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Harbor Hosts Roger Deakins, ASC, BSC in conversation with Bradford Young, ASC

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Cannes Film Festival 2023 #OUTNOW Fruit Dawg: Collaborations sparked at Harbor

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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

"If you want to be a grocer, or a general, or a politician, or a judge, you will invariably become it; that is your punishment. If you never know what you want to be, if you live what some might call the dynamic life but what I will call the artistic life, if each day you are unsure of who you are and what you know you will never become anything, and that is your reward."

- Oscar Wilde

ELLIE POWERS:

Copywriter, Marketing

One of the many reasons I love the people I work with is their depth of talent. Creatives tend to seek out creative outlets in many forms. What we do for a living may not be the only thing we are most passionate about (I'd argue it rarely is).

Take for example, perhaps the most prolific cinematographer of our time, Sir Roger Deakins. While shooting films around the world, Roger maintained his passion for photography. Many years later, he compiled those black and white photographs into his first monograph, *Byways*. We had the immense pleasure and honor of hosting one stop on the Team Deakins tour at a Harbor studio in New York. Roger and his creative/life partner, James Deakins, were joined by Bradford Young, ASC who led Team Deakins in a discussion about Byways, as well as the illustrious career of the legendary cinematographer.

Out of that same studio, Luke Nelson, assistant editor, and Christian Cabatu, who is one of our clients, bonded over a mutual love for music. With Luke on drums and Christian on guitar and lead vocals, they comprise half of the punk/emo/alt/undefinable band, Fruit Dawg. I had the opportunity to sit down with them and learn more about their meet cute in the halls of Harbor. The band just released their newest single, "Big Baller."

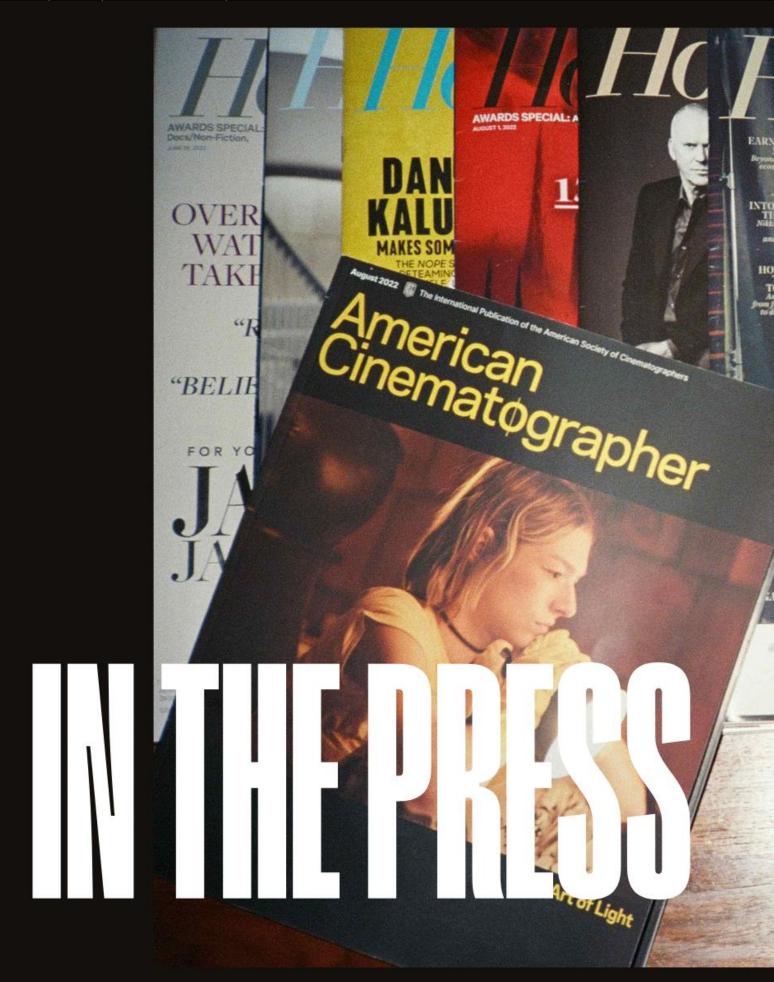
As always, you will also get a taste of the work we do for our real jobs. Oh, and some of those projects just happened to premiere at Cannes.

ELLIE POWERS

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HARBOR ADVERTISING WELCOMES TJ SPONZO AS NEW EXECUTIVE PRODUCER

NEW YORK, -- MAY 2023:

Harbor is delighted to welcome TJ Sponzo as Executive Producer, Advertising. Sponzo brings a wealth of experience and expertise to his new role, having worked with top agencies such as Droga 5, Anomoly, McCann, Grey, Saatchi, BBDO, Mischief, Baron and Baron, and Springhill co / robot co, and renowned brands such as Google, DoorDash, Spotify, Amazon, CVS, Bose, Zara, and Tiffany. Production companies include Anonymous Content, Reset, Lovesong, Prettybird, Radical media and Iconoclast.

