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**Will 2009 be the beginning of the end of the 1099 in our industry?**

The vast majority of US freelancers arrive at the client's studio in the morning, work on studio machines and software and are under the direct supervision of the studio management.

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Editor  
New York, March 2009  
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**REHAB:**  
"LES", "CASSIE"  
TVCs x 2 :30

**Director:**  
**MAINFRAME**

**Production:**  
**MAINFRAME**

**VFX:**  
**MAINFRAME**

[www.mainframe.co.uk](http://www.mainframe.co.uk)

The UK's Living Network promo's their "Rehab" program with the help of London VFX studio Mainframe by reassembling the show's subjects who are struggling to control various addictions. Shot on the Red camera, Mainframe used the 4K images as the basis for their 3D build in Maya. The porcelain pieces were then camera-mapped and fractured in 3ds Max using the Rayfire plugin that controlled and stylized the sequence. After three passes of increasingly more detailed fragments and dust, the rendered particle count ranged between two to five million. On-set HDRI images were used for reflections and ambient lighting, with final compositing done in After Effects.



#### **For Virgin Media TV**

Creative head: Alun Constable  
Promo director: Scott Russell  
Head of design: Jo Kheir

#### **For Mainframe**

Head of 3D: Arvid Niklasson  
3D: Jimmy Johansson  
3D modeling: Magali Barbe,  
Liam Chapple, Malte Sandschute  
Head of design: Lee Walker

#### **Toolkit**

Maya, 3ds Max, V-Ray, mental ray, After Effects

**Watch Behind the Scenes on the DVD.**

**COCA COLA "AVATAR"  
TVC :60**

**Agency:**  
**WIEDEN + KENNEDY,  
PORTLAND**

**Director:**  
**SMITH & FOULKES**

**Production:**  
**NEXUS PRODUCTIONS**

**Animation/VFX:**  
**PIONEER  
FRAMESTORE**

[www.pioneerproductions.com](http://www.pioneerproductions.com)  
[www.framestore-cfc.com](http://www.framestore-cfc.com)

Nexus Productions' star directing duo Smith & Foulkes – still basking in the glow of their Oscar nomination for "This Way Up" – contributed this 60-second study of alter egos to Superbowl XLIII. Smith & Foulkes: "The challenge for us was to film the live action in a documentary style, incidentally observing moments of human behavior, and then animating the avatars into the footage in a very naturalistic way. It wasn't about crazy 3D characters running amok, more about the everyday human behavior of idly sitting around in parks and coffee shops. We shot the footage on very long lenses to give the sense of the observational camera before starting the huge technical challenge of believably



replacing humans with avatars in each shot. The music track also gave the film a useful emotional counterpoint to illustrate somebody alone in the crowd." The track "Stranger in the Crowd", from Cee-Lo Green of Gnarls Barkley, was released on iTunes to coincide with the Superbowl broadcast.

**For Coca Cola**  
Pio Schunker, Todd Arata

**For Wieden + Kennedy, Portland**  
CDs: Hal Curtis, Sheena Brady  
Copy: Eric Samel  
AD: Ken Meyer  
Producer: Lindsay Reed  
Ex CDs: Mark Fitzloff, Susan Hoffman  
EP: Ben Grylewicz

**For Nexus Productions**

Directors: Smith & Foulkes  
EPs: Charlotte Bavasso, Chris O'Reilly  
Producer: Melody Sylvester  
DoP: Mattias Montero  
PM: Julia Guignabel  
Studio manager: Nathalie Le Berre  
PM: Yalda Armian  
PA: Denise Abraham

**For Pioneer**

Producer: Natalia Mussolana  
Head of 3D: Ben Cowell  
R&D: Matt Clark  
Character: Mustashrik Mahbub  
Storyboard: Adam Beer  
Character modeling: Dave Fleet, Michael Greenwood, Mike Rusby, James Hardingham, Mighty Nice, Vincent Techer, Andy Hickenbottom  
Rigging: Asa Movshovitz, Francois



Pons, Luis San Juan Pallares  
Texturing: Andy Nisbet, Melanie Climent, Mike Rusby, Jose Maria Andres Martin, Proxy  
Modeling: Anthony Arnoux  
Tracking: Amelie Guyot  
Animation: Ben Crowe, Antoine Bourruel, Gary Levesque, Alberto Lara, Rik Goddard  
Icon animation: Kwok Fung Lam  
L&R: Patrick Krafft, Maelys Faget, Luis San Juan Pallares, Richard Moss

**For Speade**  
Editor: Art Jones

**For Stimmung, Los Angeles**  
Sound: Gus Koven

**For Framestore**  
Producer: Kirsty Cleminson  
CD: Mike McGee  
Sr flame: Will Bartlett  
Jr flame: Darran Nicholson

**For Solitaire Studios, Atlanta**  
EP: Monica Tannian  
Artist: Cee-Lo

**For 750, London**  
Sound engineer: Gary Walker

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**DUREX "GET IT ON"**

**Viral :30**

**Agency:**  
**FITZGERALD+CO**

**Director:**  
**SUPERFAD**

**Production:**  
**SUPERFAD**

**Animation:**  
**SUPERFAD**  
[www.superfad.com](http://www.superfad.com)

Like most fun ads for contraceptives, there will no doubt be much trouble afoot (and hence YouTube mega-numbers) with this naughty, squeaky, fabulous romp from Superfad NY through Atlanta agency Fitzgerald+CO. Superfad CD Rob Rugan: "Given the content of this project, it led to quite a few surreal discussions during the process. At one point or another, every conference call started to veer dangerously close to locker-room territory, mixed with quite serious debates about which sexual positions to include or not. At the same time, the needs and challenges of the job were as great as any other, and at a certain point, you stop thinking about the





content and just make the greatest piece of work you can. In this case, that work just happened to involve hot animal love." Schedule: three months.

