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My son Jason will celebrate his seventh birthday this month, it will probably go something like this...

Ben 10 or Bumblebee will adorn the cake and napkins and Bioncles and Bakugan will be among the presents. On the way to the party he may watch the video in the back of the cab but will hit the off button if it dwells too long on Fashion Week or any other "girly" subject. Before dinner he will spend his daily ration of computer time (20 minutes) watching "Peep and the Big Wide World", building Spores, or playing Lego Batman. If there is time after dinner he may ask to watch some of Attenborough's "Planet Earth" or "Paddington Bear" on DVD. And bedtime will be preceded by half an hour of book time, usually with Asterix or Tintin.

The volume of options in Jason's media diet may alarm some parents and child psychologists: "His attention span must be terribly short. All those kids' shows are so mindless."

Here's the thing: Jason is not even close to overwhelmed. In fact, he chooses his entertainment from the media spectrum with unassuming confidence, he slips witty and well-timed quotes from The Flintstones, Winnie the Pooh and Ninja Turtles into conversation, and often turns what he calls "the screens" off on his own and returns to playing with his toys or reading.

Jason and his friends can relax through an 80-minute Pixar film and half hour episodes of "Avatar: The Last Airbender" without even going for a pee. And they absorb, recall and expand upon the complex (some would say impenetrable) mythologies and innumerable characters of franchises like Lego's Bionicles and Bakugan.

This, to me, reveals two things that fly in the face of common wisdom: that content for younger audiences must be (a) short and (b) nutrition free.

Jason is a snapshot of your future audience. Please don't disappoint him.

Stephen Price Editor New York, March, 2010 sp@stashmedia.tv GOOGLE "PARISIAN LOVE STORY" TVC:60

Agency: GOOGLE CREATIVE LAB

Director: AARON DUFFY

Production: 1STAVEMACHINE

Animation: 1STAVEMACHINE

www.1stavemachine.com

Aaron Duffy and the 1stAve crew spin a long distance love story using nothing but tight editing, wit. and the Google interface.

"The guys at Google Creative Lab gave us a brief about finding love in Paris and visualizing that story through the Google search function. The original brief involved the possibility of incorporating more objects and images, but in the end, we found that the interface by itself told the story in a profound way.

"The biggest challenge was figuring out how to tell a story that people feel a connection to with straight typography and Google queries. We thought a lot about how to pull as much out of our



Web

Show options...



François Truffaut - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia





Web #Show options

cultural understanding of this thing (Google) in our lives that we use every day and how to infuse it with emotion and narrative."

Created in five weeks, "Parisian Love Story" was broadcast during the 2010 Superbowl.

For 1stAveMachine

Director: Aaron Duffy EPs: Serge Patzak, Sam Penfield Producers: John Burger. Crystal Campbell Head of creative development:

Claire Mitchell Concept art: Carlos Ancalmo After Effects: Joon Park. John Stanch, John Loughlin, Will Decker, Anthony Serriano, WeiTo Chow

For Analogue Muse

Composer: Jeremy Turner Sound designers: Geoff Strasser. Nick Cipriano

For Muse Mix

Mixer: Nick Cipriano

Toolkit

Adobe Creative Suite, iShowU

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"SOUTHERN COMFORT ANIMATION CUT" TVC:48

Agency: ARNOLD

Director: JAMES WIGNALL

Production: SHERBET

> Animation: JAMES WIGNALL

www.mutanthands.com

London-based director James Wignall: "The brief was really open, they really just wanted something that encapsulates the feel of New Orleans: The people, culture, history and religion (especially voodoo).

"We had a month to design, render and animate 15 illustrations. It averaged out to only two days per illustration - including animation (there were a lot of long nights spent on this project).

"The tricky part was getting the client to sign off on the rough illustration, as we couldn't start animating until that was done. Thankfully they were quick at getting back to us, but it could of been a real bottleneck."

For Sherbet

Wignall

Director/designer/animator: James

Animation cut audio: David Kamp

Asst animator: Tom Senior

Producer: Sarah Essam



Photoshop, Illustrator, After Effects

Toolkit

BBC WINTER OLYMPICS Broadcast design :40

Agencies: RED BEE MEDIA RKCR/Y&R

Director: MARC CRASTE

Animation: STUDIO AKA

www.studioaka.co.uk

BAFTA-winning director Marc Craste, along with co-designer Jon Klassen re-work the origin of the Winter Olympics into a stylized tale of an Inuit hero. According to Craste, "The most important challenge of all was to create believable sporting action in animation, good enough to satisfy clients used to dealing with liveaction sports footage. In addition, maintaining a sense of scale in the environments while using predominantly high contrast black and white.

"We wanted to preserve the graphic novel quality of the imagery, and so where possible, avoided using any depth of field and instead focused on the composition of each shot, making sure the limited tonal palette didn't result in a diminished sense of scale." Schedule: 14 weeks.







For Studio AKA

Director: Marc Craste
Producer: Sharon Titmarsh
Co-designer: Jon Klassen
Animators: Lucas Vigroux,
Max Stoehr, Florian Mounie,
Norm Konyu
Pre-vis: Anna Kubik, Max Stoehr
3D team: Will Eagar, Daniel
Garnerone, Adam Avery,
James Gaillard, Rob Chapman,
Cristobal Infante, Fabrice Altman
Editor: Nic Gill
PA: Janine Murphy

Toolkit

After Effects, Photoshop, Softimage, Avid stash 66.04

ESSO "ENGINES" TVC :60

Client: COSAN COMBUSTÍVEIS E LUBRIFICANTES S.A.

Agency: LEW LARA TBWA

Director: RODRIGO LEWKOWICZ

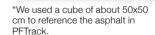
Production: PRODUTORA ASSOCIADOS

Animation/VFX: CASABLANCA

www.cbsp.com.br

Brazilian post company Casablanca helps relaunch the ESSO brand in South America with this deceptively simple idea which started with a two-day shoot at nine locations across Montevideo, Uruguay.

