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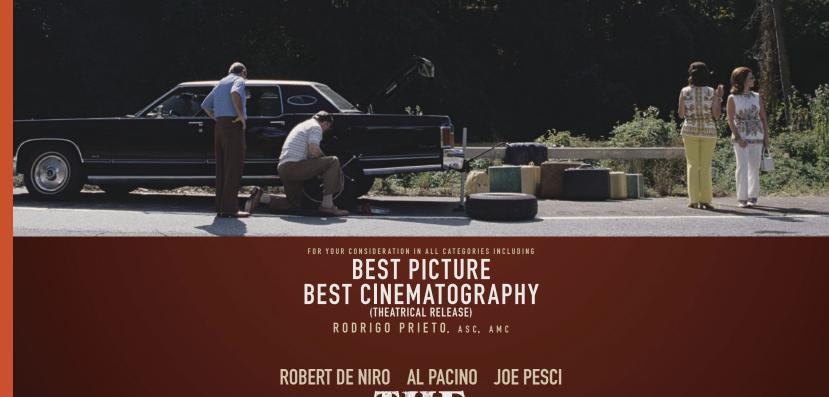




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Charlotte Bruus Christensen, Cinematographer



My Generation

When I started working in this industry, in 1979, I was 21 years old. And I definitely would have qualified for the theme of this month's ICG Magazine, "Generation Next." For years I was always the new "young" guy on the crew. Forty years later, it's hard for me to accept that a great many of the members I work with weren't even born when I started.

I often wonder if that's what the great filmmakers who mentored me thought. I was fortunate to work for some incredible union craftspeople, who embraced the long tradition in our industry of on-set mentorship – a tradition that continues to thrive to this day. Without their guidance, I never would have grown to have the successful career I've been so fortunate to have.

I grew up in a union household during a time when union density was very high. I realize that most of our young workers grew up in households where union density was on a steady decline. Yet from 1993 through 2019, IATSE membership has grown from 75,000 members to more than 147,000 members. And public approval of unions today is at a 50-year high (64 percent), with approval of unions by young people at a similar peak (67 percent). This gives me great hope in the next generation of filmmakers and union leaders. The proliferation and growth of Young Worker Committees throughout the entire IATSE is an indication of how these members are getting involved with the labor movement, spreading and fostering union ideals.

I'm also proud of the fact that a large percentage of our young filmmakers are active in the goals and initiatives of the IATSE. While many of us enter this industry for the creative and technical challenges, the fact that this next generation is aware of the important role unions play in their careers, and more importantly, the quality of their lives, provides hope for the future.

And that feeling of hope is hardly a given.
With first the creation of the National Labor
Relations Act in 1939 – part of FDR's New Deal
that actually codified our rights for collective
bargaining – and then the restrictions put on
those rights in 1947 by the Taft-Hartley Act,

followed by the unprecedented growth of unions through the late 1970s, and the decline after President Reagan fired 11,359 striking Professional Air Traffic Controllers (PATCO) in 1981, our younger members could have grown apathetic. But, clearly, their current trend of activism and approval shows the staying power of labor. Maybe it's because younger members didn't live through those golden years of labor growth, only to be disappointed by what followed. Maybe their lack of knowledge of labor history is actually what makes union activism so attractive to them.

My generation was fortunate to grow up in an era, in the early 1970s, where almost two-thirds of Americans were considered middle class. This had a direct correlation to the growth of unions, which acted as a prime driver for millions of U.S. workers to achieve the "American Dream" of steady employment, homeownership, and long-term healthcare for their families. One can certainly argue that today's "American Dream" is broken and in need of repair; a patching that unions in this country are continually working toward, regardless of the political party in power.

My children are also the first generation that cannot assume a higher standard of living than their parents were able to achieve. Yet workers in our industry enjoy a good standard of living, a solid healthcare system, and the belief the "American Dream" will find them. This is all thanks to the protections and benefits union membership provides.

Please enjoy the inspirational stories in this month's magazine about Local 600's up-and-coming "Generation Next" filmmakers, and of the mentors that are continuing the long tradition of sharing our experience and knowledge with them.

Whatever holiday you celebrate this winter season, I wish you and your loved ones, peace, joy, health, prosperity and happiness. May the new year bring a bright future for all, and sustain the immense gratitude we all carry for the sacrifices those pioneering union members created for future generations.

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wrote about "turning a corner" with regard to gender equality in this industry. My words were based mostly on the increase in product centered on and made by women, as well as the changing nature of the camera department. I cited a conversation I had at Sundance, 10 years ago, with three female cinematographers, who are all now awardwinning veterans of their craft. One essential point I tried to make in that editorial is that any union worker who breaks barriers becomes an inspiration for the next generation. That column dovetails neatly with this page, written for our annual December issue and themed around the next generation coming up in this Guild - their passions, concerns, skills, and desire to make their workplaces better every single day. The results for this industry, as you can read in Margot Carmichael Lester's Generation NEXT profile (page 78) are encouraging in myriad ways. For example, when we canvassed Guild

few months ago in this space, I

members for this year's recommendations, there was no mention made of any racial, gender, or even regional mandate. It was simply: who are some great young union craftspeople leading the charge in all areas of our industry – features, episodics, unscripted, commercials, documentaries, etc.?