**Watch Behind the Scenes on the DVD.**

**For Fitzgerald+CO**

CCO: Eddie Snyder  
Chief broadcast officer: Christine Sigety  
Associate CD: Jerry Williams  
Group CD: Fernando Lecca

**For Superfad, New York**

CD: Rob Rugan  
AD: Andrew Stubbs Johnston  
Director of animation/lighting: Mike Wharton  
CG animator: Dave Thomlison  
Modeling: Domel Libid  
Composer: Adrian Winter  
Producer: Mike Tockman  
EP: Geraint Owen

Audio: Gramercy Post  
Sr sound: Joe Mendelson

**Toolkit**

XSI, After Effects

## COCA-COLA "HEIST"

TVC :60

**Agency:**  
**WIEDEN + KENNEDY**

**Director:**  
**PSYOP**

**Animation/VFX:**  
**PSYOP**  
[www.psyop.tv](http://www.psyop.tv)

The West Coast Psyop crew march out a fine cast of insects and run them through a complicated 4th and goal maneuver for this Coke ad during Super Bowl 43.

### **For Wieden + Kennedy, Portland**

CDs: Hal Curtis, Sheena Brady  
ADs: James Moslander, Lee Jennings  
Copy: Marc D'Avignon  
Sr Producer: Matt Hunnicutt  
Associate producer: Juliana Montgomery

### **Psyop**

CDs: Todd Mueller, Kylie Matulick  
EP: Neysa Horsburgh  
Producer: Michael Schlenker  
VFX producer: Tina Chiang  
Post-production coordinator: Thomas Knight  
Editor: Brett Nicoletti  
Storyboard: Josh Wiesenfeld



VFX super/CG lead: Andrew Romatz  
VFX super/lead flame: Thibault Debaveye  
2D desktop supervisor: Lane Jolly  
Animation lead: John Velazquez  
Lighting lead/look development TD: Mike Dalzell  
Pre-Visualization: Mike Makara , Todd Constantine, Sarah Bocket, John Cherniack, Jan Bitzer  
Sr animator: Yvain Gnabro  
Animators: Alejandro Castro, Joon Lee, Frantz Vidal, Maxime Devanlay, Zee Myers  
FX: Jan Bitzer, Kiel Gnebba,



Flame: Alex Kolasinski, Sarah Eim  
Compositors: Jared Sandrew, Michael Dobbs, Miguel Bautista Sr  
lighter: Kyle Cassidy  
Lighter/look development: Katie Yoon, Wendy Klein  
Lighters: Ian Ruhfass, Barry Kriegshauser  
Modelers: Clay Osmus, Andy Kim  
Modeling/generalist: Bryan Repka  
Rigger/generalist: Petrik Watson  
Riggers: Sean Comer, James Parks, David Bosker  
Roto/paint: Krystal Chinn, Austin Brown, Scott Baxter



### **For Stimmung**

Arranger: Robert Miller  
Song: Peter and the Wolf  
Music EP: Kelly Fuller  
Sound design: Gus Koven

### **For Lime**

Mixer: Loren Silbur  
-Assistant mixer: Lindsey Alvarez  
Mix producer: Jessica Locke

### **Toolkit**

Maya, XSI, Combustion, Nuke, Flame, Photoshop, Z-brush, After Effects, Final Cut Pro, PTGui Pro

## AXE/LYNX "LEATHER"

TVC :40

**Agency:**  
BBH

**Directors:**  
MIKE MORT

**Production:**  
PASSION PICTURES

**Animation/VFX:**  
PASSION PICTURES

[www.passion-pictures.com](http://www.passion-pictures.com)

Passion Pictures stop motion director Mike Mort brings his experience with clay cavemen on S4C's cult TV hit "Gogs" to this celebration of manly odor. Mike Mort: "One of the main technical challenges involved the number of characters needed for the wide shot of the settlement. The shot was achieved by duplicating a group of 10 puppets in post after a number of motion controlled passes had been filmed. Another challenge involved the use of real hair on the characters, something usually wise to avoid in stop motion." Schedule: 16 weeks.



### **For BBH**

EP: Natasha Wellesly  
Producer: Georgina Kent  
ECD: Rosie Arnold  
Creatives: Adam Thompson,  
Dan Glover James

### **For Passion Pictures**

Director/ Models: Mike Mort  
Producer: Samantha Plaisted

EP: Michael Adamo  
DOP: Pete Ellmore  
Camera operator: Mark Swaffield  
Camera assistant: Matt Day  
VFX super: Neil Riley  
Set designers: Painting Practice  
Set builders: Cod Steaks  
Studio manager: Matt Day  
Head of CG: Jason Nichols

Animators: Tim Allen, Gary Cureton  
De-rig: Luke Carpenter  
AFX composers: Ed Sulked, John Williams, Niamh Lines, Johnny  
Stills Editor: Dan Greenway, Jaime Rubio, Tim King

### **Toolkit**

After Effects, Final Cut

**NESTLÉ DRUMSTICK**  
**“THE SUMMER PARADE”**

**TVC :60**

**Agency:**  
**PUBLICIS MOJO**

**Directors:**  
**JOSH SIMMONDS,**  
**NICE TREES**

**Production:**  
**ILOURA**  
**THE DIRECTORS GROUP**

**VFX:**  
**ILOURA**  
[www.iloura.com.au](http://www.iloura.com.au)

With only a one-day shoot to capture 40+ background plates, director Josh Simmonds and Melbourne 3D masters Iloura clung tightly to their previs to carry off this parade of ridiculous proportions. The previs was also invaluable in communicating the direction of the spot to the client as the offline edit was little more than shots of an empty town. Fortunately the schedule allowed for some CG work upfront. Director Josh Simmonds: “Our characters were already built, and in some cases animated and ready to drop into shots for further refinement – with many sequences involving complex effects work, including 3D fire simulations, a



giant sandman with CG sand streaming from him and the climactic Drumstick float featuring over a hundred characters dancing in tribute to the Busby Berkeley films of the 1930s.” Post schedule: 30 shots in five weeks.