Sponzo's recent credits include campaigns for Google TV, Accenture, Pinterest, Spotify, Pringles SB, Zara, Meta, Google Pixel, Paramount, and Samsung. He has also worked at Variable, Nice Shoes, and The Mill.



In his new role, Sponzo's primary responsibility as the new Harbor team member will be to drive growth and create new business opportunities. Together with Managing Director Tony Robins, they will lead global business development for Harbor's advertising division. Commenting on the newest addition to the team, Harbor's Advertising Managing Director Tony Robins stated, "TJ's impressive client list and extensive experience brings added value and insight to Harbor Advertising that will provide a level of comfort and exceptional service to our clients."

ALEX GASCOIGNE JOINS HARBOR UK AS SENIOR COLOURIST



LONDON, -- MAY 2023:

Alex Gascoigne has spent the past 15 years building a reputation as a highly collaborative, creative colourist with a strong artistic eye and an in-depth technical understanding. His arrival at Harbor's new London studio at Turnmills further adds to its already impressive colour talent line-up.

Alex joins Harbor from Picture Shop, formerly Technicolor, where he was highly influential in developing HDR workflows for high-end drama productions. He began his career at Pepper as a runner and worked his way through the ranks assisting some of the industry's top colourists. With a degree in graphic design and a master's in film production, Alex has always had a passion for filmmaking, digital imaging, and photography. His work as a colourist has been informed by many hours spent processing black-and-white film in the darkroom, shooting 16mm student film projects, and working with Photoshop to manipulate his images.

Alex's portfolio spans high-end television and theatrical productions, including multiple seasons of Black Mirror for Netflix. Other recent highlights include The Rig for Amazon, This England for Sky Atlantic, Endeavour for ITV, and Why Didn't They Ask Evans? for Britbox. Feature film highlights include A Boy Called Christmas, Sharper, The Two Popes, and The Current War.

Commenting on his new role with Harbor, Alex said, "I have long admired the outstanding quality of work produced by Harbor over the years, so I am honoured to be joining the team in Farringdon. Successful facilities are built upon their roster of talent, and Harbor has gathered an outstanding group of people, so I am excited to be joining the company and to help build upon that incredibly strong foundation."

Speaking on Alex's addition to Harbor's global talent roster, Commercial Director James Corless said, "We are thrilled to welcome Alex to the team at Harbor and our Turnmills studio. His body of work, creative approach, and technical understanding make him stand out as a true leader in the industry, and we have no doubt that he will make an incredible impact on both the creative and operational success of Harbor."

CREATIVE DIRECTORS NATE CALI AND ALEX CANDLISH JOIN HARBOR

LOS ANGELES, -- MAY 2023:

In a move that enhances its already impressive global advertising talent roster, Harbor has announced the arrival of Nate Cali, Creative Director, Editorial, and Alex Candlish, Creative Director, 2D. Both Cali and Candlish will be based out of the LA studio joining Adam Reeb, Executive Producer, Advertising, VFX.



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Nate Cali is an accomplished, award-winning editor with over two decades of experience in the film and television industry. With a keen eye for detail and a passion for storytelling, Nate has worked on a variety of projects, from feature films to branded content to documentaries. He has collaborated with some of the industry's most respected directors and producers, including Jake Scott, Erich Joiner, and Sara Dunlop. Cali is now an established talent whose credits include high-profile commercials for Nike, Apple, and Dodge. His agency client list includes Saatchi & Saatchi, Sheet Metal Arts, The Richards Group, MAL, Publicis Collective, and Weber Shandwick. His brand list includes Maserati, Reebok, Ford, Chevy, Alfa Romeo, Ram, and Jeep.

A highly skilled creative director and on-set VFX supervisor, Alex Candlish is deeply passionate about filmmaking, music, art, and the outdoors. Candlish brings both a technical and creative approach to every collaboration. He has worked with a range of agency and brand clients, including Goodby, M&C Saatchi, Amazon, BMW, Pepsi, Nike, Doritos, and KFC. Alex's recent credits include Amazon's 'Saving Sawyer' for Super Bowl 2023 directed by Wayne McLammy and Spike Lee's Nike 50th Anniversary. In 2013, he shared the Best Short Film accolade at the Academy Awards for 'The Phone Call' directed by Mat Kirby. Alex has previously worked at The Mill and Golden Square Post, where he honed his skills and built his reputation as a leading VFX professional.