Bruno Costa, post coordinator at Casablanca: "For the cars, we filmed them driving normally then we photographed the wheels of each car so we could project them onto 3D wheels and composite them. We chose to do the moving asphalt in Inferno with pictures of the texture, which were applied with the tool Extended Bicubic and brought to life with Front Source.



"For the engine under the asphalt, we created a detailed concept illustration, so the movements followed physically plausible mechanisms. The post production team included five people, two for rotoscoping and three for 3D."

For Lew Lara TBWA

AD: Pedro Rosa

Copy: Roberto Kilciauskas CDs: Jaques Lewkowicz, André Laurentino, Felipe Luchi and Victor Sant'Anna

TVCR: Katia Bontempo Leal, Dani Toda and Cristiane Leopacci

Watch Behind the Scenes on the DVD.

For Produtora Associados

Director: Rodrigo Lewkowicz DoP: Fernando Oliveira Editor: Daniel Bontempo

For A9

Sound designer: Apollo 9

Toolkit

Maya, Combustion, PFTrack, Inferno, Smoke, Photoshop



ARMY OF TWO: THE 40TH DAY "STROBE" TVC:30

Client: DRAFTFCB / EA

Agency: DRAFTFCB

Director: ZOIC STUDIOS

Animation: ZOIC STUDIOS www.zoicstudios.com

DraftFCB and Zoic Studios join forces to create this adrenaline stoked CG spot involving two mercenaries and plenty of heavy crossfire for EA's third-person shooter Army of Two. Zoic crafted a war-torn Shanghai including fully modeled environments, destroyed vehicles and characters developed by up-rezing and refining the in-game assets, textures and geometry.

Created within Zoic's proprietary 64-bit pipeline, production was carried out in Maya using its mental ray renderer with compositing completed in After Effects, Nuke, and Flame. Motion capture animation was done at House of Moves. Schedule: eight weeks.







For DraftFCB

AD: Gregg Foster Copy: Jeff White Sr producer: Mark Tobin CDs: Tony Vazquez, Colin McRae HoP: Dan Watson

For Zoic Studios CD: Chris Jones EP: Aaron Sternlicht

PM: Stephen Chiu

Producer: Neil Ingram

CG super: Andy Wilkoff

Editor: Paul Kumpata

Storyboards: Yori Mochizuki Ripomatic/storyboard: Levi Ahmu, Dylan Ekren Model/texture: Adrian Grav. Shun Imaizumi, Dylan Ekren, Dustin Mellum, Maxx Burman, Joel Kittle. Chris Strauss Rigging: Scott Rosekrans, Karl Fornander PreViz: Kelvin Lee. Dustin Adair. Jeff Benoit Animation: Kelvin Lee, Dustin Adair Lighting: Andy Wilkoff, Adrian Gray, Chris Strauss, Dave Funston Particles/FX: Jason Mortimer, Jeff Benoit Matte painting: Syd Dutton, Charles Bunnag Compositing: Jason Zimmerman. Colin Feist, Zach Zaubi, Levi Ahmu Mocap: VICON House of Moves

Toolkit

Maya, mental ray, After Effects, Nuke, Flame stash 66.06

VANQUISH Game trailer 1:21

Client: SEGA / PLATINUMGAMES INC.

Director:

Animation/VFX:

LOGAN www.logan.tv

Alexei Tylevich and his Logan crew fuse pristine CG and kinetic live action for this first look at the highly-anticipated "Vanquish" game from PlatinumGames Inc. and SEGA.

For PlatinumGames Inc.

Game director: Shinji Mikami Game producer: Atsushi Inaba

For Logan

Writer/director: Alexei Tylevich EP: Kevin Shapiro Producer: Frederic Liebert Line producer: Michael Angelos Cinematographer: Roman Jakobi Editor: Volkert Besseling Production designer: Dani Tull Costume designer: Paul Wendling Composer: Michael Kadelbach VFX supers: Stephan Kosinski, Vincent Wauters, Benoit Vincent Lead compositor: Brandon Sanders





"SPEC OPS" Game trailer 1:35

Client: TAKE 2

Developer: YAGER

Director: MARCO BRAMBILLA

Production TRONIC

Animation: TRONIC

www.tronicstudio.com

Director Marco Brambilla teams with New York's Tronic to bury Dubai in chaos and mayhem in this long-awaited promotional trailer for Take 2's "Spec Ops" third person shooter which also served as the prototype for the game's visual aesthetic.

Tronic co-director Jessi Seppi: "We built a huge database of visual assets: From extensive ZBrush work for the characters, to hard and soft body dynamics in many of the scenes, to advanced particle systems in Krakatoa and FumeFX for the sandstorm and explosions. We also employed fracturing and custom scripting tools to control breaking glass and sync it with gunfire, the wind and sand,"







For 2K Games CD: Greg Gobbi

For The Ebeling Group Director/writer/editor: Marco Brambilla

For Tronic:

Directors: Vivian Rosenthal. Jessi Seppi Music: Biork Sound design/mix: Q Department

Toolkit

3ds Max. Final Render, Final Shaders, FumeFX, After Burn, Krakatoa, ZBrush, Vu Extreme stash 66 08

"NOLAN'S CHEDDAR" Short film 1:28

Director: JOHN NOL AN

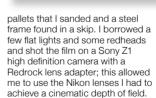
Animatronics: JOHN NOLAN

www.iohnnolanfilms.com

After building an impressive CV of animatronics work on features including the Harry Potter films. Hellboy 2. Where The Wild Things Are and Clash Of The Titans. John Nolan began to "shift his focus towards directing."

"The mouse was sculpted two times bigger than the real mouse by ex-Jim Henson's Creature Shop sculptor Chris Fitzgerald. From this I produced a soft silicone skin and basic fiberglass skeleton. Using radio-controlled motors and machined aluminum components. I animated the fiberglass at the pivot points of the anatomy. When I was happy with the movement I alued the soft skin over the skeleton. Lused Creature FX Painter and hair specialist Becky Cain for the finishing: each individual hair was painstakingly punched in using a single needle.