**Watch Behind the Scenes on the DVD.**

**For The Directors Group**

Director: Josh Simmonds/Nice Trees

**For Publicis Mojo Melbourne**

CD: Darren Spiller  
Copy: Leon Wilson, Sean Larkin  
Head of art: Christy Peacock  
Head of TV: Corey Esse Agency  
Producer: Tuesday Picken  
Post producer: Magdalena Bisogni

**For: Iloura**

Live action producer: Craig Griffin  
VFX super: Sigi Eimutis  
Character design/illustration: Kate Moon  
Storyboard: John Skibinski

CGI/animation: Nathan Mitchell, Chris Gray, Nick Tripodi, Kate Moon, Arran Potter, Simon Ross, Brad Noble, Ben Weller, Sam Jensen, Josh Simmonds  
VFX/rotoscope: Keith Meure, Jarett Lee, Julia Egerton  
Offline edit: Jo Scott  
Online editor/flare: Chris Betteridge



**For Nike Snowboarding**

Business director:  
Michael Hernandez  
Marketing Specialist:  
Kevin Stevenson  
Sports Marketing: Bobby Meeks

**For Nike Brand Kitchen**

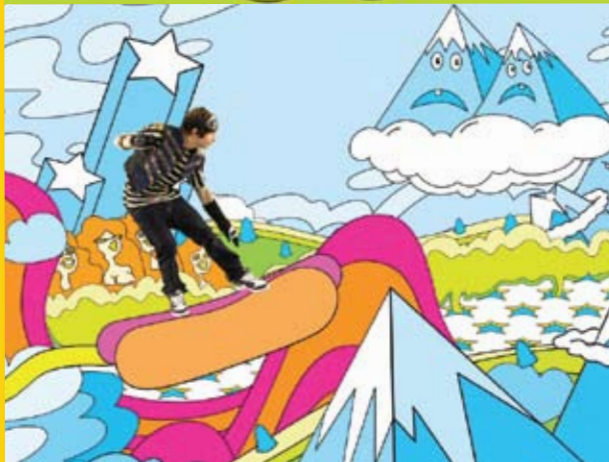
MD: Ean Lensch  
CD: David Reti  
Design director: Manny Bernardez  
AD: Eric Divauchelle  
EP: Craig Smith Art/illustrations:  
Arbito  
Director/editor: Manny Bernardez  
DP: Shawn Soundby  
Animation lead: Emmett Dzieza  
Animators: Ryan Rothermel, Igor  
Chromanski, Robbie Johnstone,  
Manny Bernardez  
Music composition: Kirk Ross

**For Digital One**

Sound design: Chip Sloan

**Toolkit**

Final Cut, After Effects, Illustrator,  
Cinema 4D, Maya



**NIKE**  
**“YELLOWSNOW”**  
**Viral 3:50**

**Agency:**  
**NIKE BRAND KITCHEN**

**Director:**  
**MANNY BERNARDEZ**

**Production:**  
**NIKE BRAND KITCHEN**

**Animation/VFX:**  
**NIKE BRAND KITCHEN**  
[www.nike.com](http://www.nike.com)

Despite all those childhood warnings, US snowboard Olympic medalist Danny Kass eats some suspicious snow and takes a little trip – hotdog riding, urinating hippies, buxom wenches and very large bunnies ensue. Animation is based on art by Seattle illustrator/artist Arbito who originally designed the psychedelic covering for the new Nike DK-YS Zoom Force 1 snowboarding boots. Arbito: “Nike liked the shoe design so much they expanded it to include a jacket, shirt, posters, and an animated video.” Animation was handled in-house at the Nike Brand Kitchen in Beaverton, Oregon. Schedule from inception to completion: 2.5 months.

## CARTOON NETWORK Broadcast design 3:30

**Director:**  
**CAPACITY**

**Animation:**  
**CAPACITY**  
[www.capacity.tv](http://www.capacity.tv)

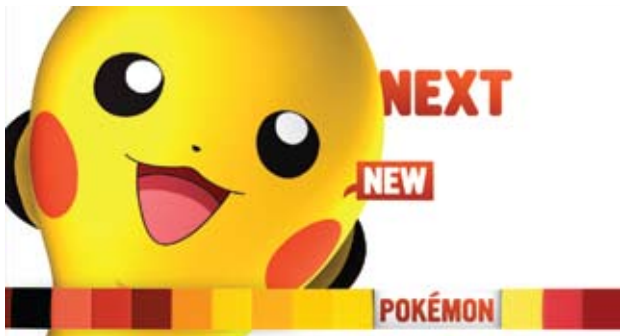
Ellerey Gave, CD at Capacity (Culver City, CA): "With this redesign, the creative team at Cartoon Network wanted to create an undeniably strong connection between the network and its content. Cartoon Network orchestrated a collaboration between their creative team, Capacity and urban vinyl toy legends Kidrobot to bring the vision to life. Together we created an interchangeable system of elements that gathered all of CN's characters into one place. These blank figures, called Noods, are the canvases upon which characters of all shapes, sizes, and styles can coexist. The CN logo is also an extension of this vocabulary as the colors and patterns from the characters – their DNA – find their way onto the network's blocky logotype for the first time.

"The writers at CN churned out hundreds of scripts, and the team



at Capacity wrote a number as well. We created thousands of seconds' worth of content, most of which are five and 10-second stories with a beginning, middle, and end. From an animation standpoint, getting these to read and make sense in such a short format was both tricky and rewarding. Through the course of creating these scenarios, more and more characters were included, which meant creating tons of textures as well.

"The main technical challenge was simply the volume of animation and compositing that had to take place in a relatively short amount of time. Production started in June and lasted through December, with batches of deliveries every couple of weeks."





