

UK spotlight

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NEWS

Beating Piracy

With film piracy becoming an increasing concern throughout the industry, UK Screen teamed up with FACT (the Federation Against Copyright Theft) to roll out a standard industry security questionnaire for all facilities in its membership.

The questionnaire will help establish a range of robust benchmarks at facilities covering security design, procedures and staff vetting, as well as to cut out some of the current duplication whereby facilities become FACT accredited but then also have to complete further questionnaires for each major US studio.

By becoming part of the FACT accreditation process this means that facilities would only have to be audited once rather than by each individual studio.

Double Negative are the first to put the new questionnaire in to action, CEO Matt Holben comments "UK Screen did a fantastic job of co-ordinating the studios to produce this new standardised security questionnaire. We no longer have to go through the painful process of filling out numerous forms which has saved us a huge amount of time."

The steering committee: UK Screen, BVA, FACT, MPA and UK Film Council. [LINK](#)

Robberies

Hire companies have recently been targeted in two separate robberies over the past couple weeks. Both appear to have involved a fair amount of preparation with individuals posing as clients, so we would ask you to be vigilant and let us know if you hear of any further instances so we can keep other members informed. It's also possible, although unlikely, that they may attempt to sell some or all of the equipment back into 'the industry' to hire companies, facilities and individuals so should anything appear suspicious please contact the police.

Doc/Fest

SHEFFIELD.

Free ticket

The Sheffield International Documentary Festival has given us one free ticket (worth £210 + VAT) to use in a member prize draw.

For those not familiar with the festival, the five day event held 7-11th November brings the international documentary family together to celebrate the art and business of documentary making and is the only place in the world where you will meet all the British documentary industry under one roof. Doc/Fest combines a global film programme, market activity, pitching opportunities, controversial discussion panels, in-depth filmmaker masterclasses and all types of networking opportunities. Delegate registration opens 10 July.

To enter the prize draw, simply email your name, company and contact details to info@ukscreenassociation.co.uk. The draw will be on 1st August.

ANOTHER CHANCE...don't worry if you're not the winner, you'll have a chance to get hold of a special discounted pass next month.

For further information ...

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Report hails economic vitality of creative industries

The value of Britain's flourishing creative industries to the economy is now broadly comparable to that of the financial services sector, a new report says.

But without careful policy-making, targeted public investment and a supportive institutional architecture, the flow of creativity worth commercialising may begin to slow, it warns.

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MEMBERS

Member Company of the Month

GearBox



GEARBOX IS A SONY SPECIALIST DEALER

GearBox is proud to announce its appointment as a fully authorised Sony Specialist Dealer. This move puts GearBox in a small elite of UK companies officially accredited to supply the complete range of Sony Broadcast & Professional A/V products, up to and including the HDCAM SR range of VTRs. GearBox offers all the latest Sony Professional equipment, priced competitively, with delivery from stock in 24 hours or less. All this and the technical expertise to back it up - 24/7. Sony is the most trusted brand in the media creative market. Broadcast, Film and Post-Production professionals who trust Sony, trust GearBox... [LINK](#)

How to win your champers

The member company of the month is our most proactive member of the previous month. This is determined by a point system 1 point per MediaBase entry, press release or job ad sent to us. 2 points if you include a link to our website from yours and 4 points if you put this link on your home page. The winner receives a bottle of bubbly and a column in the next newsletter.



New Members

Fitzrovia Post [LINK](#)

The Joint [LINK](#)

Media House [LINK](#)

Member News

Met Film & TV

The Clapham-based picture post facility, has recently upgraded its finishing suite to take full advantage of Color, Apple's new grading software. NMR supplied the company with a JVC10K HD projector, a 4 terabyte RAID system, as well as three Tangent Devices control panels. In addition, Met Film & TV have implemented new 'Rising Sun' LUT and colour management system for SD/HD video and 2K DI workflows. [LINK](#)

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Commissioned by the Department of Culture Media and Sport, the independent report analyses the nature, role and scope of the creative industries in Britain, declaring the creative economy to be a 'great unsung success story', employing 1.8 million people (one million directly), and generating more 'cultural goods' for export (worth \$8.5 billion in 2002) than any other nation in the world*.