Adam Reeb is a 15-year veteran with an enthusiasm for fostering creative partnerships. His primary objective on each project is to achieve a remarkable result while also ensuring a pleasant and enjoyable experience. His impressive client list spans agencies and brands such as Saatchi & Saatchi, Deutch, Wieden, Chiat Day, Crispin Porter, Leo

Burnett, Digitas, BBH, Venables and Goodby, Apple, PlayStation, Comcast, Visa, and Facebook. Over his career, he has enjoyed working on an eclectic range of projects from live action integrated VFX, full CG animation, finishing, design, motion graphics, music videos, editorial, video installations, VR, and 360 video. Previous tenures have included The Mill, Zoic Studio, Scholar, Jamm, Pysop, and Carbon.

Commenting on the newest additions to the team, Harbor's Advertising Managing Director Tony Robins stated, "Expanding our talent roster is an essential step in our growth. The talent, knowledge, and experience that Nate, Alex, and Adam offer will be focused on the needs of our clients, to provide them with creative insight and added value to their many projects."

HARBOR EXPANDS ADR IN LONDON WITH 2ND STAGE

LONDON, -- MAY 2023:

Harbor's latest expansion in their three-story London studio at Turnmills adds a second ADR stage, led by ADR mixers Alex Stylianou and James Gregory. This 2nd ADR stage adds to the current 3 sound mix stages, 2 DI theatres, offline editorial suites, finishing rooms, and mastering & distribution lab located at Turnmills. Meanwhile, Harbor maintains their dailies operations out of their Windsor studios.



Throughout his career, Stylianou has built strong working relationships with a host of acclaimed directors, a-list actors, and respected dialogue editors across the globe. Recent credits include No Time to Die, Stranger Things, The Witcher, Tetris, Wednesday, and Daisy Jones & The Six. Top filmmakers Alex has collaborated with include Danny Boyle, Rian Johnson, Tim Burton, Ridley Scott, Paul Feig, Sam Raimi, Kenneth Branagh, James Mangold, Matthew Vaughn, and Guy Ritchie. Stylianou joins Harbor after a successful tenure at Goldcrest.

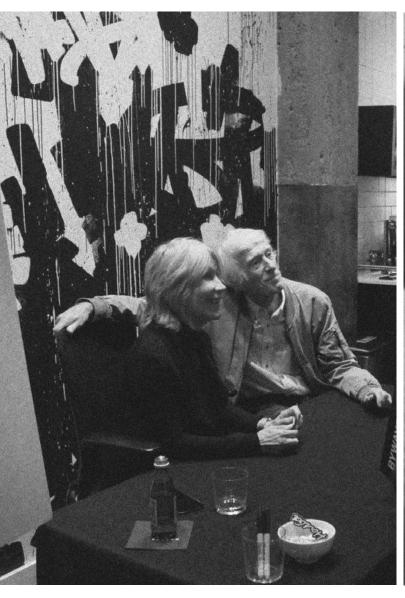


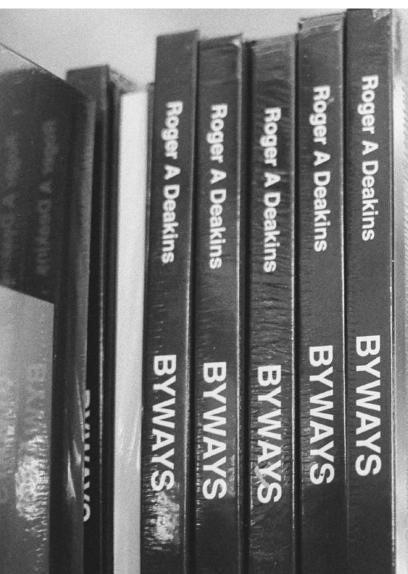
Commenting on this new expansion to Harbor's global audio capabilities, commercial director James Corless said, "ADR has always been a carefully considered part of our expansion in London, and we're excited to build on our global ADR offerings to provide our clients with an even more comprehensive experience in the UK. We're thrilled to have Alex, alongside James, lead operations for our second ADR stage and further enhance the client experience."

HARBOR HOSTS SIR ROGER DEAK In conversation with bradford young, asc











This special event provided an intimate setting for the filmmaking community in New York to gather and celebrate the legendary artist. In attendance were cinematographers, directors, producers, and other creatives who enjoyed the inspiring conversation as led by Bradford Young, ASC.