#### **For Cartoon Network**

CD: Michael Ouweleen  
HOP: Nathania Seales  
AD: Kevin Fitzgerald

#### **For Capacity**

CDs: Ellerey Gave, Benji Thiem  
EP: Jennifer Gave  
Sr producer: Jill Marklin  
Prod coordinator: Anna Freelove  
Sr designers animators: Mitsuka Thiem, Alex Mapar, Ted Gore  
Composer/sound: Dave Hummel  
Designers/animators: Jonathan Larson, Richie Sandow

Jr designer/ animator:

Kenny Lutz

Character animators:

Isaac Hingley, Jun Zee Myers,  
Joshua Delaney

#### **For Crew 972**

Animation: Jon Anderson

Design: John Dretzka

Production/technical assistant:  
Kris Szumowski

#### **Toolkit**

Cinema 4D, Body Paint, After  
Affects, Photoshop, Illustrator

**“MTV GAME AWARDS 08”**  
**Broadcast design (montage)**  
1:40

**Agency:**  
**DYRDEE MEDIA GMBH & CO KG**

**Directors:**  
**DYRDEE MEDIA GMBH & CO KG**

**Design/animation:**  
**DYRDEE MEDIA GMBH & CO KG**  
[www.dyrdee.com](http://www.dyrdee.com)

The first MTV Game Awards hit the air in Europe in late 2008 propelled by this frenetic graphics package from Berlin studio dyrdee. Sven Henrichs, dyrdee MD: “We had to find a way of visualizing the game genre and all its aspects in a cohesive manner. We did so by relying on something that computer graphics are fundamentally built upon – the pixel. Based on the new MTV Germany font ‘Heinz’ as pixel-blocks, we created characters, scenes, explosions and more for all stories to visualize the complete package including 11 different award categories. “We managed to build all the scenes and characters in the After Effects 3D-environment with one scene using Cinema 4D (but mainly for lights and shadows). One may

wonder about the project’s file size and indeed most of the categories do not cross the 5MB line. What a mercy – but yet rendering took ages, since the projects in all their layers got very sophisticated.”  
Schedule: four weeks.

**For MTV Networks Germany GmbH**  
CD: Dinko Lacic

**For dyrdee Media**  
CDs: Ole Keune, Ljubisa Djukic  
Animation: Ljubisa Djukic, Ole Keune, Lucas Zanotto, Ian Hutchinson, Mesut Can, Philip Hillers

Character design: Ljubisa Djukic, Ole Keune  
Sound: Schieffer und Schieffer, A-Medialynx

Voice: Udo Knierim

**Toolkit**  
After Effects, Cinema 4D





**FUEL TV SIGNATURE SERIES  
"THE CLAYTON BROTHERS"  
Broadcast design :30**

**Director:**  
**SALT**

**Animation:**  
**SALT**

[www.saltaddsflavor.com](http://www.saltaddsflavor.com)

Pasadena's The Clayton Brothers are the latest artists to have their work undergo the FUEL TV treatment whereby their still images are brought to life by a motion house – in this case Culver City studio Salt.

FUEL TV's CD Todd Dever: "The Clayton Brothers' approach to collaborative painting is symbiotic and organic with one brother beginning a painting then handing it off to the other for his interpretation. The end result has been described as "like viewing every frame of a film simultaneously." Schedule: six weeks from concept to completion.

**For Fuel TV:**

CD: Todd Dever  
Director of on-air promotions:  
Mike Cooley  
Director of marketing: Jake Munsey  
SVP & assistant GM: CJ Olivares



**For SALT**

CD: Ian Douglass  
Animation: Victor Duncan, Shell Blevins, Ian Douglass  
Illustration: Aaron Milus  
Producer: Paul Andraos  
Music: Daniel Johnston  
Sound: Polar Empire, Darrin Wiener  
Artwork: Rob and Christian Clayton

**Toolkit**

After Effects, Photoshop

**"E4 MERRY CRITTERS WITH  
HOT WAX ON THEIR NIPPLES"**

Broadcast design 1:55

**Client:**  
E4 / CHANNEL 4

**Directors:**  
CHRISTOS LEFAKIS,  
YANNIS KONSTANTINIDIS

**Animation/design:**  
NOMINT  
[www.nomint.gr](http://www.nomint.gr)

After winning the 2008 E-sting competition organized by UK cabler E4 and Creative Review magazine, E4 commissioned Athen's studio Nomint to create a Christmas package. Nomint: "Starting with no brief at all is always a challenge, especially when you want to honor the huge heritage of extremely irreverent and weird E4 stings. We decided to just go for it and after planning 30 of them we

kept the most inappropriate, wacky and 'Christmassy' and spiced them up with the profound pleasures of pain. We first sketched the characters then tried to see what they would do if they were completely weird and inappropriate. Those that were too nice we killed. When any of them were ready we modeled and animated them until we had enough to start making any sense at all. Then we kept the weirdest ones." Schedule: four weeks.

**For Nomint:**

Concept/CD: Christos Lefakis, Yannis Konstantinidis, Georgios Xanthos (aka Weiridink)  
Direction: Christos Lefakis, Yannis Konstantinidis  
Character design: Georgios Xanthos (aka Weiridink)  
Design/compositing team: Christos Lefakis, Yannis Konstantinidis, Stamatis Arapakis, Haris Martis

3D modeling/animation: Nikos Spathis, Haris Martis, Simos Magliveras, Dimitris Papadimitriou, Kostas Diamantis  
Sound: Christos Lefakis, Haris Martis  
PA: Pelina Makri

**Toolkit**  
3ds Max, Adobe CS3



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## “MENTIRAS PIADOSAS”

Feature film titles 1:35

**Agency:**  
HABITACION 1520

**Directors:**  
JUAN MANUEL CODÓ,  
JULIAN MARTIN

**Animation/VFX:**  
JUAN MANUEL CODÓ  
JULIAN MARTIN

[www.juanmanuelcodo.com](http://www.juanmanuelcodo.com)  
[www.estudiobu.com](http://www.estudiobu.com)

Buenos Aires broadcast designers Juan Manuel Codó and Julian Martín venture into their first feature film project with these end credits to the Argentina/Spain co-production “Mentiras Piadosas” based on a story by Julio Cortazar. “The client wanted to emphasize the parallel world generated by lies that was overtaking reality in the film. To represent these two worlds was a big challenge because it could be shown in several different ways. But we had to do it in an abstract way, interacting with information and legibility. We tried at first with realistic shadows, but it was very difficult to get a legible title created by a realistic

shadow. So we went into a much more controllable solution which was illustrating graphic shadows manually. Schedule: eight weeks.