That led to this 2019 class - five men and five women - whose ethnic and regional backgrounds are all over the map. It includes two talented Guild members on opposite coasts - Malika Franklin, a digital imaging technician in New York City, and Jeremiah Smith, a director of photography in Los Angeles - both of whom would make wonderful role models for next year's class and beyond. (I had the chance to interview Smith for our November Hyperdrive story. His safety-first attitude, coupled with a fearless creative streak, is impressive. Franklin, who has expanded her on-set color management skills to better serve directors of photography, grew up on sets, where her father was a Steadicam operator.)

Another reason for hope is the selflessness these young workers bring to the table. Omar

D. Rivera Abreu, a digital imaging technician based in Puerto Rico, is emblematic of the union pride on that island. In Lester's article, Rivera Abreu explains how union crews in Puerto Rico went back to work *one month* after Hurricane Maria, despite all having family and friends severely impacted by the storm.

Christine Ng, a New York City operator, is another *Gen NEXTER* who can't help but inspire and educate. Ng says her on-set approach is made possible by role models like producer/director Ava DuVernay (ICG Magazine, February/March 2018, *Exposure*) and director of photography Bradford Young, ASC, who created an environment (on the Netflix limited series *When They See Us*) that "challenged," and "freed" Ng.

"I was heard in a way that I rarely am as a queer Asian female operator in this industry," Ng says in her write-up, adding that Young (the first African-American cinematographer nominated for an Oscar) is "someone who fosters artistry, and is really in touch with the actors and the technicians."

Being in touch is hardly limited to age, race, or gender; two of this month's stories focus on seasoned cinematographers who continue to push the creative envelope every time they look through a camera. Elle Schneider's cover piece on *Little Women* (page 46) profiles Yorick Le Saux, whose past work for directors like Jim Jarmusch and Luca Guadagnino perfectly captured the visual tone writer/director Greta Gerwig needed to adapt the classic Victorian novel. "There's a restlessness behind the camera – you always feel movement," Gerwig describes about Le Saux's approach. She goes on to note: "I wanted to move away from that static, idyllic period film we're used to, especially when we're watching young women in a rural setting."

Pauline Rogers' story on *Bombshell* (page 58) peeks into the on-set world of another storied filmmaker, Barry Ackroyd, BSC, who seems to break ground with every project. Fans of movies like *Detroit* (ICG Magazine, August 2017), *Captain Phillips* (ICG Magazine, October 2013), and the six-time Oscarwinning *The Hurt Locker* revel in Ackroyd's intimate camera. For *Bombshell*, his deep documentary background allowed for multiple handheld cameras to work in seamless harmony. And the self-effacing Brit always deflects praise, preferring to credit his 1st AC's – Hector Rodriguez, Errin Zingale, and Ignacio Musich – for their "amazing focus-pulling instincts" on the movie.

While the road to more inclusive sets is still long and challenging, the young union workers profiled in this issue, along with earlier generations, whose experience, skill and on-set demeanor have set the tone, prove the path is clearly marked.

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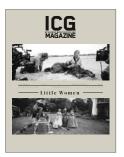
"It's always a pleasure working with fellow Local 600 crews, as whenever I'm on set, they're the ones who make me feel supported to get the essential shots. I was honored to take portraits for ICG's Generation NEXT issue. Not only was it fun to take images of Christine [Ng] and Malika [Franklin], but I was also proud I had a small part to make them shine in our union's magazine."



