

# October 2012 The British Film Designers Guild Promoting the BRITISH ART DEPARTMENT



Game of Thrones is a medieval fantasy television series created for the U.S. channel HBO by David Benioff and D. B. Weiss. It is an adaptation of A Song of Ice and Fire, George R. R. Martin's series of fantasy novels, the first of which is titled A Game of Thrones. Filmed in a Belfast studio and on location elsewhere in Northern Ireland. Malta, Croatia, Iceland, and Morocco, it premiered on HBO in the United States on 17 April 2011. The series, set in the fictional continents of Westeros and

Essos at the end of a decade-long summer, interweaves several plot lines. The first follows the members of several noble houses in a civil war for the Iron Throne of the Seven Kingdoms; the second covers the rising threat of the impending winter and the mythical creatures of the North; the third chronicles the attempts of the exiled last scion of the realm's deposed dynasty to reclaim the throne. Through its morally ambiguous characters, the series explores issues of social hierarchy, religion, civil war, sexuality, crime and punishment.

wikipedia.org ... click to link



Our two EMMY winners, Please note that it's not Tina Jones, Set Decorator on the right but actually Alan Tomkins with Frank Walsh left.

Alan's EMMY is for being a cracking good bloke in the Art Dept, received some years ago. He just wanted to advise Frank of the best was to dust the metalwork when he gets his own one. Dave Alldays more professional comment on the moment was ... Alan Tomkins 'shares' his own Emmy a few days after Frank won one for Game of Thrones. It served as a replacement while Frank's is being sent and reminded us all of the depth and breadth of talent there is in the history of the Art department.

**Tina Jones**'s glossy photo will be up soon enough. Of course well done to Gemma Jackson, Tom Brown, Paul Inglis, Richard Roberts, Rob Cameron, Julian Caldow, Sophie Hervieu, Marc Holmes, Philippi Broadhurst, Steve Summersgill

and our new member who is currently supervising **Andy Thomson**. And the other's not noted as the list is quite long.

### **Outstanding Art Direction For A Single-Camera Series - 2012**



### Winner

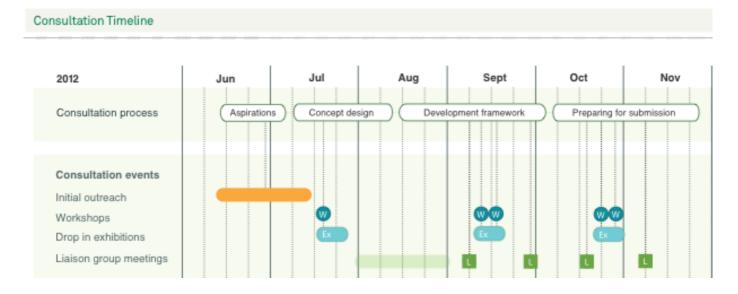
Game Of Thrones - Garden Of Bones HBO Bighead, Littlehead, Generator Productions, Television 360, and Grok Television in association with HBO Entertainment Gemma Jackson, *Production Designer*; Frank Walsh, *Art Director*; Tina Jones, *Set Decorator* 

**Development Framework** For Pinewood Studios 

# Pinewood Studios is in a process of consultation with local people and commercial stakeholders on how Pinewood Studios can improve its facilities and services to meet the changing demands of the global screen based industries.

Pinewood cannot survive by standing still.

New studios are being built all over the world and existing studios are improving their facilities. Pinewood needs to expand the potential of the Studios to compete and ensure that the UK continues to maintain and grow its role in the global film industry.



### **Public workshops**

Tuesday 30th October PM workshop 2.30pm - 5.00pm - Evening workshop 6.30pm - 9.00pm Wednesday 31st October - PM Workshop 2.30pm - 5.00pm *At Pinewood Studios, please refer to their website for RSVP details and further information.* 

pinewoodgroup.com/pinewoodexpansion click to view link

Outline framework



C Production clusters

Do note that this image on shows main building not minor satellite facility units that are intended. Rather impressive and exciting possibility of considerably extending the existing stage and office options.

As for what the newspapers have to say...