Special thanks: Studio La Posta

### Toolkit

After Effects, 3ds Max, V-Ray, Illustrator, Photoshop



Benjamín Avila  
Maxi Dubois  
Diego Sabanés



Alberto Ponce

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**"THE VEILED COMMODITY"**

Short film 5:34

**Client:**  
**THE FREDERICK DOUGLASS  
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**Agency:**  
**VINH DICKSON**

**Directors:**  
**DICKSON CHOW, VINH CHUNG**

**Design/animation:**  
**VINH DICKSON**  
[www.vinhdickson.com](http://www.vinhdickson.com)

The first in a series of three films about slavery from Dickson Chow and Vinh Chung co-directors at Culver City-based studio Vinh Dickson. "The most challenging aspect of the project was during pre-production, doing research, and writing the scripts. The stories, news articles, reports etc, on modern-day slavery and human trafficking are extremely depressing. The situation is unreal and it is hard to believe that such atrocities are being committed today. The second part of the film we are working on now is about sexual slavery, and the third will be about child soldiers." Schedule: three months.

**For The Frederick Douglass  
Family Foundation**  
Chairwoman: Nettie Washington  
Douglass  
President: Kenneth B. Morris, Jr.  
Executive VP: Robert J. Benz  
Director, Business Affairs & Special  
Projects: Carmen Lezeth Suarez

**For Vinh Dickson**  
CDs/directors/writers/designers:  
Dickson Chow, Vinh Chung  
Additional designs: Lynn Wang,  
Kennis Chow, Rajeswaren  
Shanmugasundaram  
3D: Christina Ku, Adrian Sairin,  
Sal Rangel  
Character animators: Vinh Chung,  
Adrian Sairin  
Background painter: Rei Cayetano  
Composer/colorist:  
Dickson Chow

Music: Julie Belle  
Production/engineering: Daley Hake  
Additional music: Sal Rangel  
Sound/final mix: Eric Mason

Voice of narrator:  
Carmen Lezeth Suarez  
Voice of Ernesto: Jorge Gonzalez  
Additional voices: Justus  
Zimmerman



## **NOKIA "BEAUTIFUL CONNECTIONS"**

**Online films x 4**

**Agency:**

**HI-RES!**

**WIEDEN + KENNEDY**

**Directors: CARL BURGESS,  
MARCUS WENDT, SHFT,  
MATT PYKE**

Four short web films commissioned for the launch of the Nokia E71 smartphone from four very different video artists interpreting the beauty that lies within our daily communications.

### **"ALL TOGETHER"**

**Director: CARL BURGESS**

[www.moresoon.org](http://www.moresoon.org)

"Visually I wanted the feeling of a condensed connection, a dense torrent of information connecting people."

The film traces the artist's daily journey between East and North London, documenting signs, road names, overheard conversations and ads. It is a study of the everyday things that become landmarks on the journey between two people.

### **"EPHEMERAL STRUCTURES"**

**Director: MARCUS WENDT**

[www.field.io](http://www.field.io)

"Beautiful in that sense means to me: elegant, lightweight and almost effortless."

Marcus Wendt of field is interested in interactivity and social dynamics within groups. His film switches between a macro and a micro perspective on networks, exploring the invisible space between two people.

### **"TALKING HEADS"**

**Director: SHFT**

[www.shft.tv](http://www.shft.tv)

For SHFT the concept of beautiful connections can be conveyed by one word – "Love". The film visually explores the powerful spark that flies between two people when they communicate.

### **"6 BILLION PEOPLE, 6 BILLION COLOURS"**

**Director: MATT PYKE**

[www.universaleverything.com](http://www.universaleverything.com)

"The more connections I make, the further I can reach across the world – finding inspiration in every person I meet." Matt Pyke

Matt Pyke gives human characteristics to abstract spheres. The film follows the spheres interacting with each other – colliding, attracting, forming groups, populating the landscape.

**For Wieden + Kennedy**

Producer: Sermad Buni



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**PAUL MCCARTNEY "222"**  
Music video 3:46

**Client:**  
MPL COMMUNICATIONS LTD.

**Director:**  
MARCO SANDEMAN

**Production:**  
IRREGULAR FILMS

**Animation:**  
MARCO SANDEMAN  
IRREGULAR FILMS  
[www.irregularfilms.com](http://www.irregularfilms.com)

Lisa Power, project coordinator for MPL (London): "The "222" video was produced on-spec by Marco Sandeman and presented as a completed piece to MPL (Marco had done other film work for us in the past). The idea was to make a fireworks display where every instrument was represented by a different type of animated light. Breaking down the song into its individual layers and then assigning the right light to each sound took a while. The four-day shoot in a barn in France was followed by two months of editing and animating 4K files on an iMac in London." The clip premiered as a pre-show film for the Paul McCartney Friendship First concert in Tel Aviv in September."



Filmed by Pia Tryd

**Toolkit**

Final Cut, Photoshop, Shake,  
LightWave

stash 54.16

**FLOGGING MOLLY “FLOAT”**  
Music video 4:17

**Record label:**  
SIDE ONE DUMMY RECORDS

**Directors:**  
KARNI & SAUL

**Production:**  
FLYNN PRODUCTIONS

**Animation/VFX:**  
FLYNN POST

[www.flynnproductions.com](http://www.flynnproductions.com)

Israeli/British directing duo Karni & Saul (art and fashion photographer Karni and 3D director/ animator Saul) concoct a perfect mix of stop-frame and 3D animation for this track from Irish American Celtic punk band Flogging Molly through Flynn Productions. Location plates were shot with a digital SLR either hand held or on a self-built dolly track. The CG elements were handled in Maya with After Effects for the final composite.