Tiffany Roohani

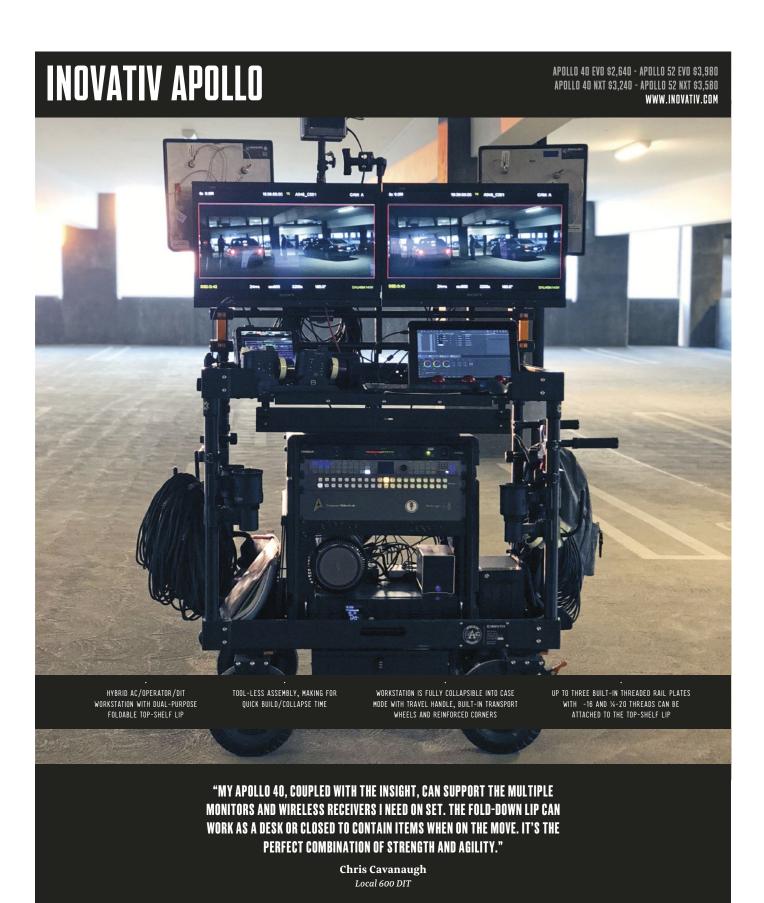
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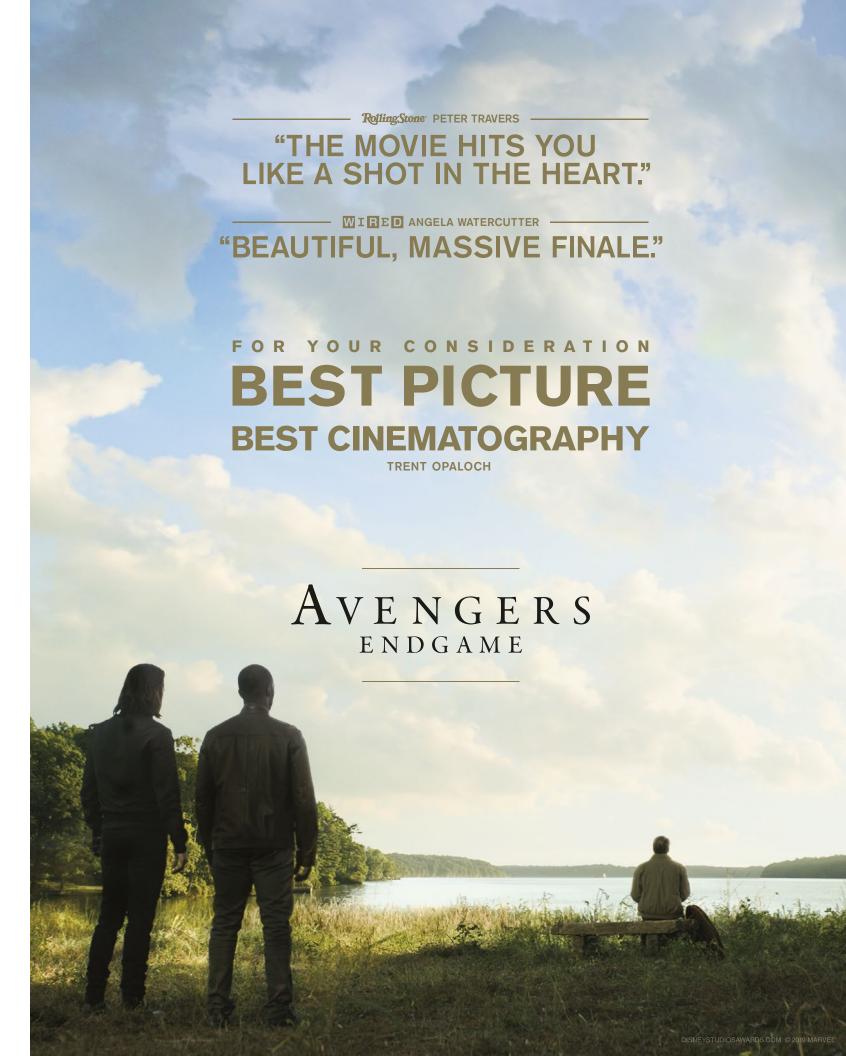
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Andrew Wehde

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WEHDE ON THE SET OF THE UPCOMING NETFLIX SERIES GRAND ARMY

Immediately after Chicago-based cinematographer Andrew Wehde graduated done a handful of comedy specials. from DePaul University, he opened a in relation to the subject and also forced me to visual medium to a new space. move – and to not rely on a zoom. To this day, I rely heavily on primes and natural light."

your gaffer and key."