### Disney comes to Pinewood: American giant set to move into historic studios in £5m 'major victory' for British film industry

America's Walt Disney company is negotiating a multi-million pound deal to move into the UK studios where many of Britain's greatest blockbusters – including the James Bond series and Harry Potter – were filmed.

The Mail on Sunday can reveal that the entertainment and amusement park group – which owns America's ABC TV network and one of Hollywood's largest production centres – has drawn up an agreement to take over offices and sound stages at Pinewood Studios in Buckinghamshire.

### Daily Mail on Disney comes to Pinewood click to read full article

What's happening at...

We keep harping on about **PACT**.

What's it going to do for you?

Well most of the members won't see anything at all. The new agreement is not designed to give everyone a pay rise or pay drop. Those who will see an immediate change are in the small budgets, drama, light entertainment etc. The big **however**, where you will see an impact is where 'Les Miserables' fell foul, Overtime.



Two depts freaked out when they heard the basic PACT agreements as it sounded like a pay cut, locations and make-up & hair. These two groups can do at times 18 hour days and beyond without extra payments. When the principle of the agreement was explained all Guilds and depts have been pleased but an explanation required.

Superficially the deal looks like we get paid less per week. BECTU highlighted the point that noted salaries are minimum basic and larger jobs are individually agreed and these base figures won't apply anyway. The principle of work/hours to overtime applies though. A typical art/costume dept contract stipulates a 60 hour week over five days. Currently overtime is only paid if pre-agreed and normally only shooting crew get this a linked to camera time. With the new agreement any hours worked on set **or** in the office have payable overtime.

The tricky part is implementation.

The current PACT blue book agreement is still in place and many large production companies adhere and work under it. BECTU/PACT cannot enforce the guidelines but there is an inducement for doing so. The Producers Guild is working closely with this agreement, which is good news.

BECTU and PACT have now agreed in principle and now are finalising details prior to a full release and statement.

A major change has been a long time coming, this looks to be one of them.

From our own correspondent... a message from Yorkshire.

John West is Art Director on the feature film "Dementamania" on which Jon Bunker is the Production Designer. The story is an account of a frustrated office worker finds himself caught between the realms of his deranged imagination and the mundane reality of his everyday existence. The production was originally intended to be shot in Canada but is now filming in <u>Green Screen Studios</u> near Selby in Yorkshire.



It is the biggest build that has been constructed on the three stages in the studios.

On completion of shooting on the stages, the production moves to locations in Leeds and York.



The Face book page is at click to link too... DEMENTAMANIA

The American Director of Photography is Gerry Lively and the writer is Anis Shlewet.

The production is due for completion in early November and John West will be available after short holiday!

Article about Green Screen Studios, Bubwith, Yorkshire



for work... Contact the office for the latest availabilities or check our facebook weekly membership updates.

UK BASED

Alfredo Lupo – A Belle Mundi - A Andrew Ackland Snow – AD Daniel Blackmore – A Danny Rogers – GD / AD Darren Tubby - D available in October Justin Warburton-Brown – AD Keith Weir – SA Kim Foster - CD Liz Griffiths – SD – available from mid October Malcolm Stone - SAD, AD, SD Matthew Clark - A Marcia Doyle – A Philip Elton - AD Peter McKinstry – CA Remo Tozzi – AAD Sally King - A available from mid Oct Su Whitaker - AD Terry Jones – SD / PB available in October Warren Lever - CM

Some enquiries the Guild has received have asked us not to publish information but would like to know available crew. So please keep us informed as this happens fairly frequently but we always respect privacy. Provisional list; intended for Supervising Art Directors and general notifications.

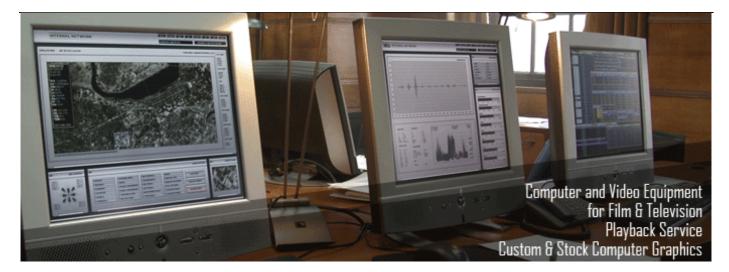
For Production Designer availability contact the office. Like most members of the British Film Industry, we are open to offers !

