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The fractured media audience is a central reason network television and major record labels do not dominate their industries as they used to. In the good old days the audience was generally cohesive and reasonably obedient – they would consume large quantities of whatever was shoved in front of them because there were few alternatives.

Back in 2004 we were convinced Stash was the way to serve a small shard of that shattered mob (the design and advertising crowd) exactly what they wanted and were never going to get from a big media company: a publication devoted exclusively to animation, VFX and motion graphics.

But even as the first couple issues rolled out that fall, we began to get requests for even more specialized collections. Some designers wanted to see more broadcast graphics, many animators were only interested in character animation. Others wanted to see disks full of music videos or short films. It was very clear Stash's small (but tasty) piece of the media pie should be sliced up to serve even more focused audiences.

In the summer of 2007, when we finally got serious about a series of Stash collections, one of the first titles I knew we had to release was Motion Graphics. In part because the audience is large and fairly rabid, but also because the choice of a guest editor was so obvious.

98% of you know Justin Cone through his Motionographer site. Anyone who has met him knows he is warm, articulate, passionate, and yes... I'll say it: kind of cute. This is Justin's collection. He chose all 60 pieces and requested they run as you see them – in chronological order from Stash 01. His introduction to this volume – answering the thorny question of just what motion graphics actually is – runs on the next two pages.

Stephen Price Editor New York, February 2008 sp@stashmedia.tv





Apart from an occasional postsneeze blessing, I don't speak German.

It's not something I actively avoid; it's just not something my life's circumstances have encouraged me to learn, like ice-fishing or alligator wrestling. But there's an oft-cited word from the German language that I celebrate, partly for its meaning but mostly for the fact that it can't easily be defined—in German or in English.

The word is gemütlichkeit. It means (roughly) the quality of coziness, the feeling of being accepted, comfortable, cheerful, at ease with the world, present in the here and now. A person can be gemütlichkeit, but so can a situation or a place. Gemütlichkeit can't be readily defined, but the people who know what it means can point to several examples of gemütlichkeit things and confidently proclaim their gemütlichkeitfulness, all while being perfectly gemütlichkeit themselves. You know it when you see it. in other words.

Kind of like motion graphics.

I have yet to hear a satisfactory definition of motion graphics. Almost every professional who's come into contact with motion graphics has some idea about it, which they profess with varying degrees of confidence and swagger depending on their age, experience and job titles.

The most common definition is that motion graphics is the combination of animation and graphic design. This answer is usually delivered with an air of barely restrained self-satisfaction punctuated by a sense of unquestionable finality. There. Done. That's it. Period. Check, please.

But the answer, unfortunately, is woefully deficient for two reasons: One, it merely points to two other terms, the definitions of which are only slightly less opaque than motion graphics. And two, "graphic design plus animation" doesn't capture the whole sprawling mess of disciplines around which motion graphics encircles its loving arms.

Like "gemütlichkeit" and "motion graphics," "graphic design" and "animation" are slippery critters that don't appreciate being fondled with semantic certitude. Let's tackle the graphic design angle first. Employing the same smugness and finality as our hypothetical speaker above, I could wave off the term by simply stating that graphic design is the use of images and text to communicate information.

Unfortunately, this definition makes the graphic designer sound like little more than a professional collage artist. (Not that there's anything wrong with professional collage artists.) It doesn't get at the enormous complexity of book layout or the murky gray areas where illustration and typography mingle. It doesn't say anything about the importance of color theory or hint at the countless layers of meaning that any part-time semiotician can derive from the seemingly simple shapes of a logo or typeface.

Taking a cue from semiotics, maybe graphic design could be defined as the creation of signs, in the semiotical sense of that word. But then that's too broad, too encompassing. It waters down the discipline, putting my Uncle Herbert's bungled PowerPoint presentations on the same conceptual footing as Paul Rand's portfolio. Perhaps that glaring inequality can best be summed up in two words: Comic Sans. Instead of wrestling endlessly with what graphic design is or isn't, let's agree that it resists clear definition. Let's agree that we generally know graphic design when we see it, and that, in fact, it's probably better to not put too fine a point on it, lest we miss something new and exciting burgeoning on the periphery.

The same goes for animation. The easy definition: animation is the sequencing of imagery to produce the illusion of motion. And now I'm sighing at what I just wrote. (I'm sure many of you are doing much worse.) While technically true, animation is a full-blown art form unto itself, encompassing everything from clay model stop-motion to photorealistic computer generated imagery. But in an attempt to include all the countless variations of animation, we must reach for a nebulous definition to provide some sort of foundation, however shaky and prone to cracking it might be.

Again, we've got a slippery one on our hands. So let's settle on not settling.

The point? If motion graphics is "animation plus graphic design," then it's really about two vast, foggy but exhilarating fields that have somehow managed to locate each other's reproductive organs and produce a child. If we unravel that child's DNA and decode it, we get something like, "the communication of information via the sequencing of images and text."

Not bad, actually. But that's the barest of definitions for a field that refuses to be defined. Motion graphics encompasses a huge range of disciplines with the voracity of a starved amoeba. An incomplete laundry list includes (in addition to graphic design and animation): sound design, visual effects, cinematography, editing, music composition and even interaction design and installation art.

Viewed one way, motion graphics is infiltrating existing fields. Everything that was once static is now subject to movement—and thus to motion graphics. A couple of years ago, the countless posters that lined Tottenham Court Road Station's longest escalator were replaced by as many LCD displays, each playing a motion graphicsfueled video loop. Putting aside the moral and/or psychological repercussions of this visual orgy, motion is undeniably altering the urban landscape from the inside out. Viewed from a slightly different angle, motion graphics isn't virally injecting itself into existing disciplines: rather it is a term that can be widely and liberally applied to the changes going on in the fields of design, animation and filmmaking. The difference is largely semantic, but it does underscore the elasticity of motion graphics as a concept. Motion graphics, in other words, may be less about its products and more about an attitude, an approach that can only be defined as "motion graphicky." A spot comprised entirely of 3D animation, for example, could be a specimen of motion graphics if it was held together by design. Artfully edited live action mixed with a modicum of aesthetic sensibility could also slide under the welcoming umbrella of motion graphics.

It's with all this mess in mind that I chose the contents of these DVDs. The assignment was, at first, terrifying. I've been a Stash fan for a while. Every month, I sit in front of my TV with a rag in one hand to mop the drool from my chin and the remote in the other to rewind my favorite spots again and again. I had no idea how I would ever choose just 60 projects from the entire Stash catalog. But as I started sifting through all the beautiful work, I relaxed and started to enjoy the process. The motion graphics pieces spoke to me. I reached in and plucked them out. I'm not saying it was easy. It wasn't. But it was a blast.

The result is the closest I've ever seen to a definitive collection of contemporary motion graphics work. If all my ramblings above made no sense, any confusion will be obliterated by simply watching the contents of these two DVDs.

What is motion graphics? This is motion graphics.

May it prove to be as gemütlichkeit for you as it is for me.

Justin Cone Editor, Motionographer justin@motionographer.com

stash 01.20

Animé NETWORK "Boy Meets ROBOT", "My Favorite Show", "Perfect Session" Broadcast Design

Client: ANIMÉ NETWORK

Director: NANDO COSTA

Production: THE EBELING GROUP

Design/animation: NAKD www.nakd.tv

For Nakd

CD: Nando Costa Designer: Linn Olofsdotter Costa Animators: Nando Costa, Renato Ferro, Rodolfo Souza Silva, Raquel Falkenbach Riveiro, Romano Cotrim Silviano Brandão

For The Ebeling Group

EP: Mick Ebeling Producer: Moody Glasgow, Ben Apley

Toolkit

3DS Max, After Effects, Photoshop, Illustrator, PCs with Dual Xeon processors









For Mo*Phonics Sound design: Zach Corbell

Toolkit

Maya, Shake, After Effects, Photoshop, Illustrator, Combustion, Final Cut Pro, G5





BOMBAY SAPPHIRE "STEP INTO BLUE" Cinema and TVC :60

Agency: MARGEOTES NYC

Director: JAKE BANKS

Production/animation: STARDUST STUDIOS

With no other brief than sensuality and sophistication, Margeotes solicited 10 companies to submit ideas for their annual Bombay Sapphire :60. Bi-coastal broadcast design and motion graphics concern Stardust Studios got the job on the strength of their storyboards. Check the Behind the Scenes feature on the DVD to see the pitch that won Stardust the job

For Margeotes NYC Producer: Megan McDonald

For Stardust Studios

ECD/AD/designer: Jake Banks EP: Matthew Marquis Producer: Rich Kaylor Animators: Sandy Chang, Shane Zucker, Christian Perez, Yan Ng, Jake Banks, Angie Tien Editor: Jake Banks stash 02.13

APA 50 AWARDS Viral :34

Client: ADVERTISING PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION

Director: ADAM PARRY

Design/animation FRAMESTORE CFC

www.framestore-cfc.com

A viral promotion for the year's 50 best commercials produced by UK prodcos and agencies as presented by the Advertising Producers Association and the British Academy of Film and Television Arts. In a nod to the 2004 awards venue - the Victoria and Albert Museum - director Parry took the wide open brief and went straight for something, well, Victorian. The animation was created by Parry in Inferno, with a week of design followed by two weeks of execution. The project was delivered to APA members via front. Framestore CFC's online digital delivery and archiving system.