"Bo Burnham's Make Happy is, arguably, flow to be beautiful. photography studio. "In three years, I the best comedy special to date. An exercise

> to Wehde's traveling with Adam Sandler with Master Primes and Fuji Premier zoom difficult to achieve." 🙃

lenses. I wanted each venue to feel uniquely special through lighting while maintaining a smooth character in the lenses. The lighting plans varied dramatically. One show used a single tungsten can that was discovered unused at the venue, others used a massive LED array that toured with us."

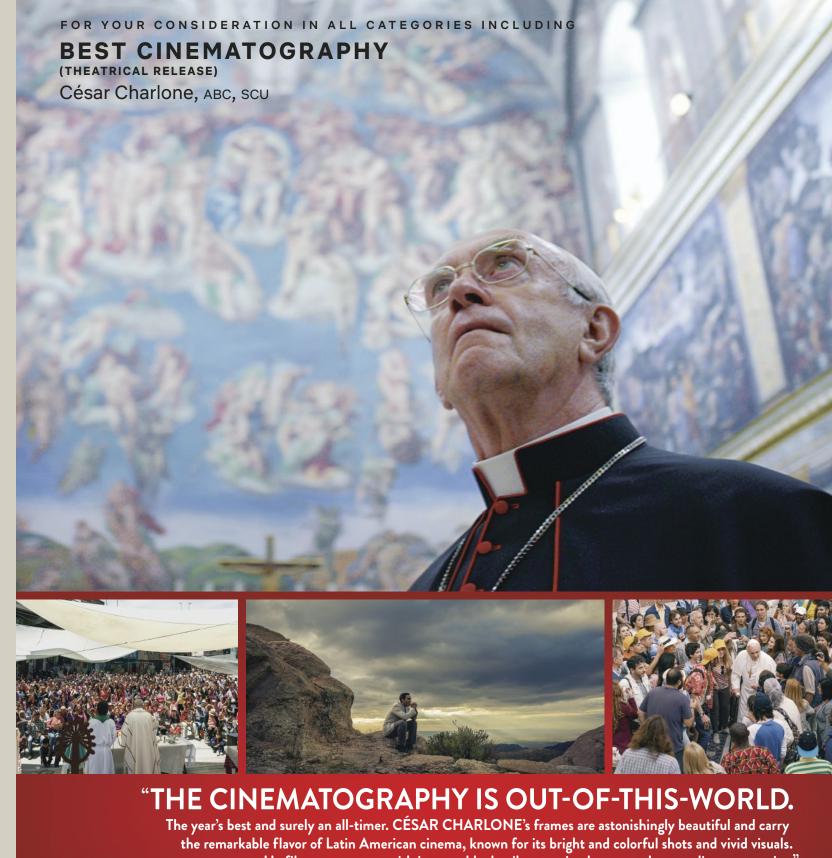
The project that put Wehde on Hollywood's hot list was the 2018 Sundance hit Eighth Grade, written and directed by Burnham, about a 13-year-old navigating her last days of middle school. "Bo approached me with the idea about a year before we started shooting," Wehde describes. "We knew that all [kids'] devices had to be captured in real time, they needed to be working devices, and the screens needed to act as the key light. If we did not feel the brightness on the actors' faces, I would then need to push the environment down to lift the phone or other device's brightness to read in the eyes and face." Wehde opted for naturalism, shot with the RED Helium 8K capture and Ultra Primes.

That movie, distributed by A24, allowed Wehde to start reading scripts with bigger budgets. And he landed a prime position as rotating director of photography on the upcoming Netflix series, Grand Army.

"I was hesitant to go into a situation where I didn't start the look," he admits. "Professionally, however, it helps me to get over the hurdle of getting approvals on jobs that have much larger budgets. And, to show I can make my days and produce a product that stands out. My block director, Clement Virgo, is an incredibly talented and wonderful Over the past several years, Wehde has creative partner. He can block a scene with more than ten principal talent and make it

"It's also a studio show and my first time photographed two thousand people," he in creativity," Wehde adds. Not having having full control over an entire studio grid recalls. "Shooting so many stills helped me watched much stand-up allowed Wehde and lighting plan," Wehde adds. "We have a understand lenses and natural light. I had and his creative partners, Chris Storer and good portion of the high school in the studio strobes but never used them. I relied on white Burnham, the ability to find a more cinematic with control over every single overhead and black cards, and a few prime lenses. This approach. Choosing the right lensing, camera light and practical fixture while replicating forced me to understand how a lens performs movement, and lighting helped push this sunlight at all times streaming through the windows. It has been a great course on how to A string of other comedy specials led make a studio look real."

