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INTERVIEWS WITH...

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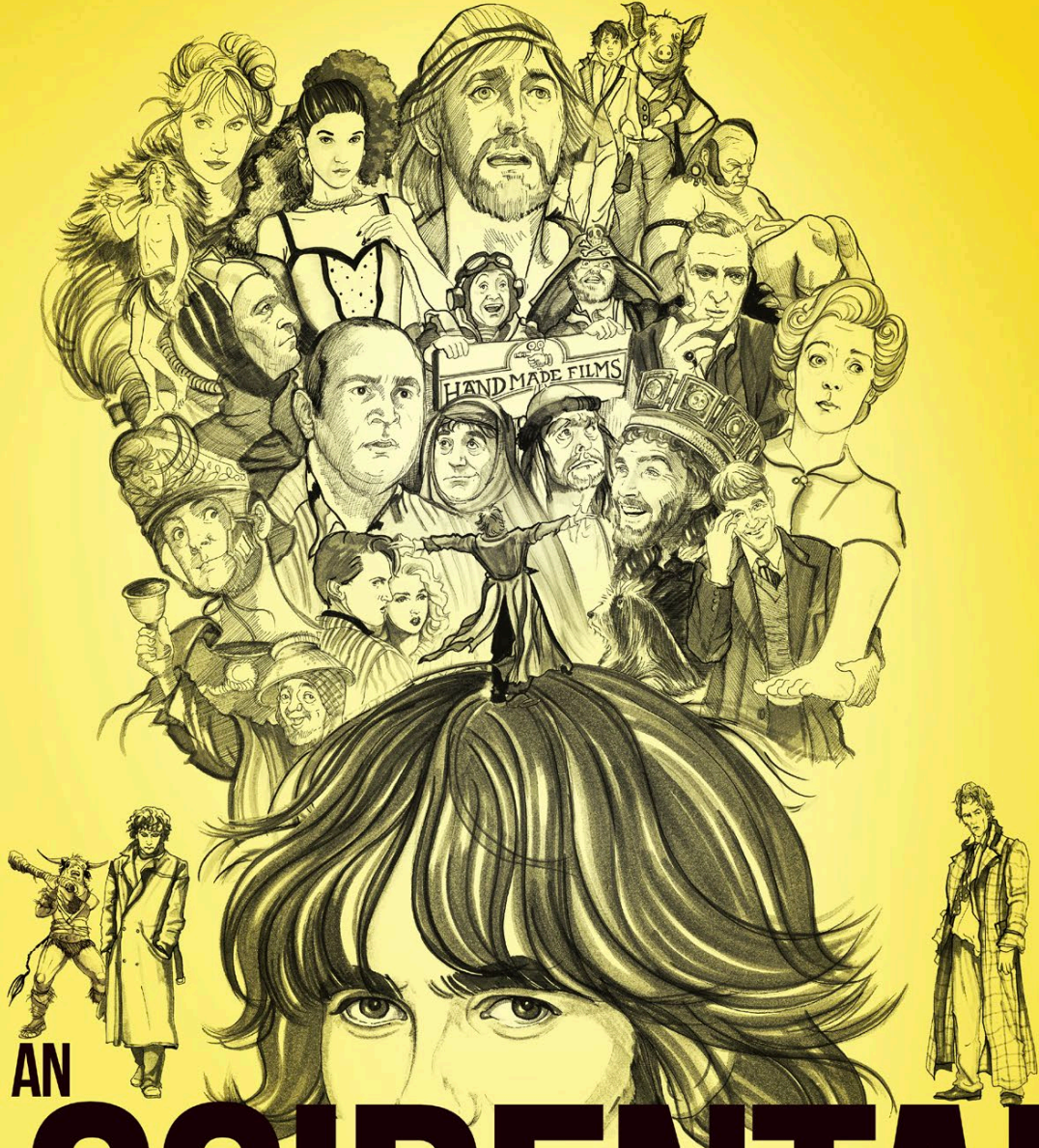
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ABOUT THE DOCUMENTARY

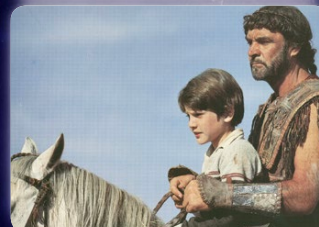
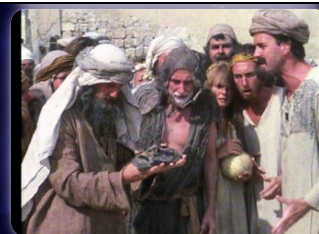
An Accidental Studio tells the remarkable story of HandMade Films. Featuring never-before-seen interviews with key players, this feature-length documentary captures an extraordinary moment in film history through the eyes of the filmmakers and actors as well as the man who started it all, former Beatle and music legend **George Harrison**.