For Framestore CFC

Director/designer: Adam Parry Producer: Simon Whalley Music and sound design: Osymyso

Toolkit

Inferno

HONDA HATE "GRRR" Cinema and TVC :90

Agency: WIEDEN+KENNEDY

Directors: SMITH & FOULKES

Production: NEXUS PRODUCTIONS

www.nexusproductions.com

Can hate be good? In the case of Kenichi Nagahiro, it seems so. Honda's chief engine designer hated the noise, smell and dirt of diesel engines so much he flatly refused to design Honda's first diesel unless he was allowed to start from scratch. The result is the i-CTDi a brand new power plant that even bunnies and rainbows can love. Garrison Keillor sings the infectious folk song.

For Wieden+Kennedy

Creatives: Michael Russoff, Sean Thompson





For Nexus Productions

Producer: Julia Parfitt 3D: Darren Price, Steve Brown, Mark Davies, Luis Juan Palares, Michael, Mike Swindall, Daniel Shutt, Laura, Saul, Sandra Guarda Composite: Reece Millidge, Eddy Herringson, Moshe Sayada Graphics: Reece Millidge, Ludovic, Adam Pointer

Toolkit

3D Studio Max, Brazil, After Effects, Combustion





"RESFEST 2004" Film trailer :90

Director: MOTION THEORY

Production/VFX: MOTION THEORY

www.motiontheory.com

Stitching together the illustrative talents of KozynDan with two days of motion control shots from suburbia, Hama Sushi, downtown LA, and a used-car lot, Motion Theory weaves live action and 3D into a surreal and seamless panoramic opening sequence for Resfest.

For RES

Festival director: Jonathan Wells Editor: Holly Willis HOP: John Turk



For Motion Theory

DP: David Morrison CDs: Mathew Cullen, Grady Hall ADs: Jesus de Francisco, Kaan Atilla VFX super: John Clark Designers: Mathew Cullen, Kaan Atilla, John Clark, Chris Leone, Paulo De Almada, Kirk Shintani, Linas Jodwalis, Chris De St. Jeor, Seung Do Kang, Vi Nguyen, Mark Kudsi, Irene Park, Earl Burnley, Gabriel Dunne, Daryn Wakasa, Jesse Franklin Producers: Bo Platt, James Taylor EP: Javier Jimenez

For Momentum Lab

Flame: Danny Yoon Producer: Gregg Katano

Toolkit

Maya, After Effects, Flame, motion control

GETTY IMAGES "BIG IDEA" Branded content

www.gettyimages.com/thebigidea

It is a head-smackingly obvious idea in hindsight: show off Getty's massive collection of digital and still images as well as their slick online access technology by commissioning cool film makers to create shorts with at least half the content downloaded directly from the Getty website. Seven films were made, these are our favorites. Check out the behind scenes feature on the DVD for indepth "making of" videos.

"MURMURS OF EARTH: SIDE B" Director: LOGAN

Camera/editing/animation/ compositing: Logan 3D modelina: Johnny Lum Additional animation: James Wang Sound design: Kevin Shapiro Still photography: Stephen Schauer Props: Dani Tull

"EYES" Director: KOICHURIO TSUJIKAWA Animation/composite/edit/audio:

Koichiro Tsujikawa Music: Cornelius

"WHAT IF" Director: JEREMY HOLLISTER

AD/designer: Judy Wellfare Designer: Johnathon Leong Animators: Doug Purver, Jesse Lockwood, Johnathon Leong Illustrator: Jesse Lockwood EP: Barry Hollister Music: Pull







HUFF MAIN TITLE CREDITS Broadcast design

Broadcaster: SHOWTIME NETWORKS

Directors: ANDRE STRINGER, JOSE GOMEZ, CHRISTOPHER MARKOS

Design/production: SHILO

www.shilodesign.com

Showtime's new Sunday night centerpiece sets a dark and moody tone by taking us from the shock of birth and on through issues of socialization, acceptance, fear and eroticism. The collage of layered boxes, which was finished in HD, frames live action footage, still photography, and graphic illustration all connected with 3D spiraling metal wire.





For Shilo

CDs/designers/animators/ compositors: Andre Stringer, Jose Gomez, Christopher Markos Producer: Tracy Chandler Animator: Cassidy Gearhart 3D: Christopher Fung Assistant editor: Sara Dexter Randazzo DP: Tim Gleason Composer: W.G. Snuffy Walden





NIKE SHOX "SHOXPLOITATION" TVC :60

Directors: KYLIE MATULICK, TODD MUELLER

Design/animation: PSYOP

1970's Blaxploitation meets animé in this faux trailer for Nike's Shox Neo sneaker with VO by Ludacris, musical arrangements by R2T2 and starring the animated doppelgangers of Brian Urlacher (Chicago Bears), Rasheed Wallace (Detroit Pistons), Gary Sheffield (New York Yankees), and Clinton Portis (Washington Redskins). Working directly with Nike, Psyop produced the entire five-spot campaign in three weeks of design work and six weeks of animation and post.

Check out the Behind the Scenes feature on the DVD to watch the other four spots.

Read more about this project and the full credits at www.stashmedia.tv/05_01

For Psyop

EP: Justin Booth-Clibborn Producer: Boo Wong Associate producer: Joe Hobaica Writer: Steve Raymond Storyboard: Ben Chan Editor: Jed Boyar Designers: Brian Wood, John Frye, Toby Cyprus, , Daniel Piwowarczyk Graphics designer: Pal Moore Graphics animator: Jonathan Garin

Toolkit

XSI, Flame, After Effects

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LEMONY SNICKET'S A SERIES OF UNFORTUNATE EVENTS TVCs x 4

Client: NICKELODEON

CDs: NORN KITTIAKSORN, JENNIFER MILLER

Design/animation: BLUR STUDIO

www.blur.com

Brad Silberling's adaptation of Daniel Handler's cheery series of books about murder, suicide and child abuse for the 8+ crowd opened at the top of the box office this holiday with help from these promos via the broadcast design team at Blur. The brief was to brand the Jim Carrey vehicle in a manner consistent with the film's campy yet sinister tone. Jude Law, narrator of the film, provides the voiceover for these spots.

For Nickelodeon

EP/CD: Eric Alan Producer: Jody Skoutas



For Blur

CDs: Norn Kittiaksorn, Jennifer Miller Lead designer: Norn Kittiaksorn Designer: Adam Swaab Producer: Beth Elder Lead animators: Jayson Whitmore, Adam Swaab Animators: Emmett Dzieza, Jim McDaniels, Josh Graham

Editing: Trailer Park

Toolkit

After Effects, Photoshop, 3ds Max, Illustrator

HONDA FR-V "TOGETHER" Cinema and TVC :60

Agency: WEIDEN+KENNEDY

Client: HONDA

Designer/director: DAVE DANIELS

Animation/production: TANDEM FILMS

www.tandemfilms.com

Ben Walker and Matt Gooden. the Wieden+Kennedv creatives responsible for the once ubiquitous Honda "Coq" spot, swerve off anything resembling a beaten path with this exercise in minimalist abstraction. The spot launches Honda's FR-V family car - which seats three people in both front and back seats - by tracing a family's story: from a couple's first meeting, to the birth of their child, to their decision to buy a car that allows them to always be together. The campaign will also include press, poster and internet executions, each using designs by director Daniels

For Tandem Additional animation: Richard Jones, Daniel Greaves Producers: Alison Graham,

Mike Bell Live action director: Stuart Parr @ Blink Post: The Mill Sound design: Shriek

Toolkit After Effects





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MERCEDES BENZ "SOUNDS OF SUMMER" TVC :60

Agency: SPRINGER & JACOBY, DRITTE WERBEAGENTUR, GMBH AND CO KG

Client: MERCEDES BENZ/DAIMLER CHRYSLER

Directors: TIMO SCHAEDEL, OLE PETERS

Animation: SEHSUCHT

www.sehsucht.de

Hamburg-based design/animation/ post studio Sehsucht finds a fresh way to visualize the sounds of top-down motoring in summer with this minimal, waveform-driven piece that you hope will just keep going. To give the spot an organic feel and save time, the waveform visuals were built as 3D objects and animated in Cinema 4D then imported as masks into After Effects.



For Springer & Jacoby, Dritte Werbeagentur GmbH and Co KG

CD: Till Homann, Axel Thomsen AD: Justus V. Engelhardt, Tobias Gradert Copy: Florian Kähler, Florian Pagel Client advisors: Christoph Tank, Gesa Unbehagen

For Sehsucht Animation: Timo Schaedel, Ole Peters

For NHB Studios, Hamburg Sound design: Wenke Kleine-Benne

Toolkit

Cinema 4D, After Effects, Card Dance plug-in, G5 Dual 2Ghz







THE OBSERVER "FOOD CALENDAR" TVC :30

Agency: MOTHER, LONDON

Design director: CHRIS DOOLEY

VFX/animation: NATIONAL TELEVISION www.natl.tv

Advertising for newspapers continues to enliven the UK TV viewing experience with this buffet for the retinas proclaiming the dietarily sinful contents of the Observer's latest free food calender. After establishing the stylized paint look for the food elements texture maps were created for the 3D models and then animated in 2D space.