"The set was built at home in my kitchen. I made it from old wooden



"It took me months to source the right live mouse. I eventually found 'Sniffles' through a mouse club in Bedfordshire. I disabled the mousetrap and put the 'Nolan's Cheddar' on it with a few other

treats blind side of the camera to entice her. I had to stabilize many shots of Sniffles because I was laughing so much I kept moving the camera.

"I edited and graded on my laptop using Final Cut Pro. I cut the audio tracks with Ableton Live and placed them into Final Cut. Nolan's Cheddar was shot over two nights, one for the live mouse and the other for the animatronic. The animatronic was built over a three week period."

Director: John Nolan Production design, lighting. animatronics, edit: John Nolan Camera: Sam Huntley Sculptor: Chris Fitzgerald Silicone specialist: Alex Wathey Paint/hair specialist: Becky Cain Wink animation: John C Hedley Puppeteers: Tom Blake,

Sam Huntley Toolkit

After Effects, Final Cut Pro



"GROW UNDERGROUND",
"COME TOGETHER", "BEGIN
AGAIN", "TELL YOUR OWN
STORY"
Short films x 4

Client: SUNDANCE INSTITUTE

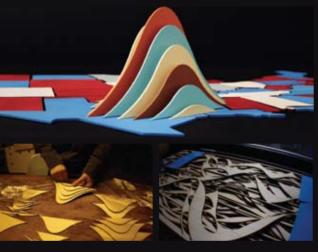
Director: BUCK

Animation/VFX: BUCK

www.buck.tv

Buck CDs Orion Tait and Ryan Honey: "There were 186 films, documentaries and shorts featured at Sundance this year, and one of our shorts preceded every screening. Therefore, the challenge was to create something that felt fresh and innovative so it could be enjoyed through multiple viewings, and would connect to the message of getting back to the core values of the Festival.

"Each promo had its own technical challenges. There were many techniques that we had never attempted before and there was a lot of trail and error. The two trickiest were *Grow Underground* and *Come Together* as we had never animated with fiber optics or wood before. Schedule: two months.



For Sundance Institute

CDs: Robert Redford, Jan Fleming, Josh Rogers Producer: Steve Celniker Liasons: Jessica Buzzard, Robert Dick

For Martell Sound

Sound mixing: Eric Martell

Laboratory services/on-line/film finishing: FotoKem

For Buck

For Buck
CDs: Ryan Honey, Orion Tait
EPs: Maurie Enochson,
Kate Treacy
Producers: Eric Badros,
Alex Thiesen, Kitty Dillard
ADs: Yker Moreno, Gareth O'Brien
Lead creatives: Jeremy Sahlman,
Joe Mullen, Jon Gorman
Design: Joe Mullen, Yker Moreno,
Gareth O'Brien, Pete McDonald,
Daniel Oeffinger

Animation: Gareth O'Brien,
Chris Phillips, Daniel Oeffinger,
Conrad Ostwald
Compositing: Moses Journey, Joe
Mullen, Chris Phillips,
Gareth O'Brien, Yker Moreno,
Chad Colby, Jon Gorman,
Matt LaVoy, Markus Gustafsson
3D: Jon Gorman, Sarah Bocket,
Markus Gustafsson
CG super: Morris May
Construction consultant:
Merritt Productions

Set construction: James Peterson, McPherson Downs, Colin Graham, Simon Chan, Tim Casebolt, Joe Mullen, Christina Newman, Jeremy Sahlman, Chad Colby, Rose Collins, Kitty Dillard, Victoria Grant, Erin Lindsey, Yker Moreno, Gareth O'Brien.

Chris Phillips, Ann Seymour Stop motion: Chad Colby, Joe Mullen, Jeremy Sahlman, Simon Chan, Tim Casebolt, Sarah Kotoles, Ryan Honey, Chad Colby. Kitty Dillard, Gareth O'Brien, Pete McDonald, Daniel Oeffinger, Conrad Ostwald Editor: Aristides Zamora PA: Billy Mack

Original Music: John Forte

Toolkit

After Effects, Dragon Stop Motion, Maya, Illustrator, Photoshop, Cinema 4D





BBC KNOWLEDGE "EAT UP BRAIN" TVC:60

Agency: THREE DRUNK MONKEYS

Director: SEAN PECKNOLD

Production: GRANDCHILDREN

Animation/VFX: GRANDCHILDREN

www.bygrandchildren.com

The unlikely combination of visuals from Seattle director Sean Pecknold and the voice of British actor Richard E. Grant create a whimsical journey through vicariously linked truths on the way to rebranding the BBC Knowledge channel

Sean Pecknold: "The client wanted a 60-second animation to support their new positioning line 'A Little Knowledge Goes A Long Way.'

"It was definitely a challenge having to animate all the shots in a little less than a month. But it forced us to be smart about what materials we used and how we approached each set-up. We had to use rigging for many of the shots, so there was a lot of rotoscoping to be done.





"We also had to solve some flicker issues that were caused by a faulty bulb. By the way, the snail's name was Snaily and he was really great to work with, he slept the whole time."

Watch Behind the Scenes on the DVD.

Toolkit

Dragon, After Effects, Final Cut, Photoshop, Q-Color

For Three Drunk Monkeys

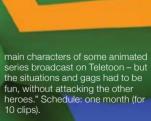
Ex CD: Justin Drape, Scott Nowell CD: Noah Regan Copy: Damian Fitzgerald AD: Matt Heck Producers: John Ruggiero. Thea Carone Content director: Dan Beaumont Content manager: Brad Firth

Director: Sean Pecknold Producer: Aaron Ball Narrator: Richard E. Grant

For Grandchildren

Animators: Britta Johnson. Sean Pecknold Sets/creatures: Matt Lifson. Britta Johnson, Sean Pecknold Rotoscoping: Stefan Moore Painter: Matt Lifson Effects DP: Michael Ragen Editorial/compositing: Grandchildren Colorist: Sam Atkinson, Lightpress Sound design/mix: Justin Braegelmann

stash 66.11 TELETOON "ETUCÉKOLTV JINGLES" Broadcast design x 10 Agency: CHEZEDDY Director: FRAGGLEBOO Animation: CHEZEDDY www.chezeddv.com



