

UK spotlight

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NEWS

A Big Thanks to Neil!

As I'm sure you're probably all aware by now, Neil Hatton stepped down from the Board last week and therefore as Chair of the Broadcast Group.

We would like to say a huge thanks to Neil for all his hard work since the association began in 2004. He was instrumental in forming UK Screen (or UK Post as it was then) and has remained a very active Board member ever since, dedicating a large amount of personal time to make sure the service sector has a voice.

Neil has been the driving force behind many initiatives including First Post. This training scheme was a real hit amongst members and non-members alike, as it took a step towards addressing concerns that those new to the industry needed to have a greater understanding of the business side of post production. This successful course, since the pilot scheme was run in London, has gone on to be completed in Manchester, Bristol and Cardiff.

He has helped forge strong ties between the association and broadcasters, with the introduction of the Broadcasters and Facilities Forum, and made numerous submissions on behalf of the membership including Ofcom's Digital Dividend Review and BBC Trust's HDTV public consultation. All these have helped to ensure those working in the service sector are involved in key decision making.

His energetic and passionate approach has seen him re-elected to the Board year on year with fantastic backing from the membership, so we're sure you will join us in wishing Neil all the best with his future endeavours.

We look forward to building on the good work achieved so far.

'How to adapt to tough times' Seminar 4th June 2008

As Billy Ocean would say "When the going gets tough, the tough get going..."

We therefore got in contact to our sponsors Tenon Media who are business specialists and commercial advisors to the Media, entertainment and sporting arenas, to see whether they could put an event together giving members advice on how best to approach the coming year.

The seminar will look at helping to grow your business in a period of economic pressure and provide useful tips on how to adapt your business to the tough times ahead.

Andy Pear, Director of Recovery for Tenon will be running the seminar and looking at:

- the risk areas to look out for and how you can make the necessary adjustments
- the opportunities you have to make your business a success during the tough times
- the characteristics of troubled businesses – how to recognise if you or your competitors have problems and how to overcome them and identify opportunities,

Places are limited, so if you do wish to attend, please contact Angela to secure your place.

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Television's Intelligent Factual Festival

On June 18th & 19th Televisual presents the Intelligent Factual Festival 2008 at the Arts Cub, central London. IFF '08 showcases the biggest names & boldest ideas in factual programme making.

With fifty of the UK's leading factual commissioners, directors, producers and financiers among the speakers, it is the most important event in the UK for factual programme makers and executives.

UK Screen members receive a 15% discount so to claim this look for details on our website.

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NEW MEMBERS

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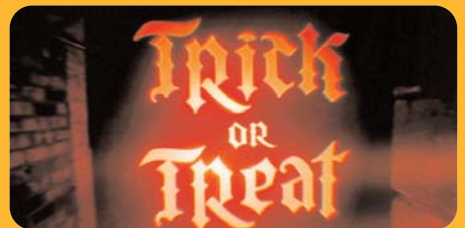
Snow Business

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MEMBERS

NUTS create titles for 'Trick or Treat's

Design Company, NUTS @ The Joint, were commissioned by Objective Productions for C4 to create the title sequence and stings for Derren Brown's second series of Trick or Treat.



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2008 Set to be Blueberries' Best Year

Blueberry Creative Consultants are going from strength to strength.

Recent additions to their bookings team include Charlotte Fung from Evolutions (Editors), and David Hall from ITV Graphics (Design & Animation).

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Lola complete 'Smoke Alarm' campaign

Lola worked with Director duo 'Dixonbaxi' to create this 40" spot for the Fire Brigade's 'Smoke Alarm' campaign featuring on MTV....

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Singing The Bruges

Framestore CFC's Senior Colourist Adam Glasman worked on 'In Bruges' which opened recently to rave reviews on both sides of the Atlantic.



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Broadcast Technology Summit – 15% discount!

Broadcast's Technology Summit will take place on 19th June and our members are invited to attend at a 15% discount.

