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2008 - present: UAE / GCC



Sea Shadow Feature Film Dir: Nawaf Al-Janahi Image Nation
Production Designer

Initial mood boards produced to aid discussions with Director and DoP on colour, mood and accuracy with regards to the local vernacular.

The film is understated and my design keeps true to this with subtle use of colour. A long list of key prop's as well as re-painting and re-dressing four main house locations. A 20m aged sea Jetty (pic) was designed and built in tidal waters. Local wedding scene. Sugar glass bottles imported from UK.



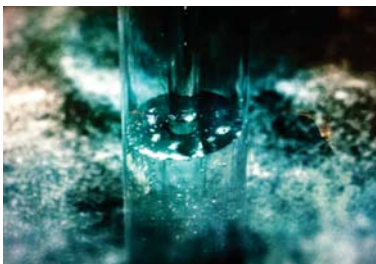
Djinn Feature Film Dir: Tobe Hooper Image Nation
Art Director

Work with the Production Designer to create look and feel. Sourcing of various materials, fixtures and fitting used in the set builds. Consulting on the indigenous look of prop and set design. Design and build of period Emirati fishing village on location in RAK. On set art direction throughout the 5 weeks of Filming. Apartment corridor, set built (pic)



The Intruder Short Film Dir: Majid Al Ansari Independent short.
Art Director

Shot over the course of 5 nights, this retro Sci-Fi short includes a Spaceship, robot, fire, smoke, crashing car, blood, gore and an alien egg! An art department of 2; myself and a prop master assumed all responsibilities. A very busy five night's on a shoestring budget. Also very rewarding as necessity becomes the mother of invention and there is nothing like working for friends.



Ekon Feature Film Teaser Dir: Moko Independent Feature Film Proposal
Production Designer

Various prop's designed and made, including a water diver (pic). Futuristic costume design and various chroma green elements, including a 3D Falcon with rotating head. Wind effect's and Heat haze effect's. Design and make of weapons and communication devises.



Qatar Foundation Dir: Mattius Zetner Filmworks
Art Director

Filmed in Qatar. Design and precision build of 'Plug in' Library shelving systems to integrate with existing Library shelving. A rig was made to push books out of apertures at varying speeds. The exposed books then form letters and words in both Arabic and English. Sounds complicated? It was very challenging! Set dressing of various locations.



Baynounah TV Launch Dir: Franco Maranelli Animation Arts.
Art Director

Design and Build of Art Gallery (pic). Erection of traditional Desert Wedding tents, festoon lighting and Camp fires. Construction of Oasis in the desert. Manufacture of Oil paintings, Van Gaugh, Miro and Picasso. Set dressing of Office environment and Restaurant. Garden build and floral elements at Grand Mosque Abu Dhabi. Go-cart extended to precise measurements of F1 car.

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Meydan Dir: Lance Kelleher Boomtown
Art Director

Design, research and manufacture of Horse racing start gates. These were buried in the desert and then extracted using an 8 x 8 truck with crane. Other Architectural element's were also designed and made to bury and then extract. Meydan sign made with gold metallic finish, for time lapse reveal from sand. Navel distress flares were used in conjunction with photosonic camera for use in post production.



Colgate Dir: Alastair Cook Deja Vu
Art Director

Studio built dental surgery, with practical dental chair and other practical components. Light boxes with dental x-rays. All the equipment used was authentic. One day on-set build, with all cabinets and fitted units made in advance. Working with a tight time frame and budget made this a very satisfying job.



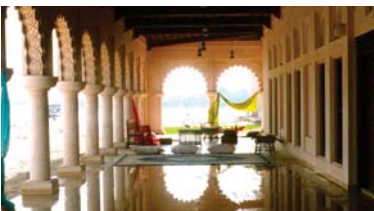
Q-tel Dir: Richard Gibson Filmworks
Art Director

Filed on location in Dubai and Qatar. Design and set build of weather station (pic) and supertanker bridge. Set dress of Dohar stock exchange and various other locations both interior and exterior. Design and set dress of University lecture theatre. Various hand prop's made including TV microphone Ident sheaths.