For ChezEddy

Jean-Francois Bourrel, producer

at ChezEddy in Paris: "Two years

ago we imagined and designed a

CC animated TV series 'Etucekoi'

channel Teletoon. Gradually these

('Guess What') for French TV

characters have become the

characters have fun imitating the

"In these jingles our little

Director: Fraggleboo Artistic director: Jérôme Calvet Writers: Alban Vandekerkove,

Nicolas Hu. Jérôme Calvet. Jean-François Bourrel Modeling: Olivier Guedi Animation: Wassim Boutaleb. Julien Jallet Rendering/compositing: Vincent Hochet, Romain Faure

Toolkit

Maya, Fusion

THE ADAM HAYNES FUEL TV SIGNATURE SERIES Broadcast design :45

Client: FUEL TV

Director: ADAM HAYNES

Production: ROYALE

Animation:

ROYALE www.weareroyale.com

Oregon-based artist/illustrator Adam Haynes and Los Angeles studio Royale team up for the latest in Fuel TV's long-running commitment to mixing art with the airwaves.

"I've been painting these stick waves for a while now," says Haynes. "I've wanted to animate one, and this was a perfect opportunity to make it happen."

For FUEL TV

SVP/GM: CJ Olivares CD: Todd Dever Director on-air promotions: Michael Cooley

Concept/artwork: Adam Haynes Music/sound design: Michael Kohler

Humphrey

Toolkit

Designer: Kyle Smith

After Effects, Photoshop, Illustrator



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LOS PREMIOS 3009 TVC :60

Client: MTV

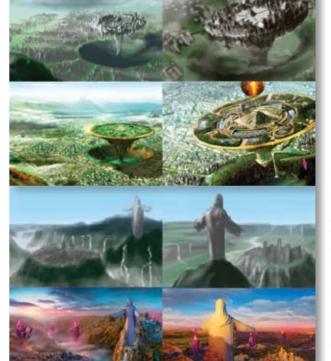
Director:

Animation: PEPPERMELON

www.peppermelon.tv

Buenos Aires creative force Peppermelon catapult the 2009 Latin American MTV Awards deep into the future with this hyperdetailed teaser spot.

"The main idea here was to envision Los Angeles, Buenos Aires, Bogota and Mexico City in the year 3009. In order to create the most realistic future cities, we studied religion, society, technology, transportation and each society as a whole to figure how it would look in 1000 years."



For Peppermelon

Director: Tomas Garcia EP: Fernando Sarmiento Yahoo! and Wonka producer: Ignacio Godov Asst producer: Guido Antonucci PM: Martin Dasnov ADs: Juan Molinet, Tomas Garcia Assistant designer: Ivan Flugelman Matte painters: Federico Ben. Guillermo Kelly, Martin Dasnoy, Juan Molinet, Ignacio Godov Matte painting LA: Mikael Widegren Modeling/lighting: Julio Velazquez, Guillermo Kelly, Leandro Muchenik Rigging settings: Martin Dasnoy Animators: Martin Dasnov, Ignacio Godov, Mateo Amaral, Julio Velazquez

Compositors: Fernando Sarmiento, Ignacio Godoy, Federico Ben Editor: Fernando Sarmiento

Music/sound design: David Kamp

THE BLACK EYED PEAS "BOOM BOOM POW" Music video 3:30

Record label: INTERSCOPE RECORDS

Directors: MATHEW CULLEN MARK KUDSI

Production: MOTION THEORY

Animation/VFX: MOTION THEORY

www.motiontheory.com

This Grammy-winning video for the first single from The Black Eyed Peas album "The E.N.D." anchors an integrated global campaign (including viral marketing, print ads, album art, concert design elements) created by Motion Theory in Venice. CA.

"The band and their performance were recreated digitally through digital scans of their faces, and with Fergie, her whole body. The biggest technical challenge was bridging the gap between the custom programs developed in-house with Motion Theory's existing Maya and rendering pipeline to combine all the digital assets including the mo-cap data."



Video commissioner: Kathy Angstadt

For Motion Theory
Director: Mathew Cullen.

Mark Kudsi

EP: Javier Jimenez Line producer: Anna Joseph DP: Jeff Cronenweth Producer: Patrick Nugent VFX super: Bryan Godwin Tech lead/AD: Keith Pasko Design lead: Brian Gossett CG lead: Danny Zobrist Lighting lead: Charles Paek Compositing super: Stuart Cripps Concept artist: Carm Goode Pre-vis: Rocky Curby Research: Amy Paskow. Jesse Sorin Designers: Max Groff, Paul Kim, Jesse Sorin, Angela Zhu Programmers: Rvan Alexander, Josh Nimov. Keith Pasko 3D generalists: Ben Grangereau. Troy Barsness Motion capture tech: Jesse Carlson Motion capture animators: John Tumlin, Robert Bardy Lighter: Kevin Jackson Riggers: Jesse Carlson. Mauro Contaldi Modeler: Troy Barsness Compositors: Andrew Ashton. Casey McIntyre, Robin Resella,

Deke Kincaid, Danny Koenig, Evan Parsons, My Tran Flame: Matt Motal (1.1 VFX), Danny Yoon (1.1 VFX), Chris Moore, Rob Winfield Matte painter: Ram Bhat Rotoscope: Amy Paskow, Megan Gaffney, Kanae Morton, Eva Snyder, Sam Winkler Post PM: Sheri Patterson Post PA: Paul Pianezza Sched coord: Tina Van Delden

For String

Editor: Doron Dor

For Image Metrics

EP: Patrick Davenport Producer: Pampata Jutte Director production: Pete Busch

For House of Moves

VP of production: Brian Rausch EP: Scott Gagain Post PM Amy Calcote

Toolkit

Maya, mental ray, Nuke, After Effects, Processing, Photoshop, ZBrush, Facial Capture, Motion Capture, Motion Builder, C++, Open GL. Flame stash 66.15

RAEKWON "HOUSE OF FLYING DAGGERS" Music video 4-54

Client: ICE WATER INC.