For National Television

Illustration director: Brian Won Animation director: Brumby Boylston HOP: Steiner Kierce Animator: Chris Lopez 3D animators: John Ngyuen, Ironclaw Illustrators: Benjamin Lee, Joel Chang

Toolkit Maya, After Effects, Adobe CS stash 07.03

HP "IT CONSOLIDATES" TVC :30

Client: HEWLETT PACKARD

Agency: GOODBY, SILVERSTEIN & PARTNERS

Director: MOTION THEORY

Design/animation/VFX: MOTION THEORY

www.motiontheory.com

The animated whimsy of this spot adds a friendly face to dry technology and makes us want to believe HP servers could bring our everyday business chaos under control. Motion Theory pulls off some heavy consolidating of its own, seamlessly integrating conventional live action production with motion control, stop-motion animation, CG and illustration.



For Goodby, Silverstein & Partners

EP: Elizabeth O'Toole Sr producer: Hilary Bradley CD: John Norman Associate CDs: Rick Condos, Hunter Hindman AD: Stacy Milrany Copy: Will Elliott

For Motion Theory

AD: Mathew Cullen VFX super: John Clark Sr designer: Mark Kudsi Designers/animators: Paulo de Almada, Kaan Atilla, Earl Burnley, John Clark, Mathew Cullen, Jesus de Francisco, Gabe Dunne, Jesse Franklin, Christopher Janney, Chris De St Jeor, Linas Jodwalis, Mark Kudsi, Mark Kulakoff, Mark Lai, Chris Leone, Vi Nguyen, Robyn Resella, Kirk Shintani, Mike Slane Pre-vis: Chris Leone Post coordinator: James Taylor Artists: Joseph Hart, Carm Goode, Daniel Chang, Ryan Wallace

Toolkit

Maya, After Effects, Final Cut Pro

FINE LIVING NETWORK IDs Broadcast design x 3

Director: JON BERRY

Design/animation: PLUS ET PLUS www.plusetplus.com

A calm, lyrical and densely textured suite of IDs based on the notion of escapism. The scenes were created from layers of animated textile-inspired patterns to resemble recognizable but non-specific landscapes.

For Fine Living Network

Design director: Jon Berry

For Plus et Plus

EP: Barry Hollister Producer: Joe Hobaica CD: Jeremy Hollister AD/designer: Judy Wellfare Designer: Jennifer Kim 3D animator: Alan Bibby 2D animator: Doug Purver

Music/sound design: Ohm Lab

Toolkit

After Effects, Photoshop, Illustrator, Cinema 4D





TOONAMI IDs Broadcast design x 4

Director: MATT PYKE

Production: UNIVERSAL EVERYTHING

Animation: **ZEITGUISED, MATEUNIVERSE**

www.zeitguised.com

Designer/director Matt Pyke enlisted German animation and design studios Zeitguised and Mateuniverse to help create these exploding cubes of energy for Cartoon Network's action adventure channel for boys. Pyke says the unpredictable visuals were inspired by watching wiggy Tokyo television jetlagged at 4am - something he calls the "what the hell was that" syndrome.

For Toonami Commissioner: James Walpole

For Universal Everything

Designer/director: Matt Pyke Animation: Zeitguised, Mateuniverse

For Free Farm Sound design: Simon Pyke



Toolkit

After Effects, Cinema 4DXL, Logic Pro 7, Native Instruments: Absynth2 / FM7, Apple G5



For The Director's Bureau

EP: Cayce Cole Producer: Eric Escott DP: Eric Schmidt AD: Mark Snalgrove Puppeteers: William Guyer, Kevin Carlson, Dave Barclay, James Murphy, Michelan Sisti, Greg Ballora

Post: The Moving Picture Company





BECK "E-PRO" Music video 4:00

Record Label: INTERSCOPE/GEFFEN

Director: SHYNOLA

Production: THE DIRECTOR'S BUREAU

VFX/animation: SHYNOLA

www.shynola.com

London-based directing team Shynola (Gideon, Jason, Chris and Kenny) send Beck romping through a retro-tech vector underworld that begins when he digs up the grave of his pet dog. The weightless and disorienting movements of the singer/ songwriter were created by locking off the camera, suspending him in a harness and then controlling his motions with a team of rugged puppeteers.

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WORDSTOCK 2005 "HOW TO WRITE A STORY" TVC :30

Agency: FOURSTORIES, PORTLAND

Director: CHEL WHITE

Production/animation: BENT IMAGE LAB

www.bentimagelab.com

A public service announcement created for Wordstock 2005, a literary festival featuring guest speakers such as Norman Mailer, Russel Banks, John Irving, Susan Orlean, and many more. Dark and humorous, the piece features a stream-of-conscious look at the writing process, told with animated images straight from the subconscious... or somewhere.

For FourStories

CD: Austin Howe Copy: Scott Poole Producer: Austin Howe Account exec: John Drake



For Bent Image Lab

EPs: Chel White, Ray Di Carlo Producers: Chel White, Randall Wakerlin DP: Mark Eifert Designer: Chel White Editor: Steven Miller Sound designer/mixer: Lance Limbocker Compositors: Steve Balzer, Orland Nutt, Randall Wakerlin. Assist compositors: James Birkett, Brian Kinkley, Natasha Kruze. Still photography: Mark Eifert, Randall Wakerlin, CJ Beaman, Chel White. Photoshop: CJ Beaman, Nikole Fraley.

Toolkit

After Effects, Avid Adrenaline, Photoshop 7.0, Nikon D-100



For Stardust EP: Eileen Doherty ECD: Jake Banks

"Break Ups" Design: Jake Banks, Neil Tsai Animators: Magnus Hierta, Shane Zucker, Joseph Andrade, Andre Sayler AD: Jake Banks Producer: Julie Novalle

"Stephanie"

Design: Neil Tsai, Bryan Louie Animators: Sang Lee, Sandy Chang, Andre Sayler, Joseph Andrade, Thomas Williams Cell animators: Jason Brubaker, Sam Sparks, Dietz AD: Neil Tsai Producers: Jill Heinrich, Kathy Cogar



For McCann-Erickson CDs: Jeff Huggins, Eric McClellan, Tom Giovagnoli Producers: Jan O'malley, Chris Weldon

For @Radical Media DP: Franz Lustig EP: Frank Stiefel Producer: Adam Gross For Filmcore Editor: Doug Walker

For Company 3 Colorist: Stefan Sonnenfeld

For Elias Music Composer: Chris Campanaro

WINDOWS "BREAK UPS", "STEPHANIE" TVCs :30 x 2

Client: MICROSOFT

Agency: MCCANN-ERICKSON

Director: RALF SCHMERBERG

Production: @RADICAL MEDIA

Design/animation: STARDUST

www.stardust.tv

With nine spots running in eleven countries for fifteen months, the "Start Something" campaign is the largest in Windows' history. Each spot required a different approach and style to highlight the character's personal passion, reveals Stardust ECD Jake Banks, "We needed the visual to appeal worldwide but still hit on a personal level." Working on all nine spots at once (with each adapted for the eleven markets), Stardust brought over 40 2D and 3D animators and designers to the project.

Watch the Behind the Scenes feature on the DVD.

FOX SPORTS "MLB" TVC :30

Client: FOX NETWORKS

Director: MARK DENYER-SIMMONS

Production: MARSHA HUNT PRODUCTIONS

Design/VFX: MOMENTUM LAB

Perhaps it is director Mark Denyer-Simmons creative experience with networks in the UK, Hong Kong and Australia that helps him bring a fresh and dramatic edge to this spot for Major League Baseball on Fox. The game footage and monster truck voiceover clichés are still here but the packaging, built from color-tweaked live action of an ancient printing press and finessed in Inferno, is a welcome change in a predictable genre.

For Marsha Hunt Productions

Producers: Lissa Weiss, Amy Samuelson DP: Tom McGrath AD: Wendy Samuels



For Fox

EVP marketing: Eric Markgraf VP/CD: Robert Gottlieb CD: Mark Denyer-Simmons EP: Paul Andraos Producer: Jenna Mannos Sound design: Mic Brooling Editor: Tom Hok Flame: Renee Chamblin, Cari Chadwick

For Momentum Lab

CDs/designers/animators: lan Douglass, Eric Fulford Production artist: Joaquen Kavin Producer: Gregg Katano Inferno: Narbeh Mardirossian, Danny Yoon

Toolkit

Flame, Inferno, Maya, After Effects



For Virgin Records Commissioner: Jane Newton

For Filmteckarna and Nexus Producers: Lina Stenberg, Julia Parfitt DP: Ben Moulden AUDIO BULLYS "SHOT YOU DOWN" Music video

Record label: VIRGIN RECORDS

Director: JONAS ODELL

Production: NEXUS, FILMTECKNARNA

Animation/VFX: FILMTECKNARNA

www.filmtecknarna.com

the "Shot You Down" video in Bullysl create a sound collage out visual "samples" and loops, and neither easy listening nor easy

stash 11.01

MOTOROLA "GRAND CLASSICS" Cinema event design

Agency: THE FISH CAN SING

Director: SMITH & FOULKES

Animation: NEXUS PRODUCTIONS

www.nexuslondon.com

Directing duo Smith & Foulkes prove there is life after Honda "Grrr" with this 90-second epic produced for a Motorolasponsored cinema screening series featuring where actors and directors present their favorite films. The bunny-based narrative traces the history of cinema from the 19th century zoetrope to the screen of a mobile phone via pivotal moments in European and American film.