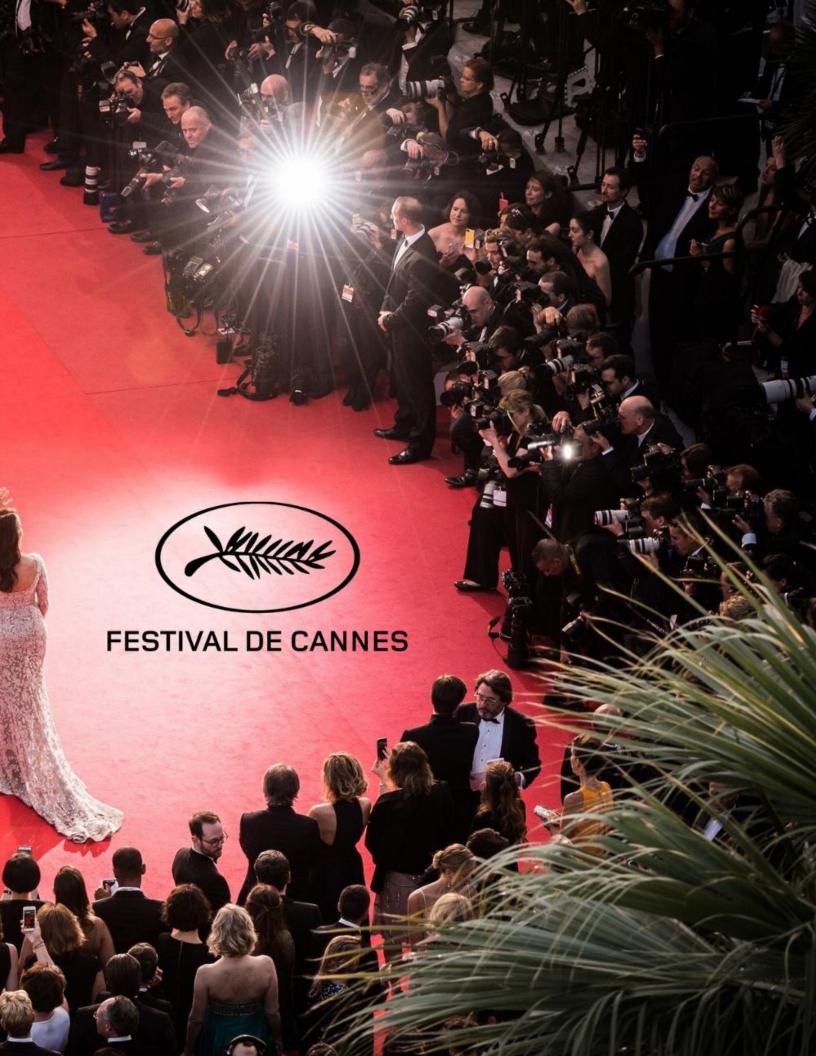














Twenty years after their notorious tabloid romance, a married couple buckle under the pressure when a Hollywood actress meets them to do research for a film about their past.

FILMMAKERS

Production Company: Gloria Sanchez Productions

Director: Todd Haynes

Cinematographer: Christopher Blauvelt

Editor: Affonso Gonçalves

Post Supervisor: Isabel Henderson

HARBOR CREDITS

Colorist: Adrian Seery

Senior DI Producer: Rachael Rosenfeld

Color Assists: David Franzo, Whitney Trower

Conform Artist/Editor:

Jon Pehlke

VFX Artist: Chris Mackenzie

Associate DI Producer: Nick Gammon

DI Post Coordinators: Christopher Guzman, Zifeng Zhuo

Mastering Technicians: Anil Balram, Andrew Minogue, Jorge Piniella, Gino Volpe Data Manager: Ramos Smith Supervising DI Producer: Peter Boychuk

Executive Producer: Elizabeth Niles

ADR Mixer: Bobby Johanson

ADR Recordists: Beau Emory, Mike Rivera

ADR Supervising Producer: Tricia Schultz



A young paramedic gets a crash course in lifesaving techniques while working with a grizzled New York City veteran.

FILMMAKERS

Production Company: Sculptor Media Director: Jean-Stéphane Sauvaire Cinematographer: David Ungaro Editor: Katie Mcquerrey Post Supervisor: Alexis Wiscomb

HARBOR CREDITS

Colorist:

Damien Vandercruyssen

DI Producer: Dylan Puchala Color Assists: Sam Fischer,

Rachel Owart

Conform Artists: Kevin Szczepanski, Ben Grube

VFX Artist: Chris Mackenzie

Associate DI Producer: Nick Gammon DI Post Coordinators: Christopher Guzman, Zifeng Zhuo, Renee Cousins

Mastering Technicians: Andrew Minogue, Anil Balram, Gino Volpe, Matt Mamie

Data Manager: Ramos Smith

Data Operator: Bianca Sanchez

Senior Dailies Producer: Nicole Guillermo Associate Dailies Producer: Lauren La Melle

Senior Dailies Colorist: Kevin Krout

Dailies Colorist: Elizabeth Hickey

Support Engineers: Jerome Raim, Curt Kuhl, Stefan Hueneke, Derek Young

Imaging Scientists: Matthew Tomlinson, CJ Julian Supervising DI Producer: Peter Boychuk

Executive Producer: Elizabeth Niles

Account Executive: Rochelle Brown



Catherine Parr attempts to navigate English politics when she becomes King Henry VIII's sixth wife.