Directors: ERICK SASSO BRIAN WENDELKEN

Production: CHAIN GANG PRODUCTIONS

Animation: CHAIN GANG PRODUCTIONS 1000STYLES

www.chaingangproductions.tv www.thousandstvles.com

Erick Sasso, director for The Chain Gang: "The idea was to portray the Wu-Tang Clan's philosophies regarding the similarities between growing up in the 'hood of Staten Island and living in ancient oriental cultures as depicted in their favorite Kung Fu films.

"With the help of a bunch of anime cartoons, such as Ninja Scroll, Afro-Samurai, (and a few other goofier ones), as well as a stack of old-school kung fu films all curated by Wu-Tang lead member Raekwon, we got a feel for what we wanted to accomplish and began writing the treatment and storyboarding the project." Schedule: three weeks.



For The Chain Gang Directors: Frick Sasso

Brian Wendelken
Animation: Ryan Johnson,
Drew Taylor
Producers: Erick Sasso,
Brian Wendelken, Larry Bernardo
Editor/VFX coordinator:
Erick Sasso
Associate producer:
Mario Mascetti
Asst director: Ben Chacko

For Lost Cause Studios

CG super: Jason Ortiz

PA: Woo Kim

Lighting Tech: John Rosario

Animation consultants: Bleu Bailey, Ramon Sosa

Toolkit

Photoshop, After Effects, Swift 3D, 3ds Max, LightWave 3D, Final Cut



NIKE "WAYANG" TVC (spec):60

Directors: SIMON CASSELS JUSTIN BLAMPIED

Animation: SIMON CASSELS JUSTIN BLAMPIED

www.simoncassels.com www.rainorshine.tv

Asylum CD Simon Cassels and UK AD Justin Blampied finally release the Nike spec spot they started mid-decade, a kinetic and engaging tale based on Indonesian shadow puppet theatre.

Cassels: "It's all done in After Effects with a little Maya help. It's a simple story of love and perseverance over adversity... which was rather indicative of the project itself.

"The Greek goddess Nike, the personification of victory, seems to embody the spirit that is pushing our protagonist through this story. Having this ancient lore play against the heritage of the wayang technique brought an interesting mix of ideas to the table."

Toolkit

Illustrator, Photoshop, After Effects, Final Cut, Maya



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GREENPEACE "COAL STORY" Viral:60

Agency: OGII VY BELIING

Directors DOUG SCHIFF FEI WANG

Animation: VIGORTIME

Doug Schiff, CD, writer and codirector at Ogilvy Beijing on the making of "Coal Story", part of the Greenpeace campaign to educate emerging markets about and persuade governments against the use of coal:

"The budget was only US \$7,500, so we had to look high and low for production help that could give us a simple, emotional 2D style, but also do it for hardly any money. We guickly realized we would have to find an animation school. The challenge then became working with very inexperienced kids and keeping them encouraged through the tiring process of this kind of animation.

"The pencil drawing style had to be consistent through over 700 sketches. We initially tried to use a larger group of illustrators but found the styles differed too much.

Finally we used a core group of three or four students. We worked around their school schedule and had many, many revisions. All in all it became a rather drawn-out fivemonth project.

For Greenpeace Client: Sze Pana Cheuna For Oailvy Beijing

CDs: Doug Schiff, Yanyan Yang Writer: Doug Schiff ADs: Fei Wang, Yimeng Bai, Yanvan Yang Producers: Fei Wang, Yimeng Bai, Doug Schiff, Lulu Yang Directors: Doug Schiff, Fei Wang

For VigorTime

Animation lead: Hong Yu, Li Jie, Zhang Aihua 2D: Fang Xiaodong, Yang Qian, Hou Kun, Gao Lue, Wu Xiandeng, Zheng Wenguang, Deng Nanbing, Sun Yuzhen

Toolkit

Photoshop, Animo, Premiere



THE RETHINK SCHOLARSHIP Viral 1:10

Client:

Directors: RORY O'SULLIVAN TARAN CHADHA

Production: RETHINK

Animation: RETHINK

www.rethinkcommunications.com

Vancouver creative agency Rethink pairs solid creative advice with clever, hands-on design to attract talented students to the Langara College Rethink Scholarship.

According to Rethink's Chelsea Stoelting, "The sketchbook was bursting with all the different elements, so when it came time to perform the book (it's not stopmotion), each take would create a lot of wear and tear on the pages, so I had to get it right quickly.

"When we got to the white on white 'Leave an Impression' spread it totally disappeared on film. For a moment I thought the hours of manual embossing were all for naught. But then I reached over and switched off one of the







lights and it did the trick. It actually ended up adding a nice bit of visual interest." Schedule: one month.

For Langara College

CDs: lan Grais, Chris Staples AD: Rory O'Sullivan Writer: Simon Bruyn Client super: Chelsea Stoelting

For Rethink

Directors: Rory O'Sullivan, Taran Chadha Line producer: Ann Rubenstein Editor: Chris Nielsen Account Director: Chelsea Stoelting

Audio: Chris Serravalle

Toolkit

Final Cut, lots of pens, paper, scissors, glue, double-sided tape and Exacto knives stash 66 19

U.S. CENSUS BUREAU "COMMUNITY" TVC :30

Agency: GLOBALHUE LATINO

Director: SHILO

Animation/VFX: SHILO

www.shilo.tv

Shilo helps the U.S. Census Bureau engage the 47 million stong Latino community with a combination of clay and CG magic married with live action.

Shilo CD/co-founder Jose Gomez: "We loved the metaphor of the census as clay in people's hands: when you're filling out a census form you're imagining what your community can be. Everyone embraced that idea, and in the finished spot, the community the little girl creates is connected to her imagination through our visual storytelling.

"Our goal was to ensure that every character or clay creation reinforced Brianna's charming, easy-going personality, so we did things like making the characters very simple in design. Then, based on our motion studies of clay, we used actual fingerprints and

impressions in the CG renderings to make them feel more real, and used subsurface scattering techniques to take the look closer to the border between reality and imagination."

Watch Behind the Secenes on the DVD.