**For Side One Dummy Records**  
Commissioner: Thomas Dreux

**For Flynn Productions**  
Directors/designers: Karni & Saul  
Producer: Natalie Bayle  
Animators: Karni & Saul, Kostas Koutsoliotas, Stave Brown

**Toolkit**  
Maya, After Effects, Premiere



**OREN LAVIE**  
**"HER MORNING ELEGANCE"**

Music video 3:36

**Directors:**

**YUVAL NATHAN,**  
**MERAV NATHAN,**  
**OREN LAVIE**

**Animation:**

**YUVAL NATHAN,**  
**MERAV NATHAN**

[www.onewingfly.com](http://www.onewingfly.com)

Songwriter/director/writer Oren Lavie enlists fellow Israelis (and husband and wife) director/animators Yuval and Merav Nathan to help take his first step into video with this clip for his track "Her Morning Elegance". Production began with four weeks spent creating a CG animatic where 3D dummies stood in for the characters. Then, with the camera slung from the ceiling, 3,200+ stills were shot over two days to capture the dream-like narrative.

Actress: Shir Shomron

Photographer: Eyal Landesman



**“LISA”**  
TV pilot 2:27

**Directors:**  
**BERTRAND PIOCELLE,**  
**MARCO NGUYEN**

**Production:**  
**LA STATION ANIMATION**

**Animation:**  
**LA STATION ANIMATION**  
[www.lastationanimation.com](http://www.lastationanimation.com)

The absolutely mad mini-pilot for a proposed TV series developed in Paris at La Station Animation by former Gobelins students Bertrand Piocelle and Marco Nguyen with writer Remy Collignon. Piocelle: “We basically did the whole pilot in three months. The animation is traditional but done with a Cintiq tablet directly in Flash. It had to be animated on a panoramic layout with the deformation then it was rolled into a cylinder in 3ds Max to obtain that ‘QuickTime VR look’. The exteriors (the cars, the road, etc.) is all 3D.”



**For La Station Animation**

Directors: Bertrand Piocelle,  
Marco Nguyen

Scenario: Rémy Collignon,  
Marco Nguyen

Additional animation:

Benjamin Marsaud

Additional animation colouring:

Claire Wortemann

Sound studio: Chez Jean

Sound editing/FX:

Oliver Le Solliec, Guillaume Samot,

Jean Dindinaud

**Toolkit**

Flash, Photoshop, 3ds Max, After  
Effects

**HAPPY NEW END**  
Self promotion 1:21

**Agency:**  
**PASSION PARIS**

**Director/Animation:**  
**BONZOM**  
**PASSION PARIS**

[www.passion-picture.com](http://www.passion-picture.com)  
[www.bonzom.info](http://www.bonzom.info)

Claire Potel, producer at Passion Paris on the company's 2009 holiday video:

"At the beginning of the project, all members of Bonzom brainstormed and proposed different themes for the greeting card, and one of us started to write something about the Mayan prediction of doomsday in 2012 and making jokes about that. The problem was half of the collective hadn't heard about this apocalyptic prediction.

"We looked at all the different blogs and articles online to see if this 2012 story was popular or not. But it's always relayed on the web by nerds or fanatics who want to see the planet explode. Nothing serious. After two weeks of discussion we watched the trailer of "2012", the Roland Emmerich movie expected for summer 2009. We were stunned. If Hollywood



is stupid enough to make a blockbuster on 2012, we can be stupid enough too. Remember: Only three years left – have fun and make love. With Passion."

**For Passion Paris**

Producer: Claire Potel  
Animation/design: Bonzom  
Sound: Fabrice Lombard  
Mix: Piste Rouge

**Toolkit**

Flash, After Effects

**THE BUDDY SYSTEM**  
**“HORSE MOUNTAIN”**  
Music video 3:27

**Directors:**  
**CRAIG SHELDON,**  
**LAUREN GREGG**

**Production:**  
**ELECTRIC COMPANY**

**Animation:**  
**KANGAROO ALLIANCE**  
[www.kangarooalliance.com](http://www.kangarooalliance.com)

Athens, Georgia-based directors/animators Craig Sheldon and Lauren Gregg are also the musicians who make up The Buddy System – which is handy when it comes to music videos. “We are an ‘animation band’ which basically means every song we do is a music video and we perform live with the animation playing behind us. We sort of wrote the story as we animated.



When we got to the part where the two kids are tied up, we had no idea what should happen – we knew they had to escape, but had no idea how. It turned out the simplest solution would be the best – the horse punching-fest that takes up the last 30 seconds! It’s all loosely based on an experience Lauren had when she

was riding horses with her boyfriend on a desert trail in California and her horse veered off the path and went rogue. We thought it would be hilarious if her horse was actually carrying her away to their secret evil horse headquarters in a mountain shaped like a horse head, of course.” Schedule: two weeks.

**For Kangaroo Alliance**  
Directors/animators: Craig Sheldon,  
Lauren Gregg

**Toolkit**  
Flash

stash 54.21

## THE BLIZZARDS "THE REASON"

Music video 3:20

Record label:  
**UNIVERSAL**

Directors:  
**CHRIS SAYER, JASON ARBER**

Animation:  
**WYLD STALLYONS**  
[www.wyldstallyons.com](http://www.wyldstallyons.com)

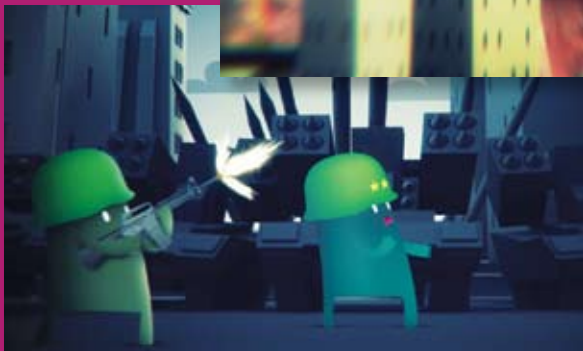
Fueled by the relentless consumption of energy drinks, Wyld Stallyons directors Jason Arber and Chris Sayer conceived and completed their monster-invades-city unrequited love story for Irish indie outfit The Blizzards in two and a half weeks. Natalie Busuttill, producer at Wyld Stallyons admits the video was the spring-board the team needed to "learn how to use Cinema 4D properly".