Wehde's reputation and relationships Wehde joined Local 600 (as a for 100% Fresh. "At first it was small and with studios and producers continue to grow. cinematographer) in 2012 and landed his first intimate, but then we ramped up to a three- They like his quiet, authoritative creativity, big job - a national spot for US Bank. "Six days week tour through the Midwest and East as well as the respect he engenders in his -location change every day," he recalls. "This is Coast - and I traveled with more than 30 Local crew. "Making movies is the easy part," he where I realized how important management 600 members for a nine-camera show," he concludes. "Respecting and caring for your is: planning what you need at each location, recounts. "We shot on RED Heliums, pushing crew - giving them a voice - and allowing and then being able to communicate that to the stock to 1280 ISO, and paired the camera that to push your work forward, is a lot more



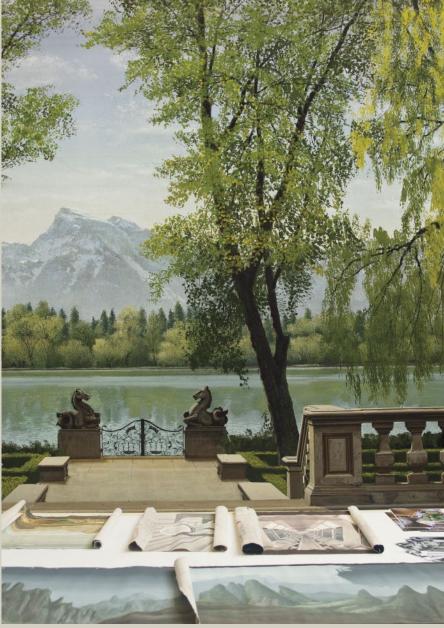
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The Art of the Hollywood **Backdrop**

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metal paddle of the paint mixer slowly one hundred feet wide."

binder, and the toxic powder into a magical Designer, Apprentice Scenic Artist Thomas A. University of Texas at Austin Department of elixir. These vivid colors are spread over Walsh (ADG/USA) doesn't make readers want Theatre and Dance, and scenic art supervisor an immense white surface of sized cotton to immediately delve into the passionate at Texas Performing Arts). muslin, resulting in a transformation from work of the backdrop artist - well, they've Filled with never-before-seen exquisite an empty void into an ocean of great scale, got little romance in their souls. For me, this backdrops - everything from classic black depth and radiant light. Rich in its character quote sets the perfect mood for this homage and white films like 1929's The Petrified

"A young man's hand plunges a metal and mood, this is a narrative still life to be to The Art of the Hollywood Backdrop, written scoop into a square tin of vibrant ultramarine seen and at the same time to go unnoticed by Richard M. Isackes (Professor, Design blue powder and transfers the finely ground by its intended audience - quite a challenge and Technology, The University of Texas at color into a five-gallon bucket. The long given that this painting is thirty feet tall and Austin Department of Theatre and Dance) and Karen L. Maness (principal instructor rotates, changing a foul-smelling liquid, the
If the above quote by Production of scenic art and figurative painting, The

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heroes (and heroines) who "paint" the world mixed-up in two-gallon buckets." for audiences.

after the nickelodeon had shown the film of Oz. where I had animated the backing with the friends, 'What do you think of my cascade?' director, including how interdependent they assert. "They will not replace real, tangible They led me back inside again to see what are. Production Designer Norm Newberry scenic environments because, no matter they had looked at without seeing. Even points out that "the backing company people how expertly they are developed, they cannot Lucien (Androit), who had shot the film, had know more about how the camera will see replicate the authenticity of shooting a scene

winks at his own anonymity. Talking about this is what I think is going to happen.' And background later." The Shoes of the Fisherman, he recalls the then they will suggest to you the best way to Traveling through the enjoyable (and film's premiere, at which he "overheard the do the backing." film inside the chapel."

Few readers probably know that "because in post. films were initially shot in black and white, cinematographers banished colored paint backdrop and meet a select group of artists of nothing but shades of gray," the authors to date. They admit the future is uncertain, Barnes and Noble: Hardcover \$90.00, Nook \$19.99

Forest to The Wizard of Oz (one of the first "they assumed that the camera would not refer to the classic conversation between

These heroes include one of Hollywood's added lighting was not only hard on the backdrops, Isackes and Maness write that most influential backdrop artists, Ben actors, there were definitive challenges in it will "never supplant materials such as Carré, who is quoted from his unpublished color. It's said that the art department took wood, stone or metal for the very simple manuscript, Reminiscences of My Years as over a week to decide on the exact shade of reason that each of these materials has a Motion Picture Art Director, as saying "... yellow for the yellow-brick road in The Wizard certain intrinsic qualities that cannot be

The writers also explore the collaboration

create a cinematic backing to be viewed from backdrop artists that the complex look was movie audience's visual experience." 🙉 only one vantage point, the eye of the camera. all created in-camera, rather than with VFX

After you learn the history of the Publisher: Regan Arts write. According to Isackes and Maness, given the propensity for CGI. They even Regan Arts: www.reganarts.com, \$100

Technicolor films) to 2004's Lemony Snicket's be able to interpret shifts in value correctly Benjamin Braddock (Dustin Hoffman) and A Series of Unfortunate Events, and so much if the scenery was painted chromatically. For Mr. McGuire (Walter Brooke) in the 1967 more - the book is elegantly written and example, in the Gaumont Studio in Paris, all Oscar-winning film The Graduate, where illustrated. It does justice to those quiet painting was done with ten values of paint the veteran advises the newbie with a single word: "plastics." Although that omni-Or that when Technicolor came in, the present material has invaded the world of replicated in plastic."