For U.S. Census Bureau

COTR branch chief: Kendall Johnson Program analyst: Angelia Banks Hispanic consultant: Rafael Ignacio Maldonado

For GlobalHue Latino

CD: Amany Mroueh Ass CD: Felipe Godinez Sr copy: Gerard Garolera EP: Rosa Matos

For Shilo

CD: Jose Gomez Associate CD: Mike Slane DoP: Martin Ahlgren EP: Santino Sladavic Sr producer: Hilary Wright Line producer: John Gomez Coordinator: Brittany Geber Editors: Adam Bluming, Akira Chan 3D lead: Blake Guest 3D model/animation: Blake Guest, Trentity De Witt, Zach Christian, Mason Stapleton, Colin Cromwell 3D lighting/rendering: Erik Anderson, Walter Schulz Compositing: Mike Slane, Ed Laag Rotoscoping/3D tracking: Tim Turner. Nathan Davies

Composer: Face The Music

Talent: Brianna Gonzalez

Toolkit

Adobe Creative Suite, Maya, After Effects

TOSTITOS DIPS "THE AMAZING FLAMENCO CHEF" TVC:30

Client: **FRITO LAY**

Agency: GOODBY, SILVERSTEIN & **PARTNERS**

Director: NICHOLAS WEIGEL

Animation: LAIKA/HOUSE

www.laika.com/house

Nicholas Weigel, director at LAIKA/house in Portland. OR: "We had only one main character to animate, but she dons a six-layered ruffled dress and moves around blowing up vegetables. Knowing there were going to be some fast and deliberate actions that are difficult with dynamic cloth simulation, we developed a method to blend the dynamic sim and the animator's rig. There were some instances where we used 100 percent sim and others where the action was so fast that it required the animator to add action by hand. On the FX side, we developed ways to create condensation, fluid explosions. waterfalls and vegetables that explode into diced pieces." Production schedule: 10 weeks



For Frito Lav

CMO: Ann Mukheriee Brand manager: Tyler Reeves

For Goodby, Silverstein & **Partners**

DoBP: Cindy Fluitt CDs: Rick Condos. Hunter Hindman AD: Katie McCarthy Copy: Jessica Shank Producers: Todd Porter. Jon Drawbaugh, Tony Joo

For LAIKA/house Director: Nicholas Weigel EP: Jan Johnson President: Lourri Hammack CD: Kirk Kellev Producer: Rebecca Bowen CG PMs: Annie Pomeranz. Joelle Spencer-Gilchrist Prod coord: Nicole Fitzhuah AD: Rick Sluiter, Nicholas Weigel Background/environment Design: Don Flores, Jenny Kincade,

Joe Beckly, Nicholas Weigel, Ric Sluiter Character design: Ben Chan. Don Flores, Josh Harvey, Aaron Sorenson, Nicholas Weigel Storyboard: Ben Adams, Chris Purdin, Aaron Sorenson, Valentino So. Nicholas Weigel Matte painters: Joe Beckley. Don Flores Lead TDs: Rick Sevv. Patrick Van Pelt Texture/light/comp lead: Dan Casey, Saira Mathew TDs: Joe Beckley, Dan Casey, Ben Fischler. Thane Hawkins, Micah Henrie, Alex Inman, Saira Mathew Andrew Nawrot, Eric Wachtman. Nick Nakadate. Peter Stuart Layout: Rick Sevy, Patrick Van Pelt, Kameron Gates, Nicholas Weigel, David Trappe Modelers: Chris Boylan, Ty Johnson, Allan Steele, Josh Tonneson, Chris Tran

Animators: Kameron Gates, Joe Gorski, Michelle Gorski, Grea Kyle Riggers: Terence Jacobson. Mike Laubach FX: Fernando Benitez, Craig Hoffman, Eric Kuehne, Karl Richter Render wrangler: Jason Potter CG dept manager: Stephen Martinez Director, digital design: Dan Casev PAs: Dave Gulick, Vanessa Walker DOP: John Nolan Wrangler: Rob Melchior

Stage manager: Erica Johnson

Editors: Michael Corrigan.

Texture: Nick Nakadate.

Peter Stuart

Flame: Rex Carter Scheduler: Melissa Tvetan

Todd Gilchrist

Gaffer: Ted Jackson

Tape Op: Travis Ezell

Toolkit Maya, Houdini, RenderMan, mental ray, Nuke, Flame, Qube stash 66 21

PUMA THE GAMES WE PLAY "MOTO" TVC:60

Director: JARED EBERHARDT

Animation/VFX: JARED EBERHARDT

www.iaredeberhardt.com

Jared Eberhardt, director, Long Beach, CA: "I wish I had a great story about concepting on this one, it just sort of grew organically. Puma's CD initially approached me about piggy-backing on an upcoming catalog photo shoot to make a simple stylebook video. He also asked if I had any set design ideas to show Puma's playful attitude toward sports. I did a sketch of the set with all the doors and stairs, we had a quick talk about the possibilities of what could be going on inside all these rad little spaces and then the project started to grow.

"Everyone ran pretty much around the clock designing, outputting, coming to set to art direct the photo shoot, then back to painting, cutting and gluing things for the next day.

"Then as soon as we were 'on' we'd bring in the actors and build each shot in stages from the



beginning until everyone learned what to do and we could get it all in one take. I had to stay next to the jib operator and keep him following the action while the AD would cue the actors.

"If you listen to the actual audio it sounds really crazy with all of us velling instructions. It only took a couple hours usually to get the choreography down. I cast actors who were friends or friends of friends and are directors, comics. artists or musicians, so we had a lot in common and a really great vibe on set."