Coming to the rescue of *Life of Brian* when money fell through at the last minute, George Harrison offered to fund the entire movie, mortgaging his house and his office to do so. As a huge fan of Monty Python, he credited their humour with saving his sanity whilst he was a Beatle. Now it was his turn to pay them back. The film was a massive hit, so successful in fact that they decided to set up a company and HandMade Films was born.

In a rare moment in film history, HandMade dominated the British movie scene with its ethos of making and releasing maverick films that others had rejected, from *Life of Brian*, *The Long Good Friday*, *Time Bandits* and Alan Bennett's triple BAFTA winner, *A Private Function* to *Withnail and I* and the Oscar®-nominated *Mona Lisa*. Harrison's generosity in helping others fulfil their dreams and his hands-off approach allowed filmmakers to shine in their work. As its films won awards and launched careers, HandMade became more than a happy accident. It became a celebration of integrity and collaboration.

With unreleased archive interviews and footage with Harrison, new and exclusive interviews with BAFTA winner **Michael Palin**, Golden Globe® and Oscar® nominee **Terry Gilliam**, Oscar® nominee **Richard E. Grant** and Oscar® winner **Neil Jordan**, and unseen interviews with Golden Globe® and BAFTA winner **Bob Hoskins**, *An Accidental Studio* explores HandMade's baptism of fire and the risks it took in producing uniquely crafted, intelligent films. Additional interviewees in the film include **Bruce Robinson**, **Ray Cooper**, **Dick Clement & Ian La Frenais**, **Cathy Tyson**, **Brenda Vaccaro**, **A Martinez**, **Richard Loncraine** and **Jonathan Lynn**.

An Accidental Studio is AMC UK's first original production.



From top: *Life of Brian*,
The Long Good Friday,
the Terry Gilliam-designed
HandMade Films logo,
Time Bandits,
The Missionary,
A Private Function,
Water, Powwow Highway
and *Nuns on the Run*.

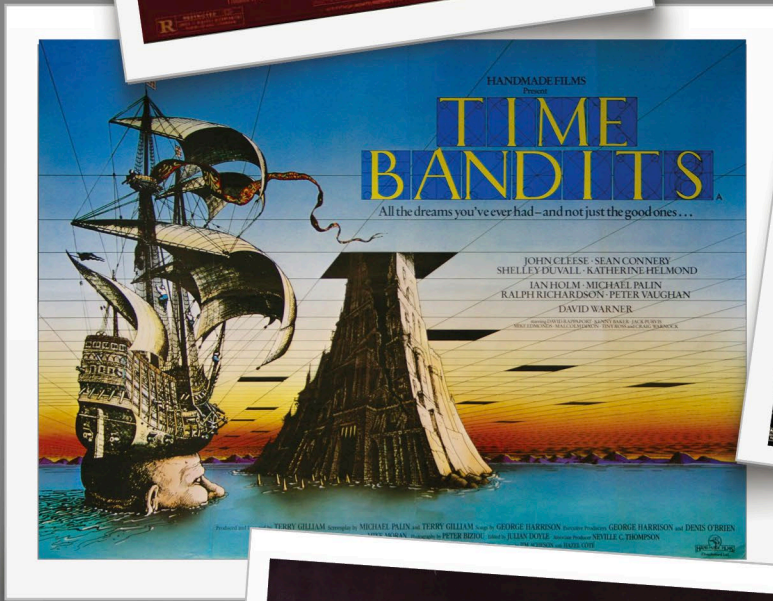
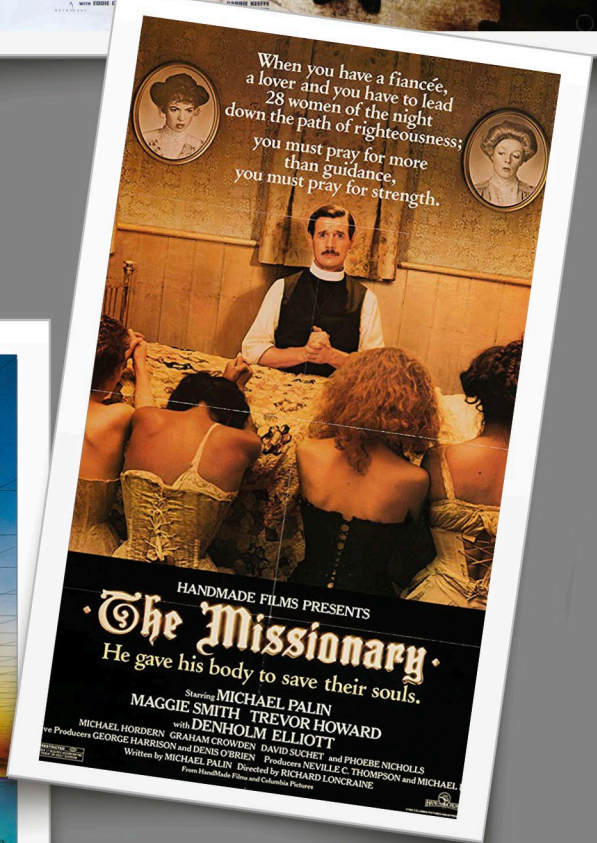