For The Fish Can Sing CD: Andy Whitlock Producers: David Passey, Amy Hitchenor, Mo Neef





For Nexus Productions

Producer: Chris O'Reilly PM: Luke Youngman Compositing: Reece Millidge 3D animators: Darren Price, Reece Millidge, Stuart Doig, Michael Greenwood, Brad Noble 3D: Darren Price, Reece Millidge, Rob Andrews, Michael Greenwood, Brad Noble, Stuart Doig, Mattias Bjurstrom 2D animator: Stuart Doig

Music/sound design: M2C Media

Toolkit 3ds Max, After Effects



NIKE FREE "NATURE", "STRENGTH" In-store videos :30 x 2

Client: NIKE DIRECT

Director: NATIONAL TELEVISION

VFX/animation: NATIONAL TELEVISION www.natl.tv

Produced directly for Nike's inhouse creative team, both these spots were created to run in Niketown and Nike Women stores internationally. The brief was to emphasize the organic feel of the shoes with their ultra-flexible soles without resorting to any kind of technical demonstration. Working with 3D scanned shoes, National's animators created a stuttered stop-motion effect by rendering scenes at 30 fps, then removing frames and remapping them in After Effects.

Read more about this project at www.stashmedia.tv/12_07.

For Nike Direct AD: Manny Bernardez Producer: Mike Lay



For National Television 3D: Ironclaw, John Nguyer Producer: Steiner Kierce

Toolkit Creative Suite, After Effects, Maya

BLACK DAY TO FREEDOM Short film trailer

Client: BEYOND

Director/animation: THE RONIN www.ronin.co.uk

Created as a fictional back-story to the global problem of displaced people, the short film *Black Day to Freedom* portrays a city in turmoil through the loss and tragedy of a young family. Animated entirely in After Effects, the piece combines stark imagery and jarring audio design to drive home the drama. The full-length film is available on DVD as part of Beyond™ issue 1.

For The Ronin

Director/writer/animator: Rob Chiu Character illustration: Steve Chiu Voice: David Dunkley Gyimah

Audio: DOSC

Toolkit After Effects











REEBOK "WRAPSHEAR" TVC: 30

Agency: MCGARRY BOWEN

Director: MOTION THEORY

Production/animation/VFX: MOTION THEORY

www.motiontheory.com

It should take several trippy substances to make downtown LA look this interesting but Motion Theory manage it with a two-day shoot (one for Ivan "Flipz" Velez on green screen, one for locations) and two months of intensive design, CG and post. Motion Theory's mutational visual poetry made such an impression on the agency they also scored a print assignment on the campaign.

For McGarry Bowen

EP: Katya Bankowsky ECDs: Warren Eakins, Randy Van Kleeck AD: Warren Eakins, Jesse Raker Copy: Randy Van Kleeck

For Motion Theory DP: Richard Henkels

EP: Javier Jimenez Producer: Eric Stoft CDs: Mathew Cullen, Grady Hall AD/sr designer: Mark Kudsi Designers/animators: Paulo de Almada, Mathew Cullen, Chris Clyne, Ron Delizo, Jesse Franklin, Greg Gunne, Chad Howitt, Christopher Janney, Linas Jodwalis, Nick Losq, Mark Kudsi, Mark Kulakoff, Mark Lai, Paul Lee, Chris Leone, Matt Motal, Vi Nguyen, Robyn Resella, Kirk Shintani, Mike Slane

Pre-vis: Chris Leone Editor: Mark Hoffman Assistant editor: Brad Watanabe Post-production coordinator: James Taylor

For Duotone EP: Hunter Murtaugh

Toolkit Maya, After Effects, Final Cut Pro

For TBWA\Chiat\Day

CD: Jack Fund AD: Lance Ferguson Producer: Debra Wittlin

For Psyop

FP: Justin Booth-Clibborn Producer: Boo Wong Associate producer: Jen Glabus Live-action producer: Paul Middlemiss Designers: Kylie Matulick. Todd Mueller, Haejin Cho Additional designer: Daniel Piwowarczvk Flame: Asuka Otake Editors: Jed Boyar, Asuka Otake TDs/3D animators: Damon Ciarelli. Gerald Ding, Gregory Ecker, Kevin Estev, Jonathan Garin, Chris Haney, Andrew Harper, Joshua Harvey, Eric Lampi, Dylan Maxwell, Naomi Nishimura, Molly Schwartz 3D Trackers: Joerg Liebold. Chris Bach, Jan Cilliers, Chris Hill 2D clean-up/rotoscope: Joe Vitale. Jaime Aquirre, Chris Halstead, Mark French, Chad Nau, Adam Van Dine Storyboard: Ben Chan

For Mass Market Lead Flame: Chris Staves

Toolkit Flame, Maya, Photoshop, After Effects







INFINITI SUMMER EVENT 2005 "BEACH", "OVERLOOK" TVCs :30 x 2

Agency: TBWA\CHIAT\DAY

Director: KYLIE MATULICK, TODD MUELLER

Design/animation/VFX: PSYOP MASS MARKET www.psyop.tv

Psyop and sister VFX company Mass Market move the car dealer sales event beyond the usual parade of sheet metal with this art project for Infiniti dealers. After preparing elaborate previsualization, the companies shot the car footage from a helicopter over four days at an unused airfield and then carefully tracked the 3D environments to the edited scenes. TBWA originally asked the studios to pitch on two spots, but after seeing the treatment they expanded the project to a third spot and a larger print campaign including limited edition art posters.

NOISE FESTIVAL Identity refresh

Client: NOISE FESTIVAL

CD: ADAM GARDINER

Design/animation: QUBE KONSTRUKT

www.qubekonstrukt.com

Melbourne-based design studio Qube Konstrukt bring their kinetic mograph chemistry to this identity refresh (complete with custom typeface) for the Noise Festival, a showcase of creative work from young Australians that unfolded in October 2005 via print, television, radio and online.

For Qube Konstrukt

CD: Adam Gardiner Studio manager: Emily Mahy Audio: Callan Skuthorpe, Saardia Wong





HONDA "MINIBIKE" TVC :30

Agency: WILSON EVERARD Director:

TIM KENTLEY

Design/animation: XYZ STUDIOS www.xyzstudios.com

"For this project XYZ got to return to our youth and bust out our favorite starbursts, jump ramps and extruded fonts. We solved the spot in Maya, and then printed out all 360 (12 fps) frames to be hand rendered on a lightbox. Many packs of pencils later we scanned all the frames, added particle pencil shavings and a paper texture to pull it all together. Honda liked the spot so much we developed a press ad for them as well. Four full-time animators and freelancers worked on the spot."

Watch the Behind the Scenes feature on the DVD.

For XYZ Studios Design/director: Tim Kentley

Toolkit

Pencils, paint, scanners, spray cans, Final Cut Pro, Maya

HONDA CIVIC "REBIRTH" TVC :60

Agency: RPA

Director: JJ & MAITHY

Production/animation: HORNET INC.

www.hornetinc.com

Joan Miro on acid comes to mind, but regardless of how you describe it, with only flashes of the car and logo in the final seconds, this is easily the year's most delightfully abstract spot. Codirector JJ explains the inspiration for the tripped-out visuals, "We took elements that represented sensory qualities, elements that people could attribute to experiencing this car, whether feeling the new curves with your hand, hearing the unique engine sounds, or just seeing the beautiful exterior and interior. We really want people to think differently about the new Civic, thus we had to present something different."



For RPA

AD: Van Secrist Project manager: Jay Sosnicki

For Hornet Inc.

Producer: Andrew Isaacson Animators: Justin Walker, Maithy Tran and Scott Friedman Music/sound design: Simon Pyke

Toolkit

Cinema 4D, After Effects, Photoshop, and Illustrator

NICKTOONS REFRESH Broadcast design

Client: NICKTOONS NETWORK CDs:

THOMAS MARKERT, DARWIN TOMLINSON

Animation: EXOPOLIS www.exopolis.com

In preparation for Nicktoon's shift to a 24-hour, advertisersupported channel, LA's Exopolis creates a frenetically campy redesign aimed at the network's six-12 demographic. The package included promo packages, IDs, navigational elements, stand-alone animations, logo treatments, a cross-channel spot called "Three Headed Monster" and a modular system of informational elements like Post-It notes, Polaroids and torn paper designed to be arranged haphazardly on top of the animation.

For Nicktoons

CD: Thomas Markert GM: Keith Dawkins

For Exopolis

CD: Darwin Tomlinson AD: Brien Holman EP: Mandy Martin Designers: Brien Holman, Jason Cook, Gmunk, Justin Blyth Producer: Mike Harvkey 2D animators: Jayson Whitmore. Brien Holman, Greg Revnard, Dan Meehan, Bill Sneed, Jake Portman 3D animators: Greg Reynard, Dan Meehan, Jake Portman, Justin Blvth, Jason Cook Editors: Jayson Whitmore, Jayson Whitmore, Bill Sneed, Greg Revnard Writers: Charlie Short, Mike Harvkey Sound design: Yuri Lane (Nicktoons Network)

Toolkit

After Effects, Cinema 4D, Illustrator, Photoshop, Quicktime Pro.