For Puma CD: Alex Lowe

Director: Jared Eberhardt Asst director: George Nessis Second asst director: Sendeu Flippin Producers: Jared Eberhardt Imari McDermott ADs: National Forest, Justin Kreitemever, Steven Harrington Art department: Sara Newey. Laurel Hitchin, Justin Trask. Christy MacCaffrey, David Lafond, Matt Carey, Jonathan Miertchin, Matt Carev. David Lafond. Sadaf Azimi, Vanessa Lam, Andy Holder Gaffer: Chris Dale Jib operator: Lou Duskim. Mike Pusatere AC: Jaxon Woods

Key grip: Chris Hyde Lighting board: Diego Garcia Still photographer: Jon Johnson Wardrobe: Gena Tuso Makeup: John McKay, Nathan Dwell Hair: John Ruggiero. Sandra Jahannia Choreography: Ginger Gonzaga

For Company Inc Sets

Construction: Bill Horbury. Reno Spear, Patrick Spall, Miguel Burris, Paul Carr, Davne Oshiro, Beth Goodnight, Jonny Hirsch. Christopher Pippen, Andy Holder Music: The Shag "Stop and Listen"

Toolkit

Final Cut. After Effects

OK GO "WTF?" Music video 3:30

Record label: EMI/CAPITOL RECORDS

Directors: TIM NACKASHI OK GO

VFX: TIM NACKASHI

www.timnackashi.com

Combining choreographed chaos, greenscreen and the After Effects plugin "Echo," director Tim Nackashi pulls off an edit-free spectacle of chroma-overload in this one-shot video for OK Go.

"Once I settled on a technical process to create the effect, the creative challenges revolved around setting up a sequence that manipulated the entire canvas in new and interesting ways over the course of the song.

"After the hundreds of runthroughs we did to create the 'choreography', we shot about 120 attempts. Almost a third of them were thwarted by bubble-soap that was just not bubbly.

"There was a lot of pressure mounting on the second day to avoid any small missteps



that would ruin an entire take – especially as time was running out. The band worked with incredible diligence to execute the elaborate moves, and there were also many friends on hand who helped keep the band in time, on point, wearing the right clothes, and holding the right props."

Director: Tim Nackashi Producer: Clark Reinking

Toolkit

Final Cut Pro. After Effects

Watch Behind the Secenes on the DVD.

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"VALSE STATIQUE & LA THÉORIE DU COMBO" Short film 2:35

School: ESAG PENNINGHEN, PARIS

Director: MAXIME BRUNEEL

Animation: MAXIME BRUNEEL

www.maximebruneel.com

For his final school project at ESAG Penninghen in Paris, Maxime Bruneel tackled the brief to explore the transformation of ideas head-on by illustrating "a train of thoughts" without storyboards or sketches

"It is a 12 fps animation and each frame could have been the start of 10 different ideas. I spent several days sometimes, trying to find the following frame."

Bruneel says the main technical challenge of the project, which includes a 50-page illustrated book, was creating all the animation in Photoshop with a graphic tablet. The sound was created in parallel with the visuals by Frédéric Chapron.

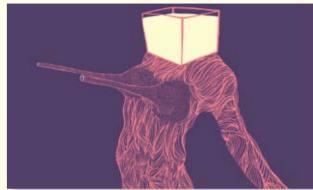




Schedule: "Three months. One to figure out the creative process, two months of animation and illustrations for the book."

Music: Frédéric Chapron

ToolkitPhotoshop, After Effects





"PINKMAN", "PILL", "PHILIPS" Spec spots x 3, :29, :21, :28

Director: ALBERTO MIELGO

Animation: ALBERTO MIELGO

www.albertomielgo.com

Working weekends, nights, and during his holidays, Spanish artist/ animator Alberto Mielgo combined his love of "pencils and painting" with CG animation to create an exciting new look without the aid of filters or rotoscoping.

"I did work as a 2D animator for a while. When the 3D came I had to make a decision: fine art or CGI animation. So the main creative challenge was to merge my artworks and paintings with my animation.

"The most important challenge was to keep it as traditional as possible. Everything is hand drawing and hand painting. I wanted to be as close to fine art as possible, so ink and painting flow over the animations."











"Pinkman"

Director, writer, animation, compositing, music/sound: Alberto Mielgo

"Pill"

Director, writer, animation, compositing: Alberto Mielgo Sound: Luis Iruela

"Philips"

Director, writer, animation, compositing: Alberto Mielgo Sound: Luis Iruela

Toolkit

After Effects, Photoshop



MOTOROLA C13 TVC (spec) :37

Client: EYEBALL NYC

Director:
OLIVER NAVARRO SCHROEDER

Production: NAVAROE BUREAU

independent project.

Animation/VFX:
OLIVER NAVARRO SCHROEDER
www.navaroe.net

Director Oliver Navarro Schroeder: "Originally this spot was part of an advertising campaign around the Motorola Razr2 done at Eyeball in New York, but it developed into something apart from the main

campaign and was regarded as an

"'Motorola C13' is an attempt to animate, visualize and revive the mysterious aura that comes with crop cycle design while displaying and selling a product of earthly technology. The main creative challenge was the design of the symbols. They had to be sophisticated, display an intelligent superiority and be highly abstract and readable at the same time." Schedule: one month.

Music: Yoshi Sodeoka



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AIDES "GRAFFITI" Viral 1:37

Agency: TBWA, PARIS

Director: YOANN LEMOINE

Production: WANDA

Animation/VFX: MIKROS IMAGE WANDA

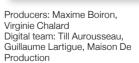
www.mikrosimage.eu www.wanda.fr

In 1987 the French association AIDES fought successfully to make TV advertising for condoms legal for the first time. More recently, the group continues to ruffle conventions and push buttons by evangelizing safe sex in provocative and often hilarious viral clips.

The newest effort, with restroom graffiti-inspired animation and post work from Wanda and Mikros Image, has generated well over three million views online so far.

For TBWA, Paris

Agency: Anne Vincent, Véronique Fourniotakis, Anne-Laure Brunner CDs: Eric Holden, Rémi Noel AD: Ingrid Varetz



For Wanda

Director: Yoann Lemoine Post production: Olivier Glandais Designer: Barthélémy Maunoury Lead compositing 2D: Vincent Venchiarutti Lead animation 2D: Yves Bigerel Compositing 2D: Jean Yves Parent, Rémy Soyez Animation 3D: Morgan Sagel, Mickael Nauzin

For Mikros Image

Post production: Pascal Giroux Sound production: Aoc-Attention O Chiens Composers: Fabrice Smadja, Pascal Bonifay

Toolkit

After Effects, Flash



"STORYVILLE" Short film 6:00

Director: MR. TEA

Production: SUPINFOCOM VALENCIENNES

Animation: MR. TEA www.mrhyde.fr

Storyville is the graduation film of three former Supinfocom students now living in the UK and operating as the directing collective Mr. Tea. After gaining real-world experience at top London animation studios (Nexus, Passion Pictures, Studio aka, The Mill), Florian, Patrick and Marion chose to join Paris animation powerhouse Mr Hyde.

