than that it was an open brief finding a good integration of both typography and live footage."

#### For Renascent

Director/designer/animator: Joost Korngold

Toolkit 3ds Max, After Effects





#### For TomTom

VP marketing: Stephan van Kruisselberge Advertising manager: Jochen Fischer

#### For TBWA / Neboko

AD: Kirsten Frenz Copy: Dominique Lesbirel Producer: Lotte de Rooij

#### For Quadriga FX

Tracking/keying/masking: Christopher Puchta, René Blumberg, Georg Sebastian Dressler, Dimitrios Truchan, Matthias Haase, Tobias Wiegand

#### For PostPanic

Director/designer: Mischa Rozema EP: Ania Markham Producer: Annejes van Liempd TD: Jules Tervoort 3D super: Ivor Goldberg DOP: Philip van Volsem PA: Suvi Hyvarinen Motion graphics: Kevin Walenciak, Martijn Hogerkamp, Florian Stumpe 3D: Tim van der Wiel, Jerome Haubert, Bartek Opatowiecki, Onno van Braam. Jeroen Arts

#### For Cartoon Saloon

Rotoscoping/animation producer: Ross Murray PM: Kairen Waloch Rotoscoping/animation director: Diane Le Feyer Rotoscopers/animators: Diane Le Feyer, Mathieu Chaptel, Ray Forkan, Niall Moran, Alessandra Sorrentino, Alfredo Cassano

#### Toolkit

3ds Max, After Effects, Flash, Final Cut Pro

#### TOMTOM "CLIENT MEETING" "HOSPITAL DASH" TVCs :30 x 2

Agency: TBWA\NEBOKO, NETHERLANDS

Director: MISCHA ROZEMA

Production: POSTPANIC

#### ANIMATION/POST: POSTPANIC QUADRIGA FX CARTOON SALOON

www.postpanic.com www.quadrigafx.de www.cartoonsaloon.ie

Post Panic director Mischa Rozema says he combined a live-action green screen shoot. rotoscoping, 3D and motion graphics in this spot because, "I wanted the viewer to start with a blank canvas and then see this unusual graphic world filled in as the story developed. I really liked the idea of paint techniques and seeing color being added as if by hand. It was important however to always keep the TomTom brand at the forefront, so I decided to use green as the foundation for the spots."

BANK OF IRELAND "BOGEYMAN", "ELF" TVCs :30 x 2

Agency: IRISH INTERNATIONAL BBDO

Director: RORY KELLEHER

Production: COMPANY FILMS

Animation/VFX: GLASSWORKS

www.glassworks.co.uk

Two testimonials for the Bank of Ireland from some of its more mythical clients. The bogeyman and the elf both started as drawings by director Rory Kelleher and involved complex post acrobatics via London's Glassworks. Briefly: The bogeyman is a combination of 3D face, limbs, hat and feathers all choreographed around his live action velvet jacket. The elf started with careful casting then replacing everything above the talent's shoulders with a 3D scanned version of her own head complete with exaggerated eyes and fantastic ears. To add more reality. the 30 tiny CG extras were motion captured from actual elves.



For Irish International BBDO CD: Kirk Bannon Producer: Noel Byrne

#### **For Company Films**

Director: Rory Kelleher Producer: Nick Fewtrell

#### For Glassworks

TK operator: Tareq Kubaisi Flame: Duncan Malcolm, Warren Gebhardt, Lise Prud'Homme, Stuart Wilson 3D Artists: Alastair Hearsum, Vaclav Cizkovsky, Daniel Jahnel, Will Davies, Ruediger Kaltenhaeuser, James Mann, Jaroslav Polensky

#### DOVE "ONSLAUGHT" Viral

Client: Unilever

#### Agency: OGILVY & MATHER, TORONTO

Director: TIM PIPER

#### Production: WORLDWIDE PRODUCTIONS/ STEAM FILMS

VFX: SOHO www.26soho.com

Following up a huge viral and emotional hit like Dove "Evolution" would be tough enough on its own, but add a Titanium Lion and now the whole world is watching. The new clip from director Tim Piper and Toronto's Soho doesn't disappoint – the work is indeed a visual onslaught – continuing Dove's message without repeating itself or playing sequel.