### For Wyld Stallyons

Directors/design/animation:  
Chris Sayer, Jason Arber  
3D/compositing: Chris Sayer  
2D: Jason Arber  
Realflo: Ben Ducroz  
Producer: Natalie Busuttill  
Writer: Jason Arber

### For Universal

Producer: Nathan Hull



Many thanks to Nath; The Blizzards; Our understanding families (Rina, Rosie, Phung, Autumn and Ethan); Kate and David (Hub.tv) and Ben

### Toolkit

Illustrator, Photoshop, After Effects, Cinema 4D, Real Flow

**REX THE DOG  
"BUBBLICIOUS"  
Music video 3:14**

**Record label:  
COOPERATIVE MUSIC**

**Director:  
GEOFFROY DE CRECY**

**Production:  
PARTIZAN UK**

**Animation:  
GEOFFROY DE CRECY  
LAJ LYDECKEN**

Partizan UK director Geoffroy De Crecy: "Jake [Williams], aka Rex the Dog, has developed a graphic style along with his work as a musician. He created this dog, and wanted it in the video, he also wanted a cardboard animation, because he'd tested it, and liked it. I'm not used to working with existing characters, so on this project I had to adapt to Jake's universe. I'm not a stop motion specialist – I've worked a lot with 3D and CGI, and in this work there is no CGI at all. My first surprise was how difficult it is to build a model with my hands. I had to throw away a lot of cardboard dogs before I could make a clean one!"



Schedule: "One week to draw an animatic, 13 days to make models and sets, one big month of animation – that's what's great about stop motion, not a day for rendering or compositing."

**For Cooperative Music**  
Commissioner: Craig Penney

**For Partizan UK**  
Director/animator: Geoffroy De Crecy  
Animator: Laj Lydecken  
Producers: Amanda Stubbs,  
Henry Scholfield  
Images: Stella Rossini  
Editor: Edouard Mailaender

**Toolkit**  
Hands, cardboard, glue, Canon D200, pipes, an Epson printer, cutter, little round stickers

**MICROSOFT**  
**"PEOPLE READY BUSINESS"**  
**TVC :30**

**Director:**  
**IMAGINARY FORCES**

**Production:**  
**IMAGINARY FORCES**

**Animation:**  
**IMAGINARY FORCES**  
[www.imaginaryforces.com](http://www.imaginaryforces.com)

The first spot in the new campaign (inspired by 2008 Academy Award nominee "I Met the Walrus") from JWT for Microsoft, directed and animated by Imaginary Forces using interviews from real business owners to drive playful and eclectic visuals.



**For Imaginary Forces**

CDs: Peter Frankfurt, Michelle Dougherty  
AD: Brett Krauss, Joan Lau  
EP: Ben Apley  
Producers: Kelley McDermott, Courtney Graham  
Sr designers: Michelle Dougherty, Brett Krauss, Joan Lau  
Designers: Freda Lau, Jessica Sun, Tosh Kodana, Daniel Ruiz, Ryan Zunkley, Peggy Oei, Brian Mah  
Animators: Jeff Boddy, Robin Roepstorff, Philip Schtoll, Bryant Little, Calvin Lo, Evan Dileio, Andrew Hoevler, Dan Meehan, Preston Brown, Magnus Hierta, Isaac Woodby, Andrew Soria, Saadi Howell, Mark Kim, Mazier Majid, Noah Olmstead, Kimberly Im, John Cherniak, Charles Khoury, Grant Lau  
Editors: Danielle White, Vic Carbonneau  
Inferno: Edward Black, Matt Spencer, Andy Dill  
Stop motion: Brett Krauss, Michelle Dougherty  
Cel: Dave Creek, Frank Molieri  
Coordinator: Vanessa Cantu

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**SHOPPING ELDORADO  
"ROBOT"  
TVC :60**

**Agency:  
SANTA CLARA NITRO**

**Director:  
MARLON KLUG**

**Production:  
CORPORACAO FANTASTICA**

**Animation/VFX:  
CORPORACAO FANTASTICA**  
[www.corporacaofantastica.com](http://www.corporacaofantastica.com)

**For Santa Clara Nitro**

CD: Santa Clara  
Creatives: Carlos André Eyer,  
Fernando Calvache, Fernando  
Campos, Theo Rocha  
Sr producers: Marcelo Altschüler,  
Diego Villas Bôas

**For Corporacao Fantastica**

Animation: Industria Fantastica  
Director: Marlon Klug  
AD: Rodrigo Saraiva  
HOP: Paulo Pomps  
EP: Herminio Junior  
DOP: Russo Loyola  
Audio: Woyzeck  
Audio post production: Macchina  
Robot modeling: Mini Art

stash 54.25

**ALEX**  
**"THE BIG BANK THEORY"**  
TVC :60

**Agency:**  
**DAWN**

**Director:**  
**PAUL POSTMA**

**Production:**  
**HAZAZAH**

**Animation:**  
**THE AMBASSADORS**  
[www.theambassadors.nl](http://www.theambassadors.nl)

Dutch animation and effects company The Ambassadors, Hazazah director Paul Postma and their client Alex (a Dutch bank) present "The Big Bank Theory" depicting the growth of the banking world: bank mergers, managers needing managers and the amount of money wasted in the process. Based on character designs by director Paul Postma and illustrator Raoul Deleo.