CURRENT TV Broadcast design

CD: ALEXEI TYLEVICH Design/animation:

LOGAN

www.hellologan.com

Logan has created the on-air look for Al Gore's new TV channel, which includes a full network package and over 50 show opens. The channel's programming is made up of short-form "pods", many of which are contributed by viewers. The Current TV logo was designed by the legendary Peter Saville and Brett Wickens of Meta Design.

For Logan

CD: Alexei Tylevich EP: Kevin Shapiro

Toolkit:

Photoshop, After Effects, Final Cut


NISSAN "SOAR" TVC :30

Agency: TBWA\CHIAT\DAY

Director: JAKE BANKS

Design/production/animation: STARDUST www.stardust.tv

Post: ZOIC www.zoicstudios.com

The first of three spots designed to emphasize the smoothness of the Nissan Murano's Xtronic continuously variable transmission. Director and Stardust ECD Jake Banks says the biggest challenge was finding a shooting style for the vehicle to compliment the flowing and soaring nature of the animation: "The way we approached the project - with extreme dynamic camera moves - allowed us to be more free with animation." Stardust handled design, animation, live-action production and editing with Culver City-based Zoic Studios on board for post and Flame work.

For TBWA\Chiat\Day

ECD: Rob Schwartz CD: Joe Shands Associate CDs: Mike Yagi, Chris Lynch AD: David Steinke Copy: Robin Fitzgerald Producer: Carrie Schaer

For Zoic

Producer: Leighton Greer Flame/online editors: Mark Loso, John Shirley

For Stardust

Director/ECD: Jake Banks EP: Eileen Doherty DOP: Neil Shapiro Editor: Tony Hall Live action producer: Rich Kaylor Post producer: Erin Sullivan Lead animator/VFX super: Shane Zucker Designers: PJ LaRoche, Neil Tsai Animators: Joseph Andrade, Chris Eckhart, Scott Signore, Ian Townsend, Ash Wagers

For Company 3 Colorist: Stefan Sonnenfield

For Asche & Spencer Composer: Greg Herzenach

For Mophonics Music & Sound Sound design: John Reese

Toolkit

Maya, After Effects, Illustrator, Final Cut Pro, Combustion, Photoshop

"JAPANESE BALLS" Short film

Director: MARCIN SLAWEK

Animation: LUNA PARK www.lunapark.pl

A self-promotional project from Polish motion arts collective Lunapark, Tomek Zietkiewicz, producer at the Warsaw-based studio, offers this explanation of the piece: "Japanese balls is something like a magical mixture, some kind of a trap-spell, a tasty little red philosophical stone stolen from sleeping Harry Potter. Just like stepping into something and all vour body is freezing and all your humanity is freezing within water of a body. The mind is slipping between frigid organs and plays like a child on skates, turning and leaving trails. Pharmaceutical chemical body full of sexual potential, something inside of it. Differences between man's and woman's sexuality. Swap brains and synestesia, all dancing with the sound of this strange song, irritating vibes warm, cool and cold. It's all laughing with its madeup joker face smile."



For Luna Park

Director/animator: Marcin Slawek CD: Bartek Macias

Toolkit

Illustrator, Cinema4D, BodyPaint, After Effects, Digital Fusion, Premiere Pro



NIKE GOLF "SASQUATCH" In-store film

Agency: NIKE JAPAN

Director: JOE WRIGHT

Production: TROLLBÄCK + COMPANY www.trollback.com

Animation: SPECIAL BRANCH

Trollbäck + Company take their singular knack for minimal graphic elegance into three dimensions with the help of NY CG boutique Special Branch. Debuting at golf retailers in the U.S. and Japan, the film gracefully deconstructs the Nike Sasquatch driver to highlight the club's engineering innovations based on geometry, dimension and gravity.

For Nike CD: Ron Dumas

For Trollbäck + Company

Director/CD: Joe Wright EP: Elizabeth Kiehner Producer: Keith Ehrlich Designers: Tolga Yildiz, Lloyd Alvarez

For Special Branch CG artists: Fran Roberts, Ed Manning

Sound Design: Amber Music Audio Mix: Audio Engine



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COCA-COLA BLACK CHERRY VANILLA "GET IT TOGETHER" TVC: 30

Agency: FITZGERALD + COMPANY

Director: DIGITAL KITCHEN

Animation/VFX: DIGITAL KITCHEN

www.d-kitchen.com

Coke's new Black Cherry Vanilla recipe gets a sweet shot of smooth, courtesy of Digital Kitchen and the legendary pipes of Barry White. The visual mix of the two flavors was created by interweaving 2D design, 3D VFX and live tabletop elements including dense liquid pigment injected into water and shot at 1,000 fps.

For Fitzgerald + Company ECD: Jim Spruell VP/CD: Susan Willoughby



For Digital Kitchen

COO: Paul Matthaeus CD: Eric Anderson Designers: Erin Sarofsky, Anthony Vitagliano, Shangyu Yin, Rick Thompson 3D: Linas Jodwalis, Kirk Shintani Editor: Andrew Maggio Producer: Colin Davis EP: Mark Bashore

Toolkit

After Effects, Maya, Avid Symphony



For Foreign Office

Live action directors: Frederik Norbeck, Sonia Ortiz Alcón, Matteo Manzini Project manager: Sean Simone Lead animator: Matteo Manzini

Toolkit

Flash





MTV MOTOROLA LOAD "PARK" TVC :30

Client: MTV INTERNATIONAL

Director: FOREIGN OFFICE

Animation: FOREIGN OFFICE

www.foreignoffice.com

London's Foreign Office extends their delightfully weird MTV Load campaign for MTVNE and Motorola. Shot on digicam in one day, the edited footage was converted into sequenced image files then imported into Flash where the animated elements were added by hand via Wacom tablets. Project manager Sean Simone says, "Conceptually the approach was to push the link between animation and the content that one could download off the MTV Load wapsite. The more far out the better. Strange and wonderful creatures emerging from odd places." Project schedule: two weeks from shoot to completion.

THE SOUTH BANK SHOW TITLES Broadcast design

Client: THE SOUTH BANK SHOW / MELVYN BRAGG

Director: SSSR

Design/animation: PASSION PICTURES

www.passion-pictures.com

Animation/directing collective SSSR, who joined London's Passion Pictures in 2005, bring a handmade feel to the new open for ITV's flagship arts series. The sequence – SSSR's first major broadcast commission – is created from live action cardboard models and cut-out performers animated by hand, filmed and composited fireworks and choreographed hands draped in tutus and shod with ballet slippers.

For The South Bank Show/ Melvyn Bragg

HOP: Cathy Haslam Producers/directors: Roz Edwards, Matt Cain





For Passion Pictures

DOP: Mark Chamberlain Design: SSSR, John Williams, Axel Akesson Models: SSSR, Steven Riley, Fiona Barty Compositing: SSSR, John Williams Editing: SSSR Producer: Holly Stone PA: Lottie Hope

Toolkit

After Effects, XSI, Final Cut Pro, Photoshop, Illustrator

MTV "HISTORY OF DANCE" SHOW OPENS Broadcast design x 3

Client: MTV NETWORKS

Director: UNIVERSAL EVERYTHING

Animation: RENASCENT

www.renascent.nl

The invigorating fusion of two mighty indie talents. Matt Pyke of London's Universal Everything started the process off with 2D illustrations and storyboards for what he calls a "series of deformed, hyper-colorful idents for MTV." Although Renascent's Joost Korngold says "it was a challenge transforming [Pikes designs] into a real 3D animated world" he managed to kick out all three pieces in a week.

For Universal Everything Director/design: Matt Pyke

For Rensacent: Animation: Joost Korngold

Audio: FreeFarm

Toolkit 3ds Max, After Effects



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BANCO REAL "ESTEIRA" TVC :60

Agency: TALENT PROPAGANDA

Director: LOBO

Design/animation: LOBO

www.lobo.cx

The boldly offbeat first spot in the launch of a new and decidedly unbank-like campaign for Brazil's Banco Real. "We illustrated and animated the spot using symbols and archetypes," says Lobo HOP Loic Dubois, "following the agency's symbolic and fantasyoriented approach to the brand." The spot was completed from concept to delivery in 30 days with a crew of 10.

For Talent Propaganda

Creation: João Livi, Marcello "Droopy" Almeida, Luciane Vieira CD: João Livi Producer: Maria Herminia Weinstock, Tato Freire





For Lobo

CD: Mateus De Paula Santos Design/animation: Carlos Bêla, Gabriel Dietrich, Paula Nobre, Rafael Grampá, Raquel Falkenbach, Roger Marmo Cel animator: Adrianus Cafeu, Bogus Lussa Gomes HOP: Loic Dubois Producer: João Tenório AM: Marcia Guimarães, Roberta Reigado

Sound: ANP Produções



"TREAD SOFTLY" Short film

Director/animator : HEE BOK LEE

"I value the emotional quality in my film," says Hee Bok Lee, a motion designer and animator at Prologue Films in Malibu, CA, who produces a personal film once a year. "Emotion and motion - they don't share the word 'motion' just by chance. In order to be 'moved', your senses must be stimulated. This stimulation often occurs through the act of storytelling. *Tread Softly* is my visual expression of W.B. Yeats' poem, *He wishes for the clothes* of *heaven*."