### **NEW MEMBERS..**

May we welcome the following new members who have joined the Guild recently. We hope your time with us will be a long and rewarding one:

All members are welcome to add to the newsletter, indeed encouraged. If you're been 'out of loop' in recent months / years or now want to open up to a larger audience, just send in your website details, a line / paragraph or monologue about yourself. Images that we can use are great – we will happily give links and credits. Although we are cautious of copyright issues of course – the usual.

#### Come on, tell us about yourself !



## Compuhire

Now you probably don't realise how many times you've already worked along side **Mark Jordan** from Compuhire but now a days he seems to be working on pretty much everything. He's got a wide range of rather ugly looking hardware to hire that would in place on 'Moonraker', with all this 70s styling going on is rather hot propery. Then of course there are the sleek panels you would like in your own home but only the Pentagon or Zorg industries can afford them.



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### **PRODUCTION NEWS & RUMOUR MILL**

### **UK In Production**

Thor: The Dark World aka Thursday Mourning / Shepperton / PD Charles Woods / SAD Ray Chan
Fast and Furious 6 / Shepperton & Europe / PD Jan Roelfs / SAD James Hambidge
Him & Her series 3 / HDS Studios Hayes
Dementamania / Green Screen Studios / PD Jon Bunker / AD John West
Dom Hemingway / Southern France & Pinewood / Str Jude Law
Game of thrones / HBO / Belfast & Croatia / PD Gemma Jackson / SAD Andy Thompson

### **International in Production**

300: Rise of the Empire sequel / Eastern Europe / PD Patrick Tatoulous / SD Simon Wakefield Noah / NY / Str Russell Crowe
Serena / Prague / PD Richard Bridgland / SAD Steve Dobric
The Borgias series 3 / Hungry / PD Jonathan McKinsitry / SAD Adam O'Neill

### **Pre-Production**

The World's End / London / PD Marcus Rowland / SAD Nick Gottschalk Red 2 / Gillette Corner / PD Jim Clay / SAD Dominic Masters Long Way Down (Nick Hornby novel) / Ealing The Counsellor / Shepperton / PD Arthur Max / SD Sonja Klaus / SAD Marc Holmes All you Need is Kill / Leavesden / Warners / PD Oliver Scholl / SAD Neil Lamont Untitled Jack Ryan project / Pinewood / PD Andrew Laws / SAD Stuart Kearns The Zero Theorem / Bucharest / Dir Terry Gilliam / PD Dave Warren Kick Arse 2: Balls to the Wall / Pinewood / Prod Matthew Vaughan / PD Russell De Rozario Belle / Pinewood / PD Simon Bowles / SAD Ben Smith / SD Tina Jones Northern Sky / Re-shoots / Shepperton

### **Penciled in Productions**

Prometheus 2 / Summer 2013 World War Z reshoots & rewrites / Pinewood / PD Jon Billington Godzilla / UK / PD Gavin Bocquet? Between Two Worlds / PD Gavin Bocquet Jupiter Ascending / Dir Wachowski bros. / Leavesden ? / PD Charlie Revai ? Untitled Cinderella – Universal / Wtr Ann Peacock - If you remember Bibbidy Bobbidi Boo Cinderella Story / Disney / Pinewood? / PD Dante Ferretti Untitled Muppet Sequel / UK / Pinewood? / PD Eve Stewart / SAD Grant Armstrong?