FILMMAKERS

Production Company: Brouhaha Entertainment

Director: Karim Aïnouz

Cinematographer: Hélène Louvart

Post Supervisor: Meg Clark

HARBOR CREDITS

DI Colourist: Jateen Patel

Colour Assist: Katie Linard

Senior DI Online Editor: Daniel Tomlinson

DI Producers: Karolina Dziwinska, Rachael Yates

Assistant DI Producer: Munah Yahkup DI Assistants: Steve Knight, Sumit Malhotra, Aiden Tobin

Head of Workflow: Dexter Kong

Technical Manager: Paul Sisley

Systems Engineers: Adam Powell, Carl Glennon

Mastering Producer: Rob Dowson Digital Lab Technician: Jashesh Jhaveri

Commercial Director: James Corless

Operations Director: Thom Berryman











Follows a high-stakes global operation by the CIA and Israel's central intelligence agency Mossad to track down and kill one of the world's most wanted terrorists.

FILMMAKERS

Production Company: Hidden Truth Films

Director: Greg Barker

Cinematographer: Kolja Brandt

Editors: Giacomo Ambrosini, Matthew Woolley

Post Supervisor: Mark Steele

HARBOR CREDITS

Senior Colorist: Nick Hasson

DI Producer:

Johnny VanBuskirk

DI Coordinator: Josh Mathews

Conform Artist: Andrew Brueck

Color Scientists:

Matthew Tomlinson, CJ Julian

Color Assists: Rudy Pesci,

Emily Cramer

Head of Production: Michael Dillon Director, Picture Post:

Zara Park

Account Executive: Carissa Clark



MerPeople dives into the fascinating world of underwater performers who have turned their love for the mystical sea creatures into real-world careers.

FILMMAKERS

Production Company: Scout Productions Director: Cynthia Wade Cinematographer: Boaz Freund Post Supervisor: Mike Delaney

HARBOR CREDITS

Senior Colorist: Vincent Taylor Senior DI Producer:

Rob Phillips

Conform Editor: Andrew Brueck Color Assist: Emily Cramer Engineers: Derek Wang, Randy Main, Lance hayes Image Scientists: CJ Julian, Matthew Tomlinson



Harbor Services: Dailies, Picture Finishing, Sound Finishing & ADR

Leo and Angela Russo live a blue-collar life, surrounded by the big personalities of their overbearing Italian-American family. When their son's chance at a life-changing basketball scholarship is jeopardized, Leo risks everything to help him, but may tear the family apart trying to make it happen.

FILMMAKERS

Production Company: Bona Fide Productions Director: Ray Romano

Cinematographer: Maceo Bishop

Editor: Robert Nassau

HARBOR CREDITS

Colorist:

Damien Vandercruyssen

Senior DI Producer: Peter Boychuk

DI Producer: Lorena Lomeli Moreno

Color Assist: David Franzo

Conform Artist/Editor: Kevin Szczepanski

DI Post Coordinator: Nick Gammon Mastering Technician: Andrew Minogue

Data Manager: Jorge Piniella

Support Engineer: Jerome Raim

Account Executive: Rochelle Brown

Supervising Sound Editor & Re-Recording Mixer: Daniel Timmons Sound Effects Editors: Rachel Wardell, Dennis Dembeck

Dialogue Editor: Ian Cymore Sound Editor: Kelly Rodriquez

Mix Technician: Alex Stuart

ADR Mixer: Bobby Johanson

ADR Recordists:

Michael Rivera & Beau Emory ADR Supervising Producer: Tricia Schultz Chief Sound Engineer: Avi Laniado

Sound Engineer: Joel Scheuneman

Technical Audio Engineer: Jimmy Cruz

Producer, Sound Post: <u>Lisa M</u>cClung

Coordinator, Sound Post: Madeline Little



Harbor Services: Dailies & Anchor

A genre-bending, anti-historical ride through 18th-century Russia following the wildly comedic rise of Catherine the Nothing to Catherine the Great.

FILMMAKERS

Production Company: Thruline Entertainment

Creator: Tony McNamara

HARBOR CREDITS

Dailies Operator: Charlotte Mauger

Dailies Producer: Patrick Barry

Senior Dailies Producer: Munah Yahkup

Anchor Captain: Luke Moorcock Anchor Operator: Ciaran Ahern Head of Workflow:

Dexter Kong



Harbor Services: Sound Finishing

How people find meaning and connection through work, sharing experiences and struggles; former President Barack Obama visits people in their homes and workplaces, following them at all levels, from service jobs to the executive suite.