Music: Hajime Mizoguchi, Yoko Kanno "Escaflowne" Models: Jennifer Anderson, Alexandra Woolsey-Puffer Voice: David Winters Caligraphy: Xin Xiangyang Fonts: Zuzana Licko, Jean Jacques Tachdjian Sponsor: School of Design, Carnegie Mellon University

Toolkit

After Effects, Cinema 4D, RealFlow, Terragen, Apophysis, ArtMatic

MTV HD "CROW" ID Broadcast design

Client: MTV NETWORKS

Director: MARCO SPIER, MARIE HYON

Design/animation: PSYOP

www.psyop.tv

To launch their new HD network – featuring exclusively hi-def and 5.1 surround sound programming – MTV gave Psyop creative freedom to design six :15 station IDs. Psyop said no. What they proposed instead was one 90-second film which could be broken into six discreet pieces.

Psyop EP Justin Booth-Clibborn says the studio's solution "can best be described as a 'visual haiku,' a spot that is all the more detailed and effective because of its seeming minimalism."

Co-directors Hyon and Spier, knowing the work would never be compromised for standard definition, were eager to push the medium where it had never gone. "That's how this spot ended up with so many thin, high-contrast lines that would buzz like crazy on regular television," asserts Spier.





That increased resolution also proved to be the biggest challenge: "When working with HD, every frame becomes insanely big," explains Hyon. "And more than that, HD won't let you hide little errors the way you can in NTSC. With this level of detail, it has got to be flawless."

For MTV

Producer: Raffaela Saccone Sr design director: Rodger Belknap VP on on-air design: Romy Mann

For Psyop

EP: Justin Booth-Clibborn Producer: Lucia Grillo Flame: Eben Mears Lead 3D: Pakorn Bupphavesa 3D: Laurent Barthelemy, Alvin Bae, Todd Akita, Kevin Estey, Damon Ciarelli, Dave Barosin , Jason Goodman, Lutz Vogel, Mate Steinforth, Ajit Menon 2D/rotoscope: Ella Boliver, J Bush, BeeJin Tan Jr Flame: Jaime Aguirre Editor: Brett Goldberg

For Q Department

Producer: Julie Hurwitz Composer: Drazen Bosnjak

Toolkit

XSI, Maya, Flame, Photoshop

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SEATTLE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL Trailers/TVCs x 2

Agency: WONG DOODY

CDs: JUSTIN LEIBOW, WILL HYDE

Design/animation: SUPERFAD

www.superfad.com

Two of three pieces produced to double as TV spots and screening trailers for the 2006 Seattle International Film Festival. Presented with three scripts, Superfad split the job between their studios in New York, Los Angeles and Seattle. "Each office took one of the scripts," says partner and LA CD, Justin Leibow, "and although there was a consistent illustration style, the gags stayed fresh throughout because there was a different team on each script."

Read more from Superfad at www.stashmedia.tv/21_13.

For Wong Doody

AD: Mark Watson Copy: Jennie Moore Producer: Dax Estorninos Jr producer: Steph Huske



For Superfad

CD/designer/illustrator/animator: Justin Leibow CD: Will Hyde Illustrator/designer/animator: Adam Greene Designers/animators: Dave Peterson, Kenny Kiernan Producer: Nathan Barr EP: Rob Sanborn Music/audio: Downtown Composer Collective, Bad Animals

Toolkit After Effects, Illustrator, Photoshop, Flash, Final Cut Pro

OFFF BCN 2006 OPENING Event design



www.dvein.com

More a collaboration than a company. Dvein is what Spanish designers Fernando Dominguez and Timoteo Guillem call themselves whenever they work together. Working alone for four weeks (one for concept, three for production), the duo reveals their goal was to create "some kind of biological evolutive life to express the revolutionary/evolutionary process of the artists at OFFF. It was a dual challenge, technical and creative." The Barcelonabased OFFF festival, now in its sixth year, is a major event on the European design calendar featuring digital artists, web and print designers, motion graphic studios and avant-garde electronic musicians

For Dvein

Designers/animators/compositors: Fernando Dominguez, Timoteo Guillem



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GNARLS BARKLEY "CRAZY" Music video

Record label: DOWNTOWN RECORDS, WARNER MUSIC

Director: ROBERT HALES

Production: HSI

Design/VFX: BL:ND

www.blind.com

Director Robert Hales' pitch for Crazy was based on the song's title and he won the gig because Cee-Lo, a member of the Gnarls Barkley duo, underwent an actual Rorschach test when he was a child. With only 14 days to complete the project, Bl:nd CD Vanessa Marzaroli savs she and her crew of nine designer/ animators, "worked up until the verv last minute." The video is one of the most seen of all time with over four million views on YouTube in its first month. Crazy was also the first song to hit the top of the UK charts from download sales alone.





For HSI Director: Robert Hales Line producer: Coleen Haynes DP: Damien Avecedo Editor: Ken Mauwe

For Bl:nd

CD: Vanessa Marzaroli EP: Santino Sladavic Line producer: Susan Harris Designers: Christine Kim, Bryan Louie, Atsusuhi Ishisuka, Lawrence Wyatt, Vanessa Marzaroli, Po Thientuma Animators: Atsushi Ishisuka, Lawrence Wyatt, David Yan, Trevor Shepard, Andre Salyer, Jesse Franklin, Benji Schuup, Bill Sneed, John Robson Flame: Joel Ashman Mattes: Owen Hammer

Tools

After Effects, 3ds Max, Final Cut Pro HD

For Saatchi and Saatchi

ECD: Mike O'Sullivan CD: Toby Talbot AD: Steve Back Creatives: Dave Bowman, Lorenz Perry Producers: Liz Rosby, Susannah Phillips

For Kaleidoscope Animation

Animators: Paul Carter, Troy Cartmer Post producer: Rachael Trillo

Toolkit After Effects



WRITE GROUP "STITCHED UP" TVC :30

Agency: SAATCHI & SAATCHI, NEW ZEALAND

Director: GLENN ROBSON

Animation: KALEIDOSCOPE ANIMATION

www.kaleidoscope.co.nz

Bang-on voice talent and some tricky After Effects knitting animation by Kaleidoscope in Auckland, NZ, make this spot worth watching again and again. The studio says they worked with Saatchi to develop ideas based on "the bad woolly jumpers in the original script. As time progressed we came up with visuals to reinforce the notion of aettina burnt or 'shot down' - the unraveling of fantasy and the destruction of ego and self that goes along with calling up to ask out someone out of your league."

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VERSION2 AICP SPONSOR OPEN Event design

Director: VERSION2

Production/animation: VERSION2 www.version2.net

The show stealer at the 15th AICP awards in New York was this sponsor sequence created by the new motion design division of editorial house Version2. Head of production Lvdia Holness savs the team had two goals for the screenings at the Museum of Modern Art: "First we wanted to make this feel like an art piece in its own right. On another level, this sends the message that there's a new motion graphics company on the street in NY." The CG origami treatment plays off the die-cut pop-up invitations to the event and took seven weeks to complete.





For Version2

AD/designer: Federico Seanz Rico Designer/animator/CG: Michael McKenna Designer/animator: Craig Davis CG: Peter Karnik, Hea-Yeon Lee, Kris Rivel Editor: Vito Desario Online editor: Tim Farrell Producer/HOP: Lydia Holness Managing director: Linda Rafoss Assistant producer: Rebecca Mitchell

Toolkit

After Effects, Photoshop, Illustrator, Cinema 4D, XSI, Maya, Smoke, Flame, Avid



For Motion Theory DP: Eric Schmidt HOP/producer: Scott Gemmell FP: Javier Jimenez Editor: Jason Webb CD: Mathew Cullen AD: Mark Kudsi VFX super: Vi Nguyen 3D: Jesse Franklin, Danny Zobrist, Christina Lee, Nick Losa, Chris Clyne, Andrew Romatz, Ira Shain, Helen Choi, Grace Lee, Jim Goodman, Sarah Bocket, Designers/animators: Mark Kudsi, Mathew Cullen, Jake Sargeant, Jesus De Francisco. Mike Slane. Ron Delizo, Mark Kulakoff, Matt Motal, Rob Resella, Paul K. Lee, Chad Howitt, John Fan. Christian De Castro Post super: James Taylor Compositing/VFX: Danny Yoon





HP "HANDS" TVCs :60 x 3

Agency: GOODBY, SILVERSTEIN & PARTNERS

Director: MATHEW CULLEN

Production/VFX: MOTION THEORY

www.motiontheory.com

In the second phase of HP's global brand campaign, Motion Theory creates a series of miniautobiographies for billionaire Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban, reality-show pioneer Mark Burnett and musician/producer Pharrell Williams, each of whom reveals their identity through the contents of their computer. Each spot is a one-shot performance layered with carefully orchestrated 3D elements. The results are smooth, sophisticated and stand up to multiple viewing if not frameby-frame analysis.