"The principal artistic challenge of *Storyville* was to keep a good balance between the influence of the film noir lighting (more realistic) and the influence of the early cartoons from Ub Iwerks and the Fleisher brothers (more graphic). A lot of work also went into researching the music.



"Our technical challenges came from our will to stick to our first ambitions, which needed a lot of characters and backgrounds. We used camera mapping which allowed us to texture just in the lighted areas of the backgrounds." Schedule: nine months.

For Mr. Tea

Animation/modeling: Marion Lighting/rendering/compositing: Patrick

Concept design/animation/matte painting: Florian

Toolkit

3ds Max, Brazil



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"OLD FANGS" Short film 11:26

Director:
ADRIEN MERIGEAU

Production: IRISH FILM BOARD

Animation: THE CARTOON SALOON

www.cartoonsaloon.ie

The power of Adrien Merigeau's short film *Old Fangs* (featured at Sundance 2010) derives from its disarming, low key tone slowly building to gut-wrenching tension and resolving with a resignation to pain and despair.

"The main creative challenge was to do an 11-minute short with a six-minute budget. And we also wanted to have a spontaneous, Super 8 looking film, which is hard with animation because everything has to be maniacally prepared.

"The technical challenge was to do everything on paper: animation, BGs etc. within the time limit we had (approximately a year). We didn't have models for animation, we let the animators draw the characters their way, to be faster. We also used lots of straight ahead animation, and rough clean-up."



For The Cartoon Saloon

For The Carroon Saicoon
Producer: Ross Murray
Team: Adrien Merigeau, Alan
Holly, Rory Byrne, Jonas Hoffman,
Ross Stewart, Alan Slattery,
Martine Altenburger, Le Quan
Ninh, Laurent Sassi, Tomm Moore,
Robbie Byrne, Sean Mccarron,
Sarah Long, Jennifer Evans, Rhob
Cunningham, Paul Young, Ross
Costigan, David Thompson, John
Morton, Fabian Erlinghäuser,
Shem Shortall, Anne Murray, Marie
Thorhauge, Kairen Waloch, Richie
Cody, Bridget Cody, Joe Gambl,
Neschet Al-Zubaidi, Miriam Fritz

Toolkit

Photoshop, After Effects, Final Cut

"LES DANGEREUX" Short film 1:28

School ANIMATIONMENTOR

Director/animation: DANIEL KLUG

www.danieltheanimator.com

"The overall shading was a challenge, Generating light maps for the skin for the 1080p. render took more RAM than my computer had, so I spent a long time tweaking settings to reduce memory consumption while maintaining quality."

Director: Daniel Klug Environment artist: Vicki Shively Additional props: Brett Stuart Music performance: Alexa Sage Music editing: Marc Jackson at Moonlab Music Sound effects: David Guerrero Character rigs: AnimationMentor.com

Toolkit Mava, After Effects



"GREEDY BOY" Short film 4:27

School ROYAL MELBOURNE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Director/animation: KIM YOUNG HA

www.flewterminal.webs.com Schedule: four months

Music: Muhammad Insan Kamil

Toolkit

Photoshop, Flash, After Effects. GarageBand



"BAVE CIRCUS" Short film 4:03

School SUPINFOCOM VALENCIENNES

Directors/animators: PHILIPPE DESFRETIER NICOLAS DUFRESNE MARTIN LAUGERO SYLVAIN KAUFFMANN

"The biggest challenge was writing the script; for a long time we were unsure of the strength of the story. It was very difficult to keep it simple enough to stay as poetic and magical as it would be in a child's mind, while being impressive enough to capture the viewer's attention."

Music: Thomas Miguel Music record: Hervé Montagne. Thomas Miguel Music mix: Marc Bour. Thomas Miguel

Toolkit

3ds Max. mental rav. After Effects, Photoshop, Allegorithmic MaPZone, Xpress Pro, Pro Tools



"MASS" Short film 1:38

School LONDON COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION

Director/animation: JORDI PAGÈS

www.fotli.net

"Production schedule was one week of brainstorming and different material tests with Cinema 4D and then two weeks for producing renders and linking them with the sound in After Effects."

Toolkit

Cinema 4D. After Effects



"IDNTERNET" Audiovisual installation 2:17

School: KÖLN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF DESIGN

Directors/animation: CLAUS DANIEL HERRMANN ROMAN JUNGBLUT

www.clausdanielherrmann.de www.romanjungblut.de

"This work is intended as an introduction to, and to ideally provoke a closer examination of. the topic 'Internet, identity and dissolution of boundaries' without being perceived as patronizing."

Toolkit

Cinema 4D. Silo. After Effects



"THE FOREST" Short film 6:07

School **FACULTY OF GRAPHICS** DESIGN OF THE UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES **AUGSBURG**

Director/animation: DAVID SCHARF

dscharf@gmx.net

Schedule: five months

Writer/producer/animator/director: David Scharf Character design: André Liosai Sound design: Javier Otero. Cesar Meler, 48 Billion Atoms Talent: Neath Champion-Weeks, Stephen Taylor

Toolkit

Cinema 4D. Photoshop, After



"YONDER" Short film 3:29

School: BRAUNSCHWEIG UNIVERSITY OF ART

Director/animation: **EMILIA FORSTREUTER**

www.emiliaforstreuter.de

"I was mixing 2D and 3D. computer and handmade, always in pursuit of creating an immersive feel to the animation. The colors were inspired by some Russian sweet wrappers which I collected a long time ago. To get textures which were a bit rougher. Lused cravon on paper and scanned them in "

Sound design: Sam Spreckley

Toolkit

Illustrator, After Effects, Cinema 4D. Trapcode, MoGraph



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