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New Events!

We are always striving to give our members as much value as possible and are keen to expand on the number of events we run. In order to make sure the events we organise are what you want and would benefit from, please complete the linked questionnaire and return it to us by 13th July.

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RSS News feed

We now have a RSS news feed on the website which allows members to specify the types of news stories they want to access from our press page and then view at their leisure saving time on sifting through stories.

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Last chance to nominate...

All Conch nomination forms should be back tomorrow (Friday 13th) so if you've not completed it already, then get scribbling on those forms and fax them back.

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TRAINING

First Post South West

First Post South West is now up and running. The first two blocks of training have taken place. Both sessions were taken by industry experts from the region, and were a great success. First Post training will also be run in Cardiff and Manchester later in the year.

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SUPPLIERS

New Recruit for Finline Media Finance

Stuart Murchie has joined Finline Media Finance as a Trainee Sales Executive. Having graduated in 2006 from De Montford University in Leicester with a degree in Design Management, Stuart wanted to join Finline as he "saw it as a good opportunity to work for an established company in a very interesting part of the broadcast industry." He adds; "I am really looking forward to working with Finline clients and getting involved with their exciting projects."

Stuart is a sportsman but says he will be better driving the golf buggy at any Finline golfing days.

Autodesk Maya 8.5 wins award

Autodesk Maya 8.5 3D animation, modelling and rendering software has won the award for best animation and 3D product in the Pro Creative category at the prestigious Macworld Awards held in London on Thursday 28 June. Maya is widely used for games development and film and television visual effects production.

Products nominated for the Macworld Awards represent the 'best in kind' of Mac software and technology over the last 12 months. Each product is selected by the team of editors at Macworld UK, and represents a breakthrough in quality and performance. Now in their 12th year, the awards are considered a benchmark throughout the industry.

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blue to expand

blue is currently undergoing a period of significant expansion as part of a major investment programme by VTR plc. Backed by the substantial capital investment provided by Prime Focus Limited, blue has embarked on a series of installations and technical upgrades that have been complimented with key personnel appointments.

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India with Sanjeev Bhaskar



Darkhorse FXs Adrian Woodward & Jean Cramond created titles and maps for 'India With Sanjeev Bhaskar'. The four 1 hour HD films offer a personal and moving portrait of today's India, as we follow Sanjeev Bhaskar to his father's former home, now in Pakistan.

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Men-from-Mars tackle "Mutant Chronicles"

Men-from-Mars, the Emmy nominated Ealing based VFX company, are out to prove once and for all, that creative boutiques can compete with the big Soho based VFX houses, as its ever expanding team of artists nears the finish line on veteran producer Ed Pressman's VFX laden feature "The Mutant Chronicles".

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Mill Bob Monkhouse back to life



The Mill London has brought one of the UK's most loved comedians back from the grave to raise public awareness about the cancer that killed him in 2003. Using very clever editing Bob features in the new campaign for prostate cancer called 'Give a few bob' and was directed by Steve Cope for The Communications Agency.

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Derwen invests £500k

Cardiff based post-production facility, Derwen; part of the Barcod Derwen Group, has continued its investment in HD technology by acquiring a state of the art Avid Unity System with a massive 24 terabytes of storage space.

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IN THE DIARY

WORKING GROUP	DATE/TIME	VENUE
Film	Tues 10th July @ 4pm	Cinecite, 2 Sheraton St
Scotland	Wed 11th July @ 5.30pm	Artem, 64-68 Brand St
Commercials	Wed 25th July @ 5pm	Rushes, 66 Old Compton St
SFX	Tues 31st July @ 6.30pm	UK Screen, 47 Beak St
Broadcast	Thurs 2nd Aug @ 6.30am	UK Screen, 47 Beak St