Mercedes Dir: Miles Goodall Boomtown
Art Director

7 locations were set dressed over the course of 2 day/night shoots. Night club exterior set decoration (pic). Numerous carefully chosen hand pro's were used as transition elements. Pedestrian crossing with traffic signals were installed on location. Rotating spiral lighting stands designed and made. Car cleaning kit and stand - by.



ADTA Dir: Barbak Goodarzi RSA London / Boomtown
Art Director

Set decoration of various locations in Abu Dhabi including, Local Market (pic), and Shangrila Dining rooms and swimming pool. Reaserch into local tradition, cloth and other indigenous prop's. Set dressing at Al Ain oasis.



Pepsi Dir: Mo Ghorbankarimi Filmworks
Art Director

6 x 10 second commercials filmed over 2 days for the world cup. A number of rigs were designed and made including a conveyor belt "Tunnel" A rig to simulate cases of Pepsi in a truck, traveling over a speed bump to replicate a 'Mexican Wave' (pic). Dining table layed and tailored to emulate a football pitch. Label graphic design (for oppositon bottles) 'Weeble' bottle rig, for hand held tray. Fake ice manufactured. Dry ice used.



Al Ain Project documentary Dir: Barbak Goodarzi Joy Films
Production Designer

Extensive research was undertaken for this project on 'The History of the Middle East' to make it as authentic and indigenously correct as possible. An Ancient Magan civilisation settlement was built with in-put from the curator of the Al Ain Museum. Breakaway scaffolding rig built at fort for stunt work. Copper forging prop makes and liquid copper manufactured. Trading village and Oasis dwellings were also built along with a Bedu desert camp (pic).

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Mirinda
 Art Director
 Dir: Emile Slailaty Filmworks
 Design and make of "home made" Jet pack. 2 fire extinguishers were joined to 2 leaf blowers and with the help of a bicycle breaks system, white smoke streams could be pumped out at the pull of a lever. Design and build of "Dad's Garage" on location, with work benches and cut away fridge. Living room set decoration. Full garden set dress including, neatly trimmed mature hedge rows and topiary plants and bushes. Wind FX, Dry Ice and pack shots.



Pwani Life
 Art Director
 Dir: Bobby Dhillon Sound and Pictures
 Filmed on Location in Kenya. Design and build of key elements for sets, including, outdoor shower unit and towel rails. Wood carved washing bowls. Heart template (freehand written) (pic) A number of key prop's were exported from Dubai. Restaurant set decoration including gas cooking stations. 6 x pack shot set ups. Rooftop Indian wedding scene with festoon lighting and confetti .



Zain
 Art Director
 Dir: Lance Kelleher Boomtown
 Design and set build of Villa interior on location. Manufacture of over 150 various sized gift boxes wrapped with ribbon, used on location (pic) NB. The picture shows the actual boxes dress on location, the photo is not photoshopped. Set decoration of further locations including desert scene and office.



Universal
 Art Director
 Dir: Marc Chalhoub Filmworks
 Design and build of Kitchen cabinets with fridge plant, used on location. Cut away oven for reverse shot through oven interior. Art Gallery Design and build with large scale Miro-esque art work and free standing sculpture. Design and assembly of Research and Development laboratory (pic) with sand blasted universal logo. Cut away washing machine drum for reverse shot. Set decoration of 2 seperate living rooms and one other kitchen enviroment.



Stargate
 Art Director
 Dir: Frank Vroegop Filmworks
 Design and manufacture of panels, seating, harnesses and controls for space shuttle interior (pic). Design and build of multiple mission control work consoles. Green screen elements and monitors. Set decoration of ice rink, go-cart racing track and funky cafe interior.



Sony HD
 Dir: Clive Wills Studio Central
 Hand made simple kites were made using dowl and tissue paper, flown by kids on the beach. Rotating rig for camera as well as devise to open and flip the camera's LCD screen. Interior living room with original art work designed and built in studio.



Other jobs include:

Pizza Hut - Tang - Rani - Certs - Holsten - Isuzu G - Max - Metro 3D - Maggi - National Day.

Music Video's Amr Diab - Rojah - Mosh Pit.

References and showreel available on request.