"The same is true for virtual waterfall, after we were outside, I asked my between the production designer and the art environments in film," Isackes and Maness accepted my trick picture for the real thing." the backing than anybody, and if you rely on in-camera, where the camera records the Artist George Gibson is another who them, all you have to do is tell them, 'Well, entire image without having to add the

very informative) The Art of the Hollywood scandalized clergymen" behind him say, "I This wonderful book reveals a lot about Backdrop is a journey through the history thought they were not going to allow them to Hollywood magic, such as how to have of motion pictures, the scenic artists that actors flying out the window over the city of carved out paths when the art was unheard This comprehensive volume also London with the audience seeing the tops of of, and how the magic was achieved for explores the differences in set backdrops the buildings for Steven Spielberg's Hook. Or at least one of your favorite iconic films. for theater and movies, such as how theater for Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortuante Celebrate, as Isackes and Maness say, how backings are never confused with real places, Events, where Production had so much "[their] authenticity is as important for the and how the backdrop artist is challenged to confidence in the production design and filmmaker's practice as it is for the eventual

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Mentorship: Local 600 **Members Pay It Forward**

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"[When you reach out], all mentees are in On the set of *SeaQuest*, for example, confidence he developed to grow into one of stay viable and creative - and enjoy their ten years. career paths while they're at it.

a better position to do their jobs with better Randy Shanofsky (Western Region 1st AC) the busiest operators in the business. "One insight and an ability to think outside the spotted a young PA by the name of Eric of the most important things he taught box," says 35-year veteran (Western Region Dyson (now a Western Region operator). "His me was that a successfully executed shot Operator and member of the new Mentorship personality and active intellectual curiosity depends largely on three main components," Program) Mark LaBonge, SOC. For our were most impressive," Shanofsky recalls. Dyson says. He calls it the "triangle defense," annual Generation NEXT issue, we shine a With the blessing of Director of Photography and it comprises the operator, dolly grip, light on a few of those who are, like LaBonge, Ken Zunder, ASC, Shanofsky brought Dyson and first AC. "Any one of these parts not determined to help newer Guild members in as the 2nd AC on a new series - Hyperion communicating with the other can ruin the learn to navigate this fast-changing industry, Bay. The team worked together for almost shot," he says. His favorite bit of technical information? "The art of laying marks for a Dyson credits Shanofsky for the push-in. I'm operating now. But, whenever I

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AC). On Winter's Tale, Meg Kettell (Eastern Region).

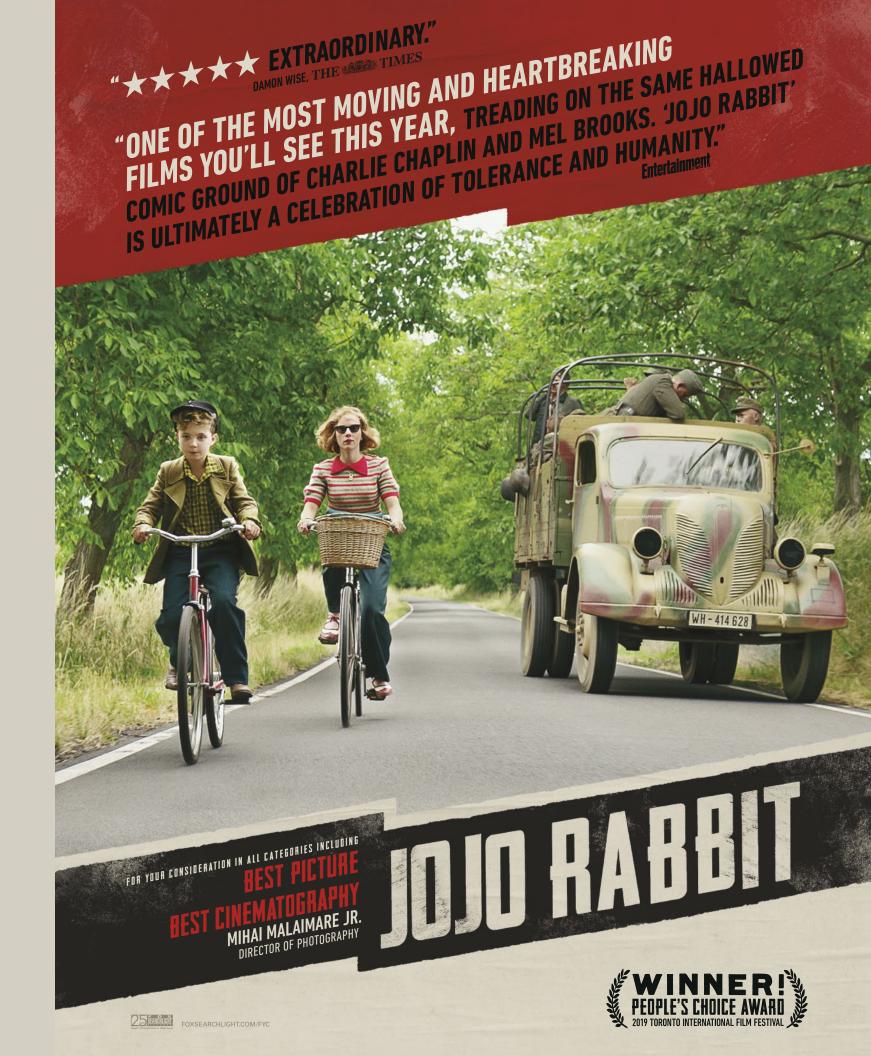
can, I always try to pass this technique on to right way – so they can feel confident in their shoot, they found the opportunity to bring talent - and build a solid career." Rosales Barbella into the union. "I remember what And Dyson has. On Crazy Ex-Girlfriend, he calls Kettell a trailblazer. "She was the biggest they said – 'We all believe in you, and that's spotted Megan Morris (Western Region 2nd) female 2nd AC on the East Coast at the time, why we told [the union] to sign you up and AC), who was eager to learn. "He taught me She ran the department impeccably. What started to give [you] busy work' - but I kept more than the fundamentals of doing the she taught me was invaluable." And Rosales coming back. It surprised Michelle, and my job," Morris says of Dyson. "I learned how is ready to pass those lessons on to help other enthusiasm caught Theda's attention. Next