Post Production

Maleficent / Pinewood / PD Gary Freeman & Dylan Cole / SAD Frank Walsh Cuckoo / Pinewood Downton Abbey (film) / Ealing Prisoners of the Sun / PD Luca Trancino Spartacus: War of the Damned / 3<sup>rd</sup> Season

Early Stage Productions Pompeii / Hungary / PD Jan Reolfs Inbetweeners 2 / wtr Damon Beeslev Ant-man / Marvel / Shepperton? 50 Shades of Grey / Universal / UK? Guardians of the Galaxy / Marvel Captain America: The Winter Solider / UK? Robopocalypse / Canada & UK / Prod Steven Spielberg / PD Martin Whilst Woman in Black sequel / UK X-Men: Days of Future Past / Prod Bryan Singer / Dir ? Shoots Jan 2013 Blade Runner sequel / UK / Prod Ridley Scott Grace of Monaco / USA / PD Dan Weil Untitled / San Francisco / Dir Woody Allen Catching Fire - Hungergames 2 Salt 2 / Str Angelina Jolie xXx: Return of Xander Cage / Str Vin Diesel The Girl Who Played with Fire / Str Daniel Craig White House Down / Dir Roland Emmerich Neuromancer /Dir Vincenzo Natatlia / Str Neeson & Wahlberg **Distant Productions** Zombies vs Gladiators aka ZvG Metal Gear Solid (Video game to feature) / Prod Avi Arad Independence Day 2 / Prod Dean Develin Ronald Reagan Biopic / Str Michael Douglas Pontius Pilate / Warners Shadow & Bone / Dreamworks The Huntsman pt2 (aka Snow white & the Huntsman pt2) / UK Neverland aka Peter Pan / UK The Grand Budapest Hotel / Dir Wes Anderson / Str Johnny Depp Independence Day 2 / Wtr Roland Emmerich Harker (Count Dracula) / Eurpoe / Str Russell Crowe Jurassic 4 / Prod Steven Spielberg Tranformers 4 / Dir Michael Bay Ninja Turles (remake) / Dir Michael Bay Guardians of the the Universe / Marvel / Dir & Writer James Gunn Mortis Rex / UK / Wtr Peter Briggs Highlander (remake) / Str Ryan Reynolds Grudge Match / USA / Str Stallone & DeNiro - Boxing Dawn of The Planet of the Apes / USA / Dir Rupert Wyatt Saving Mr Banks (making of Mary Poppins)/ Disney / Str Tom Hanks Absolutely Anything (Monty Python Sci-fi) / UK / Dir Terry Jones The Secret Service / Dir Matthew Vaughan Crazy Stupid Love / USA / Dir Jon Turteltaub - shoot Autumn Short Circuit 2 / Dir Tim Hill Rust - graphic novel / Joe Cornish Twins 2 sequel / Str Schwarzenegger Justice League / Warners Untitled Spy Spoof / UK / Paramount / Str Sacha Baron Cohen Hellboy 3 / Dir Guillermo del Toro Masters of the Universe / Dir Jon Chu A Girl and a Gun / Dir Filip Rymsza Martin Luther King / Dir Lee Daniels Lie Down in Darkness / Str Kirsten Stewart Wolf of Wall Street / Dir Martin Scorsese Avengers 2 / Dir & Wtr Joss Wheldon Nymphomanic / USA / Wtr Von Trier Swear to God / Dir Justin Theroux / Str Will Ferrell Homefront / USA Dir Gary Felder / wrt & Str Sly Stallone

Dark Tower Stephen King Trilogy / UK / Warners / Str Russell Crowe Expendables (female version) - Simon West is heading up the Mrs Expendables film. Expendables 3 / Prod Avi Lerner / StrWesley Snipes, Harrison Ford, Nic Cage

Movie News Tarzan / UK? / Warners The Mummy (reboot) / Dir Len Wiseman Paddington Bear - The movie

FROM THE RUMOUR MILL... And some of this info has to be considered just so.....If any Guild members have any more definitive information then please let the office know immediately!.....Please check with any individuals mentioned regarding availability... And do not quote or rely on any of this information!...

Rumours are published for the benefit of the membership only! Please let us know if anything is wrong, and it can be corrected.

And Finally,

Do please, feel free to contribute to the newsletter, by way of comment, with some copy material, news or any info for the RUMOUR MILL....anything that is seriously wrong then please post on Facebook!

Please send contributions via Maddie in the office or to me directly by email.

I am aware that many people, other than members of the Guild, have sight of, and read this Newsletter each month. If you would like to apply to become a member, or express a point of view to the wider membership then please do sign up and get involved.

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