This event will provide a one-stop shop for senior technologists in content industries looking to prosper from the next wave of technological innovation. The event will be chaired by Andy King, Head of Technology for BBC Resources and he will be joined by the cream of international talent to map the next evolution of technology in content services, helping you to strategise for the business opportunities and challenges that lay ahead.

To book and further information: [LINK](#)

Vision Charity Golf Day

On July 17th various industry companies will be heading out to the prestigious Stoke Park Golf Club for the Vision Charity Golf Day.

A treat for both golfers and non golfers alike, the Golf and Leisure Day will provide a stunning opportunity to experience the luxury of this great Club and raise funds for Vision. Vision is currently looking for a few more teams to play and also has a variety of sponsorship opportunities available including sponsorship of specific holes, half-way house and the breakfast.

To get involved in this exceptional day, click here for more details: [LINK](#)

NAB 2008 The Year of 3D and 3G

NAB 2008 will stand out for many things, no Avid or Apple exhibiting on the show floor, the show floor being a lot quieter than normal (were these two things connected?) And also that 3D and file based HD acquisition were two big things that people were talking about across the halls. With over 1500 exhibitors and most of them having some sort of news (though nothing startlingly new this year) there is a lot to cover and so this report looks at a few main companies and their news.

For full reports check out various online sites and reports in magazines coming out in the next few weeks. [LINK](#)

Press Trip to Cardiff

On 8th May UK Screen arranged a trip to member companies based in Cardiff specifically for journalists from Televisual and Broadcast magazine. These press trips have proved a great success already in Manchester and Bristol, and there are plans to visit Leeds soon in order to help build on/establish relationships between our members and the trade press.

TRAINING

VET – Bursary training funds available!

VET currently have bursaries available through the Skillset Film Skills Fund which apply to employees of companies (under 250 staff) if they work within the film industry. That is: the company works with film (celluloid), digital film, special effects, telecine, or on any production that will be seen in the cinema or film festivals. If any member organisations of the right size are interested in the bursary rate for their staff, please contact either UK Screen or VET directly. [LINK](#)

SUPPLIERS

Autodesk Launches New Versions of Visual Effects and Finishing Systems

These include New Creative Tools, Expanded Format Support and Workflow Enhancements.

Autodesk, has announced the 2009 releases of the Autodesk Inferno, Autodesk Flame and Autodesk Flint software for visual effects systems, and the Autodesk Smoke software finishing system. The company also announced Extension 1 for Autodesk Toxik 2008 software for digital compositing. [LINK](#)

MEMBERS

Rushes Scoop Gold Medal

Rushes are delighted to announce a Gold World Medal win at this year's New York Festivals Innovative Advertising Awards. [LINK](#)

White Mark install UK's first Dolby Premier Facilities

To date, only two studios in the UK have achieved Premier Certification - Savalas in Glasgow and Peter Gabriel's Real World Studios near Bath. In both cases the company responsible for the acoustic design was White Mark Ltd. [LINK](#)

Envy Post Ramsay Titles

Envy have just completed the post on the new promo for Gordon Ramsay. The award winning facility, who recently hired Marc Corrance from The Farm, helped C4 re-create the opening scene from Gladiator to promote the celebrity chef's new series.



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GearBox announce Special Offer

GearBox is pleased to announce an exceptional, special offer on the Panasonic AJ-HD1400 DVCPROHD High-Definition compact VTR. The AJ-HD1400 records and plays in all of the world's HD broadcasting formats. It provides 720/1080 video format cross conversion and HD/SD down/up conversion. [LINK](#)

IN THE DIARY

WORKING GROUP	DATE/TIME	VENUE
Audio	Wed 21st May @ 6.30pm	UK Screen
Commercials	Wed 4th June @ 5pm	Rushes
OB	Thurs 5th June @ 11am	
Broadcast	Thurs 5th June @ 6.30pm	UK Screen
Film	Tues 10th June @ 4pm	UK Film Council