#### For Ogilvy & Mather

EP: Brenda Surminski CCOs: Janet Kestin, Nancy Vonk ACDs/copy: Tim Piper, Mike Kirkland AD: Mike Kirkland, Stuart Campbell, Sharon Lee Pan Director: Tim Piper



#### For Worldwide Productions/ Steam Films

Producer: Jeff McDougall DOP: Marc Laliberté-Else

#### For Soho

Editors: Kevin Gibson, Tim Piper Photography: Mark Belvedere, Tim Piper, Mike Kirkland Assistant editor: Mark Sheehan Toolkit Smoke

HONDA FIT "EYES", "GAS MILEAGE" TVCs/virals x 2

Agency: RPA

Director: Andrew Hall

#### Animation: A52 www.a52.com

Originally meant as :15s for the web, both these CG spots graduated to cable TV with the help of creative direction and tight HD execution from A52 in Hollywood, A52 director and VFX super Andrew Hall recalls. "The biggest challenge was to create compelling stories in 15 seconds," but says he found the inspiration to do that in the car chases of "Bullitt" and "The French Connection" and classic postcards of Route 66. Starting with those visuals, the A52 team handled modeling, texturing, and lighting in Mava, rendered with Mental Ray, composited CG layers in Shake, and managed final compositing and grading in Flame.

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#### For RPA

CDs: Joe Baratelli, David Smith Acd/AD: Curt Johnson Acd/copy: Todd Carey EP: Gary Paticoff Producer: Nick Rogoff

#### For A52

Director/VFX super: Andrew Hall EP: Mark Tobin Producer: Sarah Haynes Concept artist: Darren Gillford Flame: Kirk Balden, Pat Murphy Shake: James Pastorius Previz: Dan Gutierrez CG: Max Ulichney, Kirk Shintani, Eli Guerron, Paulo De Almada, Adam Newman, Dan Gutierrez

#### Music: Elias Arts Sound design: 740 Sound Design

#### Toolkit

Maya, Mental Ray, Shake, Flame, Photoshop.



#### For Modernista

CDs: Joe Fallon, Tim Vaccarino Producer: Sherri Levy Senior AD: Luke Perkins

#### **For Anonymous Content**

Director: Joseph Kosinski EP: Jeff Barron Line producer: Scott Kaplan DOP: Claudio Miranda

#### **For Digital Domain** President of Commercial Ed Ulbrich

VFX super: Eric Barba CG super: Doug Wilkinson VFX producers: Jason Cohon, Melanie LaRue Digital PM: Christopher House Flame: Kevin Ellis, Jonathan Hicks Nuke: Brian Begun, Sven Dreesbach Digital artists: Dan Abrams, Carlos Anguiano, Tim Nassauer, John Niehuss, Chris Norpchen Aaron Powell Roto artist: Kevin Ellis FX animation: Jens Zalzala Matte painting: Wei Zheng Tracking: Scott Edelstein Editor: Russ Glascow

#### For Stimmung

Composer: Reinhard Denke

#### Toolkit

3ds Max, Houdini, Flame, LightWave, NUKE, STORM stash 38.26

#### HUMMER "SELECTOR" TVC :30

Agency: MODERNISTA

Director: JOSEPH KOSINSKI

Production: ANONYMOUS CONTENT

#### Animation: DIGITAL DOMAIN

www.digitaldomain.com

"I wanted to give the viewer a sneak peek at a near-future, hyper-real driving sim through the bloodshot eves of a 13-year-old hopped up on Ritalin and Red Bull," admits director Joseph Kosinski who shot the opening and closing scenes with the new Sony F23 camera, recording uncompressed footage directly to hard disks mounted in the back of a pimped out AMG SUV. "After a few decent takes of the jump at the end, the agency producer challenged me to break the Hummer which we promptly did (a couple of body panels, easily reattached). Unfortunately, we also ripped the front suspension off the camera car which the DP and I were riding in at the time (not so