Cathy Tyson in *Mona Lisa*, 1986

HANDMADE FILMS 1979 to 1990

HandMade Films releases discussed in *An Accidental Studio...*





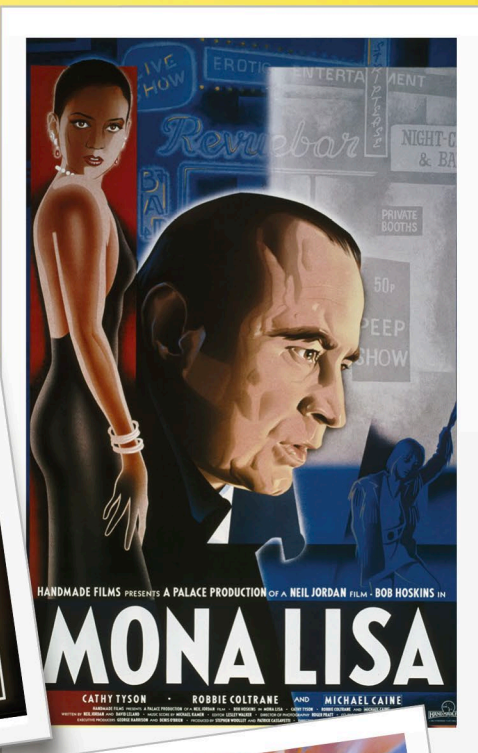
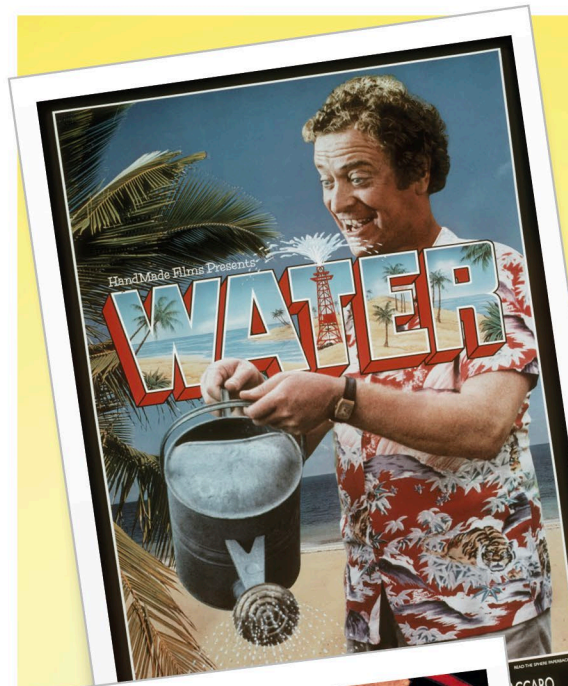
Monty Python's Life of Brian, 1979
Director: Terry Jones