and we set the tone." And Morris is passing Barbella (Western Region 1st AC) is a big part that knowledge on to several young men and of a "four chain" of mentorship. It started to heart, he's also continued the chain, when he was an office PA/VFX PA in Boston. working with Giselle Gonzalez (Western When you feel a little alone out there, it's A call to the set for a day introduced him to Region 2nd AC). "We met through [Director important to find someone who understands several mentors, including A-Camera 1st AC of Photography] Tarin Anderson," Gonzalez and can help in any way you need. Case in Theda Cunningham (Central Region) and recalls. "Among other things, Ian helped point is Amber Rosales (Central Region 2nd B-Camera 2nd AC Michelle Pizanis (Western me understand the steps to follow to get in.

Region operator) spotted this young woman "I was green," Barbella admits. "But they now have an organization that looks out for loader with a passion for the industry. "She saw something, Michelle took me to the truck." my well-being so I can concentrate on my was smart and intuitive," Kettell recalls. "It is Theda taught me how to load - confident I career. And I always have Ian to ask, when I'm important to me to bring women along in the could figure things out." Four weeks into the not sure what to do."

thing I knew, she had me loading a [film] This daisy-chain effect is powerful. Ian truck, and trusting I would figure things out."

Barbella has not only taken their trust Being part of the union was so important – I



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Another form of paying it forward that counterparts learn much more than the the lessons he taught me." basics.

introduced him to LeClay.

good connection."

Torres took LeClay far beyond the has been gathering legs is the two-year-old program requirements - and says he'll Ambar was invaluable. Union Mentorship Program, which pairs continue long after the six-month term. volunteer mentors with mentees. (The "We've gone on field trips to rental houses, learned different tips and tricks in keeping second program just closed, but check with studios, camera stores, and much more," the equipment organized and being ready for the Local 600 office and Xiomara Comrie LeClay describes. "Being from the digital age, the needs of the first AC's, camera ops, and for plans for the next one.) Mentorship I'd never worked with film before - so Robert DP's. Shadowing experienced AC's shows me programs take place mainly off-set, but this broke it all down for me. I'm now working what I can improve on and build from their hasn't stopped enthusiastic mentors from on a major series - and every day, I thank workflow. finding creative ways to help their young Robert for going above and beyond, and for

Take the relationship between retired AC) has been mentoring for quite a while, to pass knowledge and skills to each other in 1st AC Robert Torres (Western Region) and and he brought his desire to help The a profession that we all love." Westley LeClay (Western Region digital Mentorship Program, partnering with Peter talked for three hours. I saw interest and how to prep properly, proper set etiquette. A that on." willingness to listen and learn. West took mentoring commitment isn't short term. It's notes - still does today - and I knew I made a important that when you see potential, you members - and mentoring will keep it both follow through."