FILMMAKERS

Production Company: Concordia Studio Director: Caroline Suh

Cinematographer: Luke McCoubrey

Editors: Sarah Devorkin, Peter Holmes, J. Santos

Post Producer: Emelia Brown

HARBOR CREDITS

Re-Recording Mixer: Josh Berger Sound Editor:

Dennis Dembeck

Mix Technicians: Alex Stuart, Josh Bisso, Chaim Goodman

Chief Sound Engineer: Avi Laniado Sound Engineer: Joel Scheuneman

Technical Audio Engineer: Jimmy Cruz Producer, Sound Post: Lisa McClung

Associate Producer, Sound Post: Madeline Little



Harbor Services: Sound Finishing & ADR

A former American intelligence specialist is given the longest sentence for the unauthorized release of government information to the media about Russian interference in the 2016 United States elections via an email operation.

FILMMAKERS

Production Company: Seaview Productions

Director: Tina Satter Composer: Nathan Micay Cinematographer: Paul Yee Editors: Ron Dulin, Jennifer Vecchiarello

HARBOR CREDITS

Sound Designer & Re-Recording Mixer: Ryan Billia

ADR Mixer: Bobby Johanson

ADR Recordists: Beau Emory, Mike Rivera

ADR Supervising Producer: Tricia Schultz Chief Sound Engineer: Avi Laniado

Sound Engineer: Joel Scheuneman

Technical Audio Engineer: Jimmy Cruz Producer, Sound Post: Lisa McClung

Coordinator, Sound Post: Madeline Little



Harbor Services: Beauty Finishing

AGENCY + CLIENT CREDITS

Client: Vanity Fair Agency: Condé Nast Director: Rick Darge

Cinematographer: Scott Siracusano

Editor: Katie Wolford Producer: Funmi Sunmonu Line Producer: Romeeka Powell Associate Producer: Emebeit Beyene Production Manager: Andressa Pelachi

HARBOR CREDITS

Senior Lead Compositor: Molly Intersimone Creative Director, 2D: Alex Candlish Flame Artist: Pete DeAndrea Senior Producer: Carlos Herrera

Associate Producer: Max Macnow



Harbor Services: Live Action, Creative Editorial, Design, VFX, Flame Conform, & Color Grading

AGENCY + CLIENT CREDITS

Client: CVS Pharmacy

Executive Director, Brand Strategy:

Erica Monteith

Executive Creative Director: Jay Williams

Director, Content Marketing Strategy:

Zhana Edmons

Agency: Digitas

VP, Group Creative Director: Jessica Bergstresser, Danny Streadbeck ACD, Art: Dana Haddad. Meky Wong

ACD, Copy: Brenna Ruiz

ACD Producer: Shivang Chopra

VP, Account Director: Zachary Michonski

HARBOR CREDITS

Director: Diane Russo

Executive Producer:

Kelly Broad

EP/Head of Production:

Rebecca Siegel

Senior Production Manager: Elizabeth Gitto-Rodriguez Associate Producer:

Dash Sankar

Colorist: Adrian Seery

Executive Producer, Advertising Post: Jesse Schwartz

Senior Post Producer, Advertising Post: Elyse Robinson Editor: Noelle Webb

Producer, Color: Brad Martin, Maxwell Hadson

Associate Producer: Brian Corey

VFX Supervisor, Lead Flame Artist: Anne Trotman

Flame/Nuke Artist: Sam Caine

Head of Tech-Ops: Will Curtain

Flame Assist: Jacob Robinson Creative Director, Motion

Design: David Soto

Associate Producer, Motion Design: Tanner Agle



Harbor Services: Live Action, Creative Editorial, VFX, Flame Conform, Color Grading, & Sound Mixing

AGENCY + CLIENT CREDITS

Agency: Saatchi & Saatchi

EVP, Executive Creative Director: Dustin Tomes

Associate Creative Director, Art: Erin Evon

Associate Creative Director, Copy: Jason Burke Sr. Art Director: Jill Archibold

Sr. Copywriter: Zach Schweikert

Executive Producer: Mary Morgan

Producer: Tyrell Murphy

EVP, Portfolio Lead: Caitlin Reynolds

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Account Executive: Jane Schecterson

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HARBOR CREDITS

Director: Kyle Sauer

Executive Producer: Kelly Broad

EP/Head of Production: Rebecca Siegel

Senior Production Manager: Elizabeth Gitto-Rodriguez Associate Producer: Dash Sankar Executive Producer, Advertising Post: Jesse Schwartz