The Long Good Friday, 1980
Director: John Mackenzie

Time Bandits, 1981
Director: Terry Gilliam

The Missionary, 1982
Director: Richard Loncraine

A Private Function, 1984
Director: Malcolm Mowbray



Water, 1985
Director: Dick Clement

Mona Lisa, 1986
Director: Neil Jordan

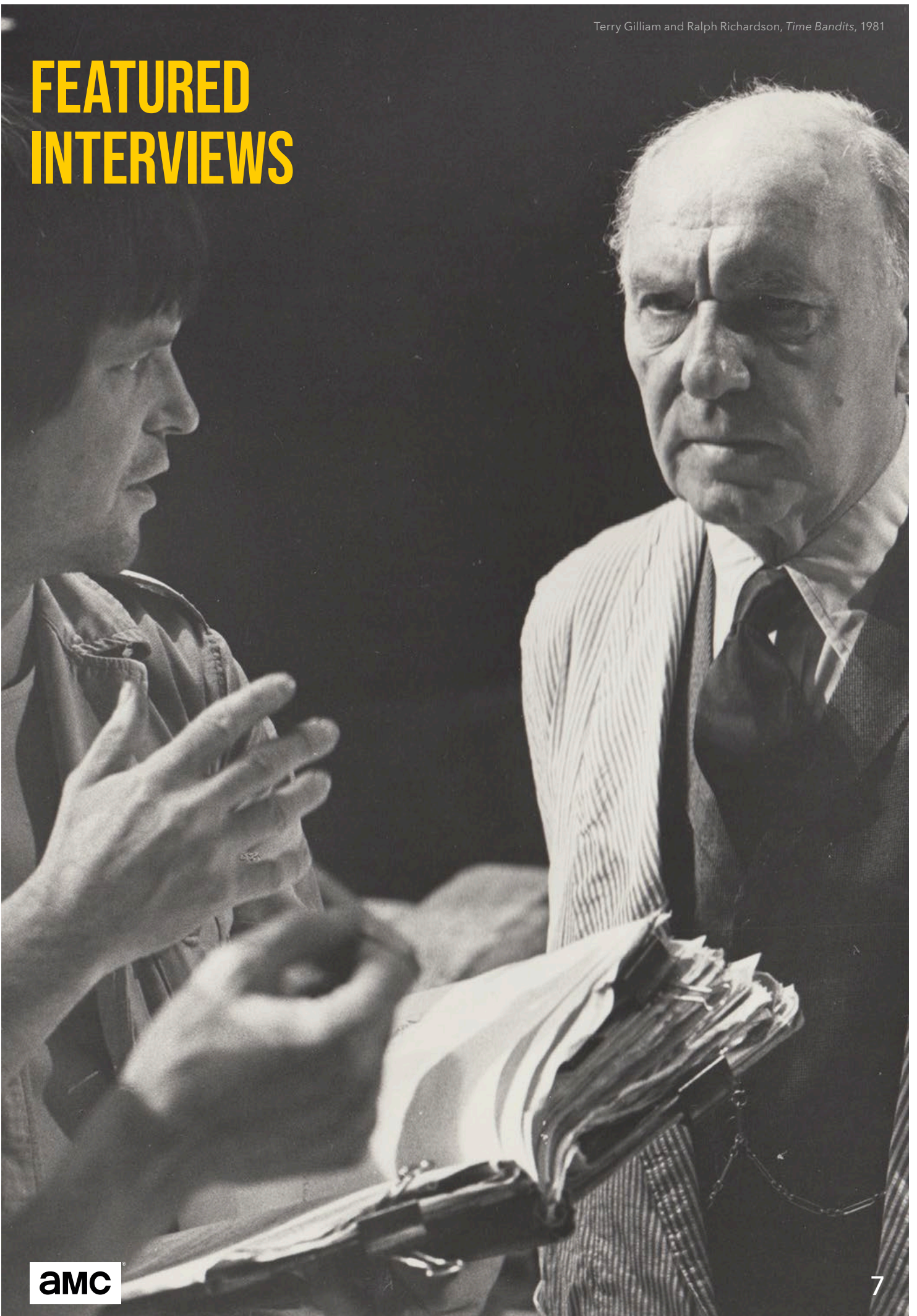
Shanghai Surprise, 1986
Director: Jim Goddard

Withnail and I, 1987
Director: Bruce Robison

Powwow Highway, 1989
Director: Jonathan Wacks

Nuns on the Run, 1990
Director: Jonathan Lynn

FEATURED INTERVIEWS



AN ACCIDENTAL STUDIO features exclusive interviews with the following key players in the history of HandMade Films.