**For Dawn**  
Copy: David Snellenberg  
AD: Pepijn Rooijens,  
Giuseppe du Crocq



**For Hazazah**

Director: Paul Postma  
Illustrations: Raoul Deleo

**For The Ambassadors**

Flame: Ton Habraken  
VFX producer: Diederik Veelo  
Executive content producer:  
Robert Roosenstein



stash 54.26

**RED BULL**  
**"X13 THE CAN"**

**Branded content :60**

**Commissioning company:**  
**TRESOR TV**

**Director:**  
**BURACO DE BALA**

**Animation/VFX:**  
**BURACO DE BALA**  
[www.buracodebala.com](http://www.buracodebala.com)

One of 13 clips commissioned by Austria's Tresor TV to help keep that country's most famous export flowing freely. Aleixo Leite, Buraco de Bala designer and co-director: "We were given much freedom to make the video. We weren't sure how we would end up making the final take, so like in the film, we stayed quite a few hours making the scene in different ways. After the sun went down we did our best take; that determined how we would proceed with creating the film. The 360-degree photo was taken during the day so we edited the picture and the animated footage in order make the time passage, which we thought gave the video a cool twist. Since it was based on a 360 degree background and the output format was true HD, we had an 8,000 pixel wide project." Schedule: four weeks.



360 degree photo: Sérgio Alberto  
Stop motion: Anderson Schneider  
Music: Dubmood feat. Go to 80

**Toolkit**

Adobe Production Studio, 3ds Max

**"THE MONSTERS"**  
Short film 9:30

**Director:**  
FLA

**Production:**  
STICKY MONSTER LAB

**Animation:**  
STICKY MONSTER LAB  
MOSBALL

[www.stickymonsterlab.com](http://www.stickymonsterlab.com)  
[www.mosball.com](http://www.mosball.com)

Sticky Monster Lab – the new animation and design troop out of Seoul, Korea – originally created a collection of geometric monster characters that started life as vinyl toys, went on to star in their own short film (this one) and finally hit pay dirt when they were cast in a Nike gig. Sticky Monster Lab director FLA on "The Monsters": "The challenge for us was to balance the somewhat serious message with the lighthearted characters. We tried to make the visuals with a retro feel with groovy music in the background but at the same time tried to smoothly carry out the story. It's mainly about how you can look at things differently depending on the situation, nothing is absolute, we are not perfect beings." Schedule: March to December 2008.



**For Sticky Monster Lab**

Director/3D: FLA  
Producer: NANA  
Scenario: FLA, BOO  
Editor/2D: Joe  
Mini Design: FLA, BOO

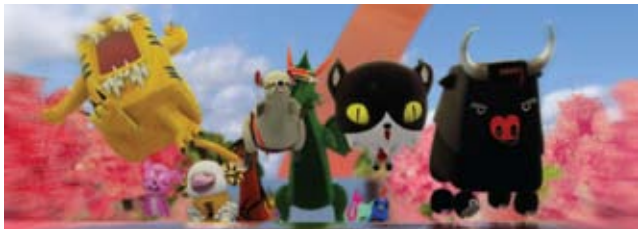
**For mosball**

3D: Jeong Yongan, Jeong  
Byungmin, Kim Hyuntae  
Music: DJ Soulscape Sound  
design/mixing: Lee Yoonkyoung,  
Seo Dongjun

**Toolkit**

3ds Max, After Effects

**Watch Behind the Scenes on  
the DVD.**



**ONITSUKA TIGER**  
**"2009 ZODIAC RACE"**  
**Viral 3:17**

**Agency:**  
**AMSTERDAM WORLDWIDE**

**Directors:**  
**JONATHAN GARIN, NAOMI NISHIMURA**

**Production:**  
**PANDAPANTHER**

**Animation/VFX:**  
**PANDAPANTHER**

[www.pandapanther.com](http://www.pandapanther.com)

Onitsuka Tiger – ASICS' premium sneaker and apparel brand – marks its 60th anniversary in 2009, an important milestone in Japanese culture laden with symbolism around the cycle of life and the zodiac calendar. The ancient zodiac legend, brought vibrantly to life in this clip by NY studio PandaPanther, tells how 13 animals raced against each other to secure a spot in the calendar. The global multi-media campaign out of Amsterdam Worldwide (formerly part of Strawberry Frog) centers on a touring one metre-long sneaker-shaped diorama of a mythical Japanese landscape.

**Watch Behind the Scenes on the DVD.**

**For Onitsuka Tiger**  
Sandra Koopmans

**For Amsterdam Worldwide**  
Ex CD: Richard Gorodecky  
CD: Andrew Watson  
Copy: Gillian Glendinning  
AD: Jasper Mittelmeijer  
Sr producer: Samantha Koch

**For PandaPanther**  
EP: Senju Hudson  
Directors: Jonathan Garin,  
Naomi Nishimura

Music: Ponpoko/Norman Bambi



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**“BIG BUCK BUNNY”**

Short film 9:33

**Director:**

**SASCHA GOEDEGEBURE**

**Design/animation:**

**BLENDER INSTITUTE**

**[www.blender.org](http://www.blender.org)**

The Blender Foundation, a Dutch non-profit based in Amsterdam, was established to fund, develop and provide free access to open source 3D technology called Blender. Although “Big Buck Bunny” had the unofficial brief of “make something funny and furry”, the Blender team of seven says they also set themselves several more ambitious goals: “Develop tools in Blender for editing and rendering hair, fur or grass. Improve character animation tools for cartoonish motion and deformation. Test Blender with giant outdoor events, with large grassy fields and many trees with leaves. Further validate Blender as a professional animation creation suite. Secondly, create a great animation short, licensed freely as open content. Provide content for other artists to learn from or to reuse, including documentation and tutorials.” Schedule: six months.

**For Blender Institute**

Director: Sascha Goedegebure

AD: Andy Goralczyk

Lead artist: Enrico Valenza

Rigger/ animator: Nathan Vegdahl

Animation: William Reynish

Technical directors: Brecht Van

Lommel, Campbell Barton

Music/sound design:

Jan Morgenstern

Producer: Ton Roosendaal

**Toolkit**

Blender 3D animation software

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