#### "KEY LIME PIE" Student film

#### School: SHERIDAN COLLEGE

#### Director: TREVOR JIMENEZ

Created by Trevor Jimenez during his final months at Sheridan College in Oakville, Ontario, "Key Lime Pie" has since been gorging its way through the animation festival circuit. Although the snappy film noir style and narration is pitch perfect in the final product, Jimenez claims the story was the most difficult phase of the process: "I'm used to using images to communicate my ideas, but the writing does not come as naturally. I was inspired to do a noir after watching 'The Sweet Smell of Success' by Alexander Mackendrick, From there I marinated in and was inspired by Saul Steinberg illustrations, Weegee's photography, the Batman animated TV series and a slew of other great noir films like 'Sunset Blvd', and the 'Night of the Hunter'." Schedule: September to December 2006 to write. board and design. January to the end of April 2007 in production. Completed early May, 2007.













Director/writer/VO/animator: Trevor Jimenez Music: Aaron Tsang Cleanup assistants: Lettie Lo, Tim Yu, Alan Cook Digital cel painters: Braden Poirier, Leean Dufour, Adam Hines, Andrew Yu, Dan Ye, Naz Ghodrati, Mark Stanleigh

**Toolkit** Photoshop, After Effects, Premiere, Flipbook

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"ADJUSTMENT" Student film

Director: IAN MACKINNON

#### School: ROYAL COLLEGE OF ART www.rca.ac.uk

lan Mackinnon studied and taught computer animation at Bournemouth University, and recently gained a Master of Art degree in animation from the Royal College of Art.

Cast: Sally Scott, Matthew Lyon Writer/director: Ian Mackinnon Original score: Krister Holmes Voice: Simon Perry Additional animation: Réka Gacs Digital intermediate: Framestore CFC Sound re-recording: Chris Pow

#### Toolkit

Live action, flipbooks, time-lapse, CG



"THE LEGEND OF BORUTA" Student film

#### Director: BARTOSZ (BARTEK) NOWAKOWSKI

#### School: EMILY CARR INSTITUTE OF ART + DESIGN www.eciad.ca

"The concept of the film is derived and based on an old Polish legend that originated in my small hometown of Leczyca, Poland. The town contains only 16,000 residents, but is saturated with old churches, cathedrals, art, architecture, stories and legends, all of which have inspired me to create my first film."

Director: Bartosz (Bartek) Nowakowski

#### Toolkit

3ds Max, Zbrush, Photoshop, After Effects, Premiere



"HOMAGE" Student film

Director: JACQUES KHOURI

School: SAVANNAH COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN

vww.scad.edu

Born in Montreal, Jacques Khouri uses his college degree in graphic design and two bachelor degrees in design and film animation plus his Masters degree in animation from the Savannah College of Art and Design to create an homage to legendary Canadian experimental animator Norman Maclaren. Schedule/budget: six weeks/\$20

Director/animator: Jacques Khouri Sound: Beethoven

**Toolkit** Maya, Shake, After Effects



"TIR NAN OG" Student film

Director: FURSY TEYSSIER

#### School: ECOLE EMILE COHL www.cohl.fr

In an attempt to "keep the hand made touch", French animation student Fursy Teyssier started with watercolor backgrounds scanned and modified in Photoshop. Characters were animated in 3D, printed out, and cleaned up by hand before being scanned back into the computer for coloring

Director: Fursy Teyssier Tech support: Jean Charles, Mbotti Malolo, Florian Piento Sound design/mix: Yan Volsy Voices: Johanna Rousset

**Toolkit** Maya, Shake, After Effects

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