Lau says the on set experience with

"From shadowing his second AC, I

"The union's bringing us together to learn and help each other is beneficial," Lau Ambar Capoor (Western Region 1st adds. "They've created a path for members

Kyle Petitjean (Western Region 2nd AC), utility), for example. "It's important to bring Lau (Western Region 2nd AC). "Peter and who is working with Ian Barbella at the people along the right way," says Torres. His I met often through the course of the last moment, echoes those words. Serving as a choice is to find someone through the new program," Capoor relates. "Although the mentor or mentee, formally or informally, program. He wanted to mentor everyone he formal program has finished, I've been able "is important because you need to have met at the first mixer - but a call from Comrie to have him come and shadow one of my someone you trust to bounce ideas off regular second AC's. There is so much that of when you are not sure what to do," "Our first face-to-face meeting was at new members need to see in person - how Petitjean states. "[Mentors] have a wealth the Local 600 office," Torres recalls. "We we interact with other crews and production, of knowledge - and they are willing to pass

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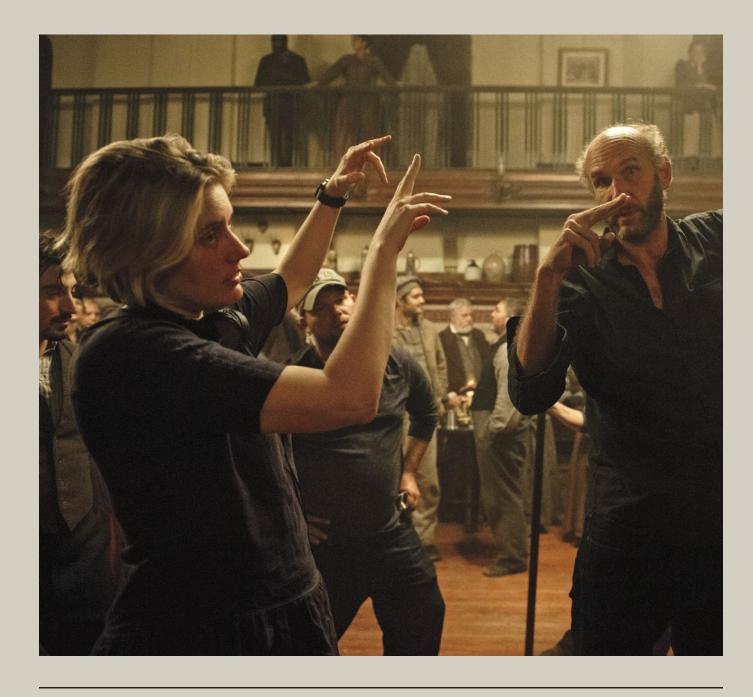
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Greta Gerwig

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Writer/Director Greta Gerwig, whose debut solo directing effort, Lady Bird, in 2018 (shot by Guild member Sam Levy), made her just the fifth woman to be nominated for an Oscar for Best Director, began her career as an actress, working with veteran Sundance filmmakers like Jay and Mark Duplass and Joe Swanberg, as well as her partner, writer/director Noah Baumbach. With Baumbach she starred in three features - *Greenberg*, Frances Ha, and Mistress America, and cowrote the latter two. Gerwig's success with Lady Bird, which grossed nearly eight times its \$10 million budget and won two Golden Globes, was spectacular by indie film standards; her new feature, Little Women (shot by Local 600 Director of Photography Yorick Le Saux), will no doubt carry high critical and commerical expectations, especially with a cast replete with Oscar winners and Oscar nominees like Meryl Streep, Laura Dern, Emma Watson and Timothée Chalamet.

Consistent with her many years in front of the camera, the Sacramento, CA native (who attended Barnard College, in New York City) comes at directing with a performancecentric approach, ceding a great amount of creative freedom to her director of photography. In fact, in Q&A sessions and panels surrounding the release of Lady Bird, Gerwig often credited Levy for his essential role in the film's success. On working with Le Saux on a period adaptation, she told ICG writer Elle Schneider that "we spoke the same language right away." In typical mumblecore fashion (the indie film movement that first nurtured Gerwig), Gerwig added, "[She and Le Saux] hate the same things. It's always easier to find the things you don't like than to bond over what you love."

You've worn many hats on your past films: actor, writer, director. How has coming from such a collaborative background shaped your directorial style? Greta Gerwig: I knew I wanted to be part of [making films], but didn't know exactly how I would get to be part of it. So I wanted to try as many things as anyone would let me do, whether it was write, direct, act, hold the boom, costume, or anything. I was working in low-budget independent films, and the ethos was "all hands on deck" at all times, which turned out to be great training for being a director because I got to experience all these different facets of what it is to make a film. One of my favorite parts of being a director and working in film is that it's the most collaborative medium, and I get to work with people like [Costume Designer] Jacqueline Duran and [Production Desginer] Jess Gonchor and Yorick Le Saux, who are incredible artists. I get to interface with people who are so spectacular at creating, and build a world with them. It's the most fun I have doing anything.

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the camera, and you're telling the story big dreams, she had an anger problem. A



"I always saw this

book as being like a

superhero origin story, especially for women who wanted to write and be something."

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