STEVE ABBOTT

Producer; member of the HandMade Films team

GEORGE AYOUB

Former International Sales, HandMade Films

IAN LA FREN AIS

Writer, *Water*

JULIAN DOYLE

Film Editor and Special Effects Director, *Time Bandits*

MIKE EDMONDS

Actor, starred in *Time Bandits*

TERRY ILOTT

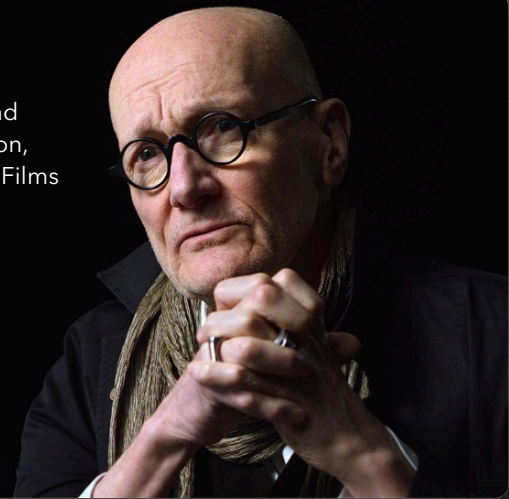
Film journalist

BARRY KEEFFE

Writer, *The Long Good Friday*

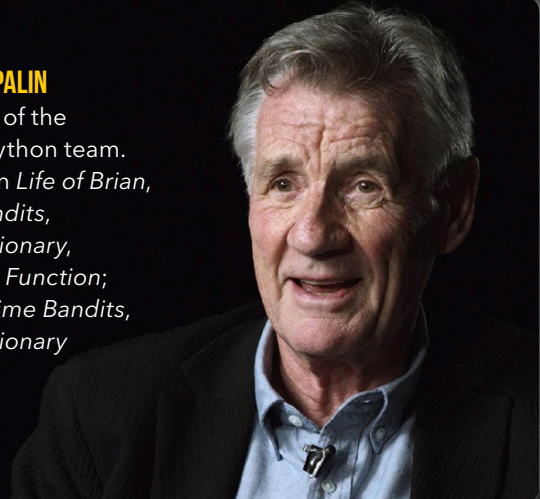
RAY COOPER

Former Head of Production, HandMade Films



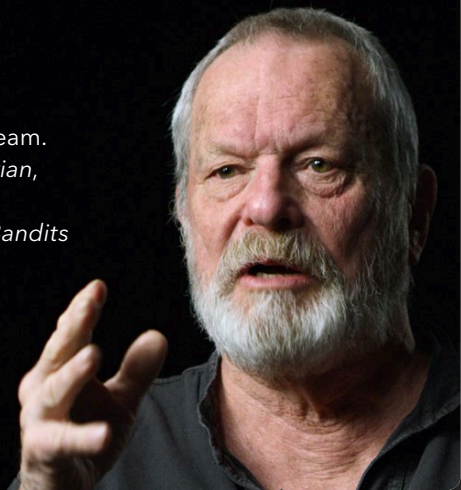
MICHAEL PALIN

Member of the Monty Python team. Starred in *Life of Brian*, *Time Bandits*, *The Missionary*, *A Private Function*; Writer, *Time Bandits*, *The Missionary*



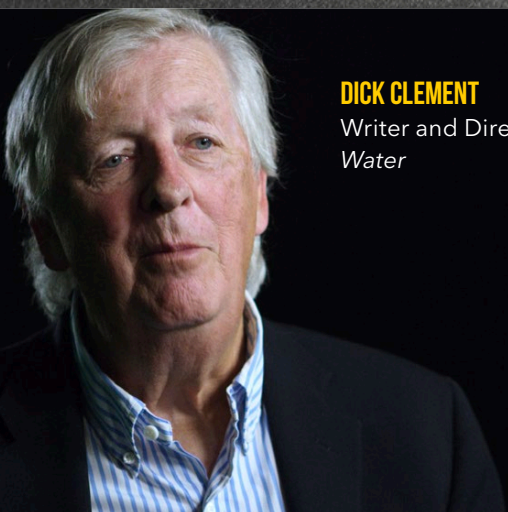
TERRY GILLIAM

Member of the Monty Python team. Writer, *Life of Brian*, *Time Bandits*; Director, *Time Bandits*