Senior Post Producer, Advertising Post: Elyse Robinson

Editor: Tim Warmanen Assistant Editor: Luke Nelson Producer, Color: Brad Martin, Maxwell Hadson

Colorist: Adrian Seery

Color Assist: Scarlett Thiele

VFX Supervisor, Lead Flame Artist: Vincent Roma Flame/Nuke Artist: Pete DeAndra, Alex Candlish, Paul Rosckes

Head of Tech-Ops: Will Curtain

Flame Assist: Jacob Robinson

Producer, Commercial Sound: Lauren Boyle

Sound Mixer: Steve Perski



Harbor Services: Design, VFX, Flame Conform, & Color Grading

AGENCY + CLIENT CREDITS

Client: Dunkin'

Associate Manager: Shannon Harris

Senior Director: Chris Beijar

VP: Peter Callaro

Agency: Leo Burnett

VP Account Director: DeNeatra Love, Jamie Mack

Account Supervisor: Taylor Bartley

EVP ECD: Mikal Pittman

Creative Director, Art: Justin Lesinski

SVP Executive Producer: Joe Tipre

Senior Producer: Christen James

EVP Account Director, Arc Worldwide: Dana Stotts

Associate Art Director, Arc Worldwide: Jeni Brendemuehl Production Company: SCHROM, Squad47

Director: Michael Schrom

Executive Producer: Carl Sturges

Head of Production: Andrew Greenberg

HARBOR CREDITS

Colorists: Adrian Seery, Oisín O'Driscoll

Color Assists: Scarlett Thiele, Sushil Gangaraju

Color Producers: Brad Martin, Maxwell Hadson

Associate Producer: Brian Corey Executive Producer, Advertising Post: Casey Swircz

Creative Direction, Motion Design: David Soto

Senior Motion Design Artist, 2D & 3D: Candy Sui

Associate Producer, Motion Design: Tanner Agle

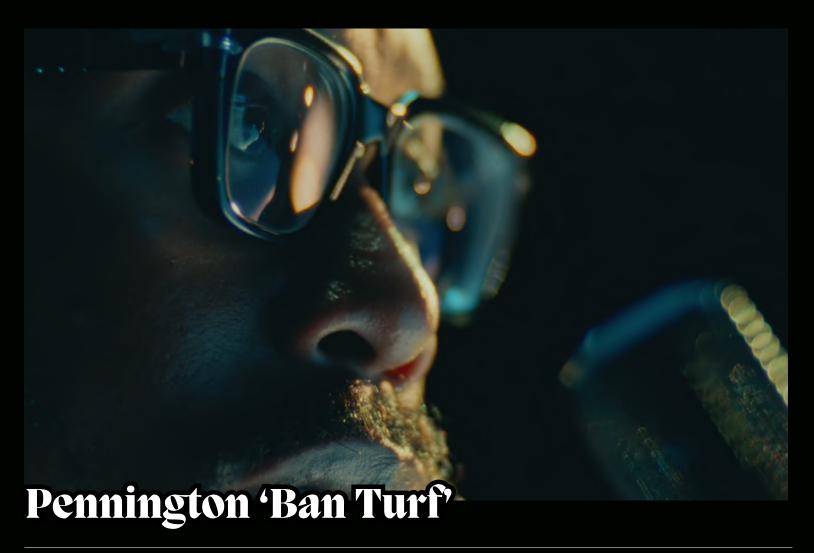
Creative Director, 2D: Anne Trotman

NY: Will Curtain

Compositors: Hailey Akashian, James Rowell

Flame Assist: Pete DeAndrea Head of Tech-Ops, Advertising Producer, VFX and Finishing: Kalisha Allen

Head of Operations: Alyson Peters



Harbor Services: Sound Mixing

AGENCY + CLIENT CREDITS

Chief Marketing Officer: Mike McGoohan

Senior Vice President of Marketing, Garden: Dan Hoeller

Senior Brand Manager, Grass Seed: Andy Sadler Director of Marketing: Andy Monfalcone

Production Company: Easy Mondays

Director: Da Yirgou

Cinematographer: Ayinde Anderson Executive Producer: Asori Soto

Head of Production: Saskia D'Altena

Editorial: Wildchild

Editor: Alex Tedesco

Executive Producer: Lily Hartmann Agency: David - Miami

Agency Producer: Tomas Diego

Production Company:

Easy Mondays

HARBOR CREDITS

Audio: Brian Battersby

Producer, Commercial Audio:

Lauren Boyle



Harbor Services: Color Grading

AGENCY + CLIENT CREDITS

Production Company: The Directors Bureau Director: Sofia Coppola Cinematographer: Philippe Le Sourd Editor: Chad Sipkin Assistant Editor: Paris Parken Executive Producer, Post: Alan Lopez Producer: Terri Shafirov

HARBOR CREDITS

Colorist: Damien Vandercruyssen Color Assist: Scarlett Thiele, Sushil Gangaraju Producer: Brad Martin, Maxwell Hadson Associate Producer: Brian Corey

Coordinator: Shyla Jade

FRUIT DAMG

Harbor's cross-discipline playground ignites connections that transcend genre and art form. Its latest product: Fruit Dawg, an emo/punk band. We caught up with Luke and Christian who met in the halls of Harbor.