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X GAMES 12 "EYE", "HEART", "BRAIN", "SMILE" TVCs x 4

Agency: GROUND ZERO ADVERTISING

Directors: AGAINSTALLODDS PSYOP

Production: BLACKLIST

Animation/design: AGAINSTALLODDS PSYOP

www.againstallodds.se www.psyop.tv

Blacklist, Psyop's new production division, makes its debut by splitting these four spots for the 12th edition of the X Games between Swedish directors againstallodds and the mothership. The brief was to create a set of promos that would retain die-hard X Games fans and stroke new viewers' curiosity. Instead of relying on the time-honored "thrill of victory" or "desire to compete" approach the directors take this campaign to the next level by leveraging outstanding X Games athletes' passion, style and abilities to create arresting visuals to match







For Ground Zero Advertising

CD: Court Crandall ACD/AD: Rodrigo Butori ACD/copy: Kristina Slade Producer: Anne Katherine Friis Brand director: Tara Mellett Brand manager: Melanie Kroeger

For Blacklist

EP: Adina Sales

For Psyop

CDs: Marie Hyon, Marco Spier Flame: Joe Vitale EP: Jusin Boothe-Clibborn Producer: Eric Alba 2D: Ella Boliver, Anca Risca, J. Bush

"Eye" :30 Director/designer: Daniel Piwowarczyk 3D: Jason Goodman, Ajit Menon

"Heart" :30

Director/designer: Mato Bilic 3D: Naomi Nishimura, Mato Bilic

For againstallodds

CD: Derek Picken Producers: Eric Alba, Emma Götesson, Josh Thorne

"Brain" :30 3D: Robert Karlsson, Kristian Rydberg, Jem Grimshaw, Derek Picken. 2D: Derek Picken, Andrés Rosas Hott, Joe Vitale

"Smile" :30 3D: Derek Picken, Tommie Löfqvist, Kristian Rydberg, Jem Grimshaw 2D: Andrés Rosas Hott, Desmond



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DUPONT "HI SCI" TVC :60

Agency: OGILVY NYC

Director: LOBO

Production: THE EBELING GROUP

Animation/design: LOBO

To launch a new global TV campaign and artfully demonstrate how Dupont products are ubiquitous in our everyday life, the Lobo crew weave together 20 scenes in varying styles into an engaging one-minute visual ribbon that demands and deserves repeat viewing. Lobo spent a month in pre-production and three months animating the project with a team of 20.

For The Ebeling Group EP: Mick Ebeling Producers: Alex Dervin, Dan Bryant, Sue Lee

Watch Behind the Scenes material on the DVD.





For Lobo

Design/animation: Marcelo Garcia, Cadu Macedo, Carlos Béla, Paula Nobre, Gabriel Dietrich, Roger Marmo, Diogo Kalil, Mateus de Paula Santos Lead 3D team: Gustavo Yamin, Cleverson Leal Modeling: Rafael Fegnini, Alex Liki 3D R&D team: Ivan Ymanishi, Fernando Faria, Luiz Garrido Production team: Loic Lima Dubois, Joa Ténorio

Toolkit:

After Effects, Maya, prioprietary Maya plug-ins, Renderman, Inferno.



For Ogilvy CD: Janet Kestin, Nancy Vonk Copy: Mike Kirkland AD: Tim Piper Producer: Brenda Surminski

For Reginald Pike

DOP: Tico Poulakakis Producer: Jennifer Walker EP: James Davis, Josefina Nadurata

For Soho

Animation: Kevin Gibson

Photographer: Gabor Jurina Music: Vapor







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DOVE "EVOLUTION" Viral

Agency: OGILVY, TORONTO

Director: YAEL STAAV

Production: REGINALD PIKE

VFX: SOHO www.26soho.com

The Dove brand extends their deconstruction of the beauty myth with this time lapse behind the scenes makeover. Ogilvv AD Tim Piper takes us through the realtime process in the photographer's studio: "The model sat down and the make-up artist went to work. we changed her clothes, her hair. We all agreed on framing ahead of time so when we took out our video camera the photographer [Gabor Jurina] popped his stills camera in on the same mark and took over with his assistants. Once we had the shots, everything went to the post house [Soho] where they brought to life the photo retouching that the photographer's assistant had done "

Watch Behind the Scenes on the DVD.

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CBS RE-BRAND "WE ARE CBS" Broadcast design

Client: CBS

Director: TROLLBÄCK + COMPANY

Animation/design: TROLLBÄCK + COMPANY www.trollback.com

For CBS EVP/CD: Ron Scalera Sr CD: Jon Lee Creative lifeguard: Jay Curtis

For Trollbäck + Company CDs: Joe Wright, Jakob Trollbäck ADs: Tolga Yildiz, Lloyd Alvarez, Michael Darmanin Lead designer: Ian Freeman Designers: Ders Halgreen, Emre Veryeri, Todd Neale, Paul Schlacter, Garry Waller Editor: Derekh Froude Producer: Tandi Rabinowitz Copy: Joe Wright, Jakob Trollbäck, Andrew Ure, Colin Glaum, Hunter Williams Programmers: Tolga Yildiz, Lloyd Alvarez

Toolkit After Effects



2006 NETWORK RE-BRANDS x 2

For the launch of the 2006-07 fall season, US broadcasting giants CBS and NBC set out to graphically enhance their on-air image. The challenge for both networks was to introduce a new brand look while maintaining the iconic value of their respective logos and overall brands.

CBS turned to veteran broadcast design studio Trollbäck + Company to tackle the re-branding chores. Trollbäck first came up with a new tagline "We are" and then placed the CBS eye logo along with the tag in a trademark position aligned with all show titles, days of the week, and descriptive words, thus drawing the strong parallel between the CBS brand and its popular programming. The solution for NBC came in the form of a single feather from their classic peacock logo. Focusing on the convergence of broadcast television and the presence of content on the internet, the feather takes on the role of a mouse cursor thus making the NBC logo itself a navigational device guiding the viewer through the show names, dates and times.

To create the re-brand elements, NBC Magic – the in-house design department at the network – sought out the underdog talents of young LA design studio Capacity after being impressed by their updated website this past summer. Over the course of three months the team at Capacity created the entire HD package of hundreds of elements using high-res stills placed within 3D After Effects environments.

Read more from Trollbäck/CBS at www.stashmedia.tv/27_12A

Read more from Capacity/NBC at www.stashmedia.tv/27_12B



NBC RE-BRAND Broadcast design

Client: THE NBC AGENCY

Director: NBC MAGIC

Animation/design: CAPACITY www.capacity.tv



For The NBC Agency / NBC Magic

CMO: John Miller President/CD: Vince Manze Sr VP OAA: Jim Vescera VP OAG: Brad Gensurowsky CD: Kendal Bowlin VP creative services: Joseph Lee Dir of production: Kari St. Clair Producer: Erin Haggerty Designers: Charles Beckman, Frances Newcombe Editor: Gus Vouniozos

For Capacity

CD: Ellerey Gave EP: Jennifer Gave Producer: Jill Marklin Designers/animators: Ellerey Gave, Benji Thiem, Mitsuka Horikawa, Ted Gore, Chad Howitt, Gene Sung, Scott Friedman, Jennifer Gave, Richie Sandow, Jahow Yang Rotoscoping/gigachopping: Kenny Lutz Editor/compositor: Benji Thiem Composer: Dave Hummel stash 27.24

TOYOTA "SPORTIVO", "STYLING" TVCs :30 x 2

Agency: MOJO PUBLICIS AUSTRALIA

Directors: JONATHAN NOTARO, JENS GEHLHAAR

Design/animation: BRAND NEW SCHOOL

www.brandnewschool.com

Brand New School combines its typographic and VFX skills to illustrate the new Toyota Camry is "The car that reads the road" The commercials were shot in New Zealand over seven days with post completed back in the New York and LA studios of BNS where co-director Jens Gehlhaar savs they worked the final look to be "as real as fantasy can be." The cheeky and carefully integrated type designs are not always immediately legible or even apparent and therefore reward repeat viewing. Being so literal has seldom been this fun

Watch Behind the Scenes on the DVD.



For Mojo Publicis Australia

Regional ECD: Darren Spiller Copy: Steve Jackson, Alex Derwin Head of art: Simon Cox AD: Russell Heubach Producer: Nigel Kenneally

For Brand New School

DP: Chris White EP: Dan Sormani, Brent Holt Line producer: Katie Kilberg Post producer: Amanda Slamin Assistant producer: Jess Pierik CG super: Dickson Chow 3D: Helen Choi, Mike Papagni, Jordan Blit, Kyle Cassidy, Kitty Lin, Kim Kehoe, Matt Connolly, Tony Barbieri, Ylli Orana, Sung Kim, Doug Vitarelli, Ho Sik Nam Concept artist/matte painter: Ronald Kuraiawan Designers: Keetra Dixon, Danny Ruiz, Eric Adolfsen, Ludovic Schorno Flame: Blake Huber Compositors: Irene Park, Bee Jin Tan, Jin Lee, Jose Fuentes, Amber Kusmenko Rotoscope: Tonya Smay, Brendan Smith, Connie Conrad, Shana Silberberg, Anca Risa

"BATTLE OF THE AD BANDS IV" Viral

Client: FLUID

Director: UGLY PICTURES

Production: CURIOUS PICTURES FLUID

Animation: MAN VS MAGNET

www.manvsmagnet.com

Battle of the Ad Bands is a charitable event held in NY every year as part of Advertising Week. This year's opening sequence burns through 64 album covers in two and half hilarious minutes. All the creative talent involved is repped by Curious Pictures including the directing duo of Ro Rao and Abe Spear, a.k.a Ugly Pictures, and animator Matt Smithson of NY studio Man vs Magnet.

Writers: Ro Rao, Stephen Gill, Abe Spear



For Ugly Pictures DOP: Abe Spear Producer: Maryann Feierstein Concept: Ro Rao For Man vs Magnet Director/animator: Matt Smithson

For Fluid Editor: Scott Philbrook Sound designer: Fred Szymanski Composers: Andrew Sherman, Judson Crane Photography: Taylor Jordan, Camilla Wycoco

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THE SOFTLIGHTES "HEART MADE OF SOUND" Music video

Record label: MODULAR RECORDINGS

Director: KRIS MOYES kmoyes.com

Post: FRAME SET AND MATCH www.fsm.com.au

Sydney based Kris Moyes, an art grad who started helming music videos 12 months ago, is making a name for himself as a fearlessly experimental director. This overly ambitious stop-motion piece from The Softlightes first album burned through 164 set-ups (and an art director) in 14 straight shoot days. Did he sleep at all? "Yes, I slept very well. I'm pretty organized so we were only shooting nine-hour days." Post took another week.

Director/producer/DOP/editor: Kris Moyes ADs: Kris Moyes, Jonathan Zawada Camera operator: Sam Hendel Props buyers: Cameron Peters, Sharon McDonald



For Frame Set and Match Producer: Bec Cubitt Flame: Phil Stuart-Jones HD colourist: Tristan La Fontaine Toolkit Canon EOS 1DS Mark II, Fkane





VOLKSWAGEN PHAETON "GALANTY SHOW" TVC : 85

Agency: GRABARZ UND PARTNER

Director: MICHAEL REISSINGER

Production: DELI PICTURES

VFX: DELI PICTURES www.delipictures.de

"The challenge was to create a neo-analog movie that gives the audience an extraordinary and fascinating visual but also some kind of real handmade motionpicture," recalls Deli Pictures' visual director Michael Reissinger who fashioned this spot on the galanty shows performed by German puppet master Lotte Reiniger in the 1920's. Schedule: two weeks for galanty research. story, storyboarding and approvals, one day for the shoot, "building some stuff in Photoshop. pre-animation in After Effects. getting it all together, creating fine art buildings and stylish frames in Flame about 20 days".



For Grabarz und Partner

CDs: Ralf Heuel, Ralf Nolting AD: Christoph Stricker Copy: Paul von Mühlendahl Producers: Anne Hoffmann, Patrick Cahill Grafik: Jasmin Remmers For Deli Pictures

Producer: Bianca Mack Camera: Oliver Schumacher Acting artists: Silhouette Flame: Melissa Panek Motion graphics: Axel Schmidt **Toolkit** Flame, After Effects, Photoshop

For DDB Spain

CD: Alberto Astorga Copy: Alfredo Binefa AD: Jaume Badia

For Ruiz+Company Director: David Ruiz

For Metropolitana

Producer: Ramon Arteman Flame: Ivan Iniesta, Xavi Bertran, David Muñoz XSI: Marcial Aparicio After Effects: Marta Felipe, Joan Argemí, Maria Sanchez.

Toolkit

Flame, XSI, After Effects



AUDI RS4 "EMOTIONS" TVC :30

Agency: DDB SPAIN

Director: DAVID RUIZ

Production: RUIZ+COMPANY

Animation: METROPOLITANA www.metropolitana.ne

According to David Muñoz – Flame artist at Barcelona post house Metropolitana – the major challenge in the production of Audi "Emotions" was to program all the bits and pieces of every mechanism (like the 100 components in the hair scene) and move them with the minimum number of parameters. "Therefore we decided to work with mathematical expressions linking layers and nodes in Flame, and so we were able to manipulate the speed as we wanted." The project was assembled at six times the resolution of PAL to allow for fine detail and the ability to zoom into shots when needed. Schedule: one week of testing, three weeks of compositing.

MASTERCARD "JUST A LITTLE PIECE OF PLASTIC" TVC :30

Agency: MCCANN ERICKSON

Directors: PARKORN BUPPHAVESA, HAEJIN CHO

Animation: PSYOP

www.psvop.tv "The design and animation of this spot stems from the MasterCard itself stretching. forming and communicating the ideas to the viewer. Working with the agency, we identified key moments that wanted to be illustrated throughout the spot. The challenge was to use the characteristics of the plastic card to connect the key ideas together into a visually coherent and emotionally resonant spot. This seemingly simple brief became a fascination journey balancing the material benefits of the card with our emotional connection to the objects, places, and moments that make up the 'priceless' tapestry that is modern life."



For Psyop

CDs: Marie Hyon, Marco Spier Directors: Pakorn Bupphavesa, Haejin Cho Designer: Haejin Cho Producer: Lucia Grillo TD: Christian Bach CG artists: Alvin Bae, Laurent Barthelemy, Gerald Ding, Gonzalo Escudero, Jungeun Kim, Paul Liaw, Kris Rivel, Jacob Slutsky, Melanie Tonkin, Young Woong Flame: Eben Mears, Jaime Aguirre Editor: Brett Goldberg Assistant producer: James Bolenbaugh

Toolkit

Photoshop, Illustrator, XSI, Flame

MTV PRIMETIME LAUNCH Broadcast design (montage)

Director: JAMES PRICE

Animation: TRANSISTOR STUDIOS www.transistorstudios.com

Months before MTV requested that Transistor rework all of their Primetime graphics, director James Price had given a new look to their Thursday nights. MTV liked the minimal style of that work so much they decided to spread it across the entire programming block. "MTV wanted something that felt fresh and clear, and would adapt to the different tones and attitudes for each night," reveals Price, "Some nights are for a vounger male audience, so the design, color palette and animation style was more aggressive to reflect that. Other nights needed to be more 'feminine'. But we where also really aware that this was MTV and we could take some chances and make something that pushed us creatively."



For Transistor Studios

CD: James Price AD: Jack Myers Animators: Jack Myers, Tonya Smay, Chad Colby, Daniel Oeffinger Designer: Mitch Paone Editor: Jamie Rockaway Additional editing: Vincas Sruoginis Assistant editor: Jason Sloan FP[.] Damon Meena HOP: Andrea Sertz Producers: Hilary Downes, Mark Groeschner Assistant producer: Nicole Salm Prod coordinator: Corrine Miller

Toolkit

After Effects, Final Cut Pro, Cinema 4D





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JUSTICE "D.A.N.C.E." Music video

Record labels: ED BANGER RECORDS BECAUSE MUSIC

Director: JONAS&FRANÇOIS

Production: EL NIÑO @ 75

Animation: EL NIÑO @ 75 www.elnino.tv

This music video for French electronic duo Justice might have died a predictable, gimmicky death well before the thirty second mark but the young directing team of Jonas&Francois keep the surprises/sec high and prove themselves not just hip but also technically adept. Once the tracking was perfected, the duo found their carefully crafted animations were lost among the turbulent movements of the band members - so the choice to go black and white not only looks cool, it also keeps your attention on the t-shirts. Schedule: three weeks.









For El Niño @ 75 Director: Jonas&François Illustrations: So Me Animation: Jonas&François Producer: Greg Panteix

Toolkit Illustrator, Photoshop, After Effects









For Goodby, Silverstein & Partners

Co-chairman/ECD: Rich Silverstein CDs/copy: Ronny Northrop, Franklin Tipton ADs: Pete Conolly, Randy Stowell Broadcast producer: Michael Damiani Group account director: Rob Smith Account manager: Zoe Kretzschma

For Brickyard VFX

Lead VFX: Geoff McAuliffe Compositor: Mandy Sorenson, Narbeh Mardirossian Lead CG: Robert Sethi, Yafei Wu CG artist: Aaron Vest Jr CG: Carl Harders, Johnny Diaz, TV Tran EP: Kristen Andersen Producer: Cara Farnsworth Prod coordinator: Ananda Reavis VFX super: Eric Swenson SPRINT "DREAMS" TVC :60

Agency: GOODBY, SILVERSTEIN & PARTNERS

Director: DAYTON/FARIS

Production: BOB INDUSTRIES

VFX: BRICKYARD VFX

www.brickyardvfx.com

Part of a two-spot national campaign shot and directed by Jonathan Dayton and Valerie Faris (back from their success in the feature world with *Little Miss Sunshine*) using light to symbolize creativity and speed. Shot entirely in-camera, the :60 was created from a series of stills linked together in post by Brickyard who also performed extensive beauty work, compositing, and final color grading.

For Bob Industries

EP: TK Knowles Director: Dayton/Faris Line producer: Bart Lipton stash 35.17

"TAKING LIBERTIES" Documentary film excerpts x 4

Distribution: REVOLVER ENTERTAINMENT

Director: SIMON ROBSON

Production: NEXUS PRODUCTIONS

Animation: NEXUS PRODUCTIONS

www.nexusproductions.com

Taking Liberties is a feature documentary about the dismantling of fundamental civil liberties in the UK by Tony Blair's Labour government. Director Simon Robson took on these four sequences (forgoing his director's fee) after meeting the filmmakers whose passion for the subject he found "infectious". Robson. who created a related graphic treatment for his 2004 short film What Barry Says, helped write the voiceover and designed visual analogies he explains, "had to be absolutely right... I wanted to approach the animation with a certain amount of reverence. When you're illustrating points in history like the Rwandan Genocide and the Second World War the motion has to hit the right tone





yet be striking, engaging and respectful of the subject."

For Revolver Entertainment

Writer/director/producer: Chris Atkins Co-producer: Kurt Engfehr

For Nexus Productions

Director/head of animation: Simon Robson



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