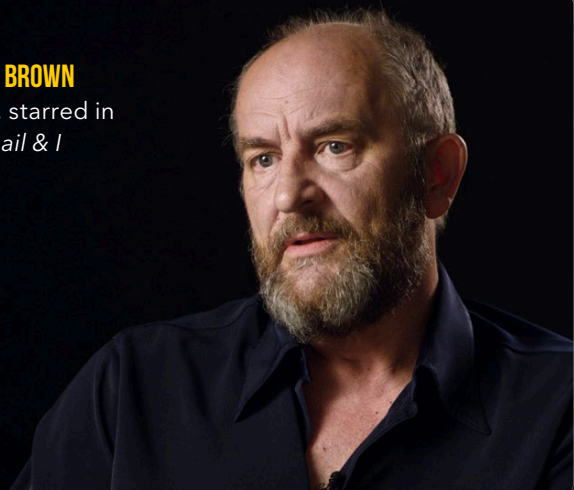
DICK CLEMENT

Writer and Director, *Water*



RALPH BROWN

Actor, starred in *Withnail & I*



A MARTINEZ

Actor, starred in *Powwow Highway*

RICHARD LONCRINE

Director, *The Missionary*

DAVID LELAND

Writer, *Mona Lisa*

JONATHAN LYNN

Director, *Nuns on the Run*

JONATHAN WACKS

Director, *Powwow Highway*

ERNEST VINCZE

Director of Photography, *Shanghai Surprise*

STEPHEN WOOLLEY

Producer, *Mona Lisa*

RICHARD E GRANT

Actor, starred in *Withnail & I*



NEIL JORDAN

Writer and Director, *Mona Lisa Missionary*, *A Private Function*, *Writer: Time Bandits*, *The Missionary*



BRUCE ROBINSON

Writer and Director, *Withnail & I*



BRENDA VACCARO

Actor, starred in *Water*



CATHY TYSON

Actor, starred in *Mona Lisa*



AN ACCIDENTAL STUDIO also features archive interviews with the following.

JOHN CLEESE

Member of the Monty Python team. Starred in *Life of Brian*, *Time Bandits*; writer, *Life of Brian*

BILLY CONNOLLY

Actor and comedian, starred in *Water*

TERRY JONES

Member of the Monty Python team. Starred in *Life of Brian*

JOHN MACKENZIE

Director, *The Long Good Friday*

DENIS O'BRIEN

Co-founder, HandMade Films

GEORGE HARRISON

Co-founder, HandMade Films.



BOB HOSKINS

Actor, starred in *The Long Good Friday*, *Mona Lisa*



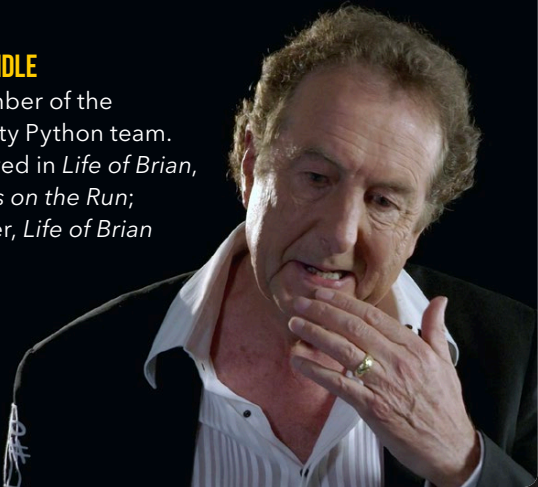
MICHAEL CAINE

Actor, starred in *Water*, *Mona Lisa*



ERIC IDLE

Member of the Monty Python team. Starred in *Life of Brian*, *Nuns on the Run*; writer, *Life of Brian*



HELEN MIRREN

Actor, starred in *The Long Good Friday*



PRODUCTION CREDITS

Produced and Directed by Bill Jones
Kim Leggatt
Ben Timlett

Executive Producers Harold Gronenthal
Nicky Davies Williams
Bruce Kenyon

Consulting Producers Chris Sharp
Steve Ayton

Line Producer Margarita Doyle

Director of Photography Brendan McGinty

Archive Producer Helen Bennitt

Additional Voice Work Chris Grant

Hand Modelling and Projection Roger Young

Research Assistant Ed Gibbins

Make Up Jin Ong

Floor Runner Sarah Lord

Editor Anita Sandhu

Sound Design André Jacquemin

Music by John Greswell and Andy Mellon
at Menlo Park Music

Animation Justin Weyers
Jesse Saunders

Post Production Producer Andrew Salem

Colourist Mark Horrobin



Jeff Daniels in *Powwow Highway*, 1989

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