Fruit Dawg

& UNEXPECTED COLLABORATIONS

Luke Nelson and Christian Cabatu comprise one half of the alt band, Fruit Dawg. Fruit Dawg started as vocalist / guitarist Christian Cabatu's pandemic project, but the band officially came together in Brooklyn during the summer of 2022. Christian joined forces with Daniel Rentzer (guitar / vocals), Nelson Kelly (bass / synth), and Luke Nelson (drums) to create their own brand of alternative, which can only be described as (in their words) "Title Fight but worse."

Luke and Christian found each other in the halls of Harbor's studio at 98 Morton St. In New York. As Luke tells it, "I saw Christian in the hallway and he was wearing a Turnstile shirt (which is a band), and I said I like your shirt. It was the same day as the Pride Happy Hour, and there we talked a lot and did some karaoke. That's when I learned that Christian was looking for a drummer for a band that was already somewhat established."

Christian agrees, adding, "I just remember talking to Luke about music, because of the shirt, and then at some point, he said I played a show with the Wonder Years, back in the day. And I was like 'oh shit. I love The Wonder Years! Also, I've been looking for a drummer and you play drums. Would you want to play music some time?'"

Luke wasn't expecting to play drums at this stage in his life. When he moved to the city, he had consciously decided to put music on hold to focus on his post-production career. Then he met Christian. Luke added, "it's so funny that [this job] led to playing music so much

more than I ever thought it would. It was very unexpected. I'm thankful for it."

The band is in its second era or as Luke put it "Fruit Dawg 2.0" They were performing songs that Christian had written in 2020, but now they are in a more collaborative stage of the band's life.

Christian described his songwriting process as "the intersection of complex for the sake of complexity, and trying to be as in your face and thrashy as possible. There's a running joke with Fruit Dawg, that when we're writing a song, I'll come up with new stuff every practice and just bring it. A big part of it is me getting bored. We have the song, it serves as the song, and then we add little changes, just because it's something that makes my brain tickle a little."

Luke feels similarly adding, "I never play a song the same way twice. And I'm waiting for them to say 'Hey Luke can you stop doing that?' I like the space for improvisation in the band which I think is unique for a band of this genre, because a lot of punk type stuff is very









much segmented and the song is the song. But there is a lot of space for experimentation. As a drummer, I don't get a lot of 'do this' from the guys in the band. I do feel like I get to write my own drum parts on my own. Sometimes the main songwriter is very specific."

The band just finished recording their upcoming single, "Big Baller." When I asked them if they've performed it live already they said, "It's our opener now. If you come to our show at Rockwood Music Hall on June 24th, it will probably be our opener. It's the single release party."

Can we say it's in The Home?

Yes. Our editor Peter Gvozdas, ACE came and saw us at our 'first show' in Gold Sounds in January. He asked, 'what was that one song, Big Bertha?' [it's "Big Baller"] We should get that in the movie."

Christian adds, "it plays for about six seconds total, filtered through Pete Davidson's earbuds as he's in a taxi."

Still, quite impressive.



When I asked them if it was the song of the summer, Christian joked, "yes, sure. If your idea of song of the summer is about 'I hate myself,' then yes."

"Big Baller" releases to streaming services on June 23rd, but we're giving the readers an exclusive first listen

HERE.





Fruit Dawg is music for when you don't know if you want to die or dance, drawing inspiration from emo, math rock, shoegaze, hardcore, metal, punk, and electronic.

GUEST CONTRIBUTOR:

FACTS "AZUMYTH" MUSIC VIDEO BY MAX MACNOW



of the time we got





Director Max Macnow

Cinematographer Max Macnow

Production Designer Drew Potos

Editor Max Macnow

GFX/Animation Facts

Digital Intermediate
Harbor Picture Company

Colorist Sam Fischer

Post Producer Rachael Rosenfeld

DARKROOM PLAYLISTS

Color grading is perhaps the only post-production discipline that happens in silence. Senior Colorist Vincent Taylor once told me that one reason he was drawn to grading in the first place was the ability to play vinyls during sessions. Our colorists take their music very seriously. The music sets the mood for the room, the collaboration.

Please enjoy a sampling of what our colorists are listening to in the darkroom these days. Click each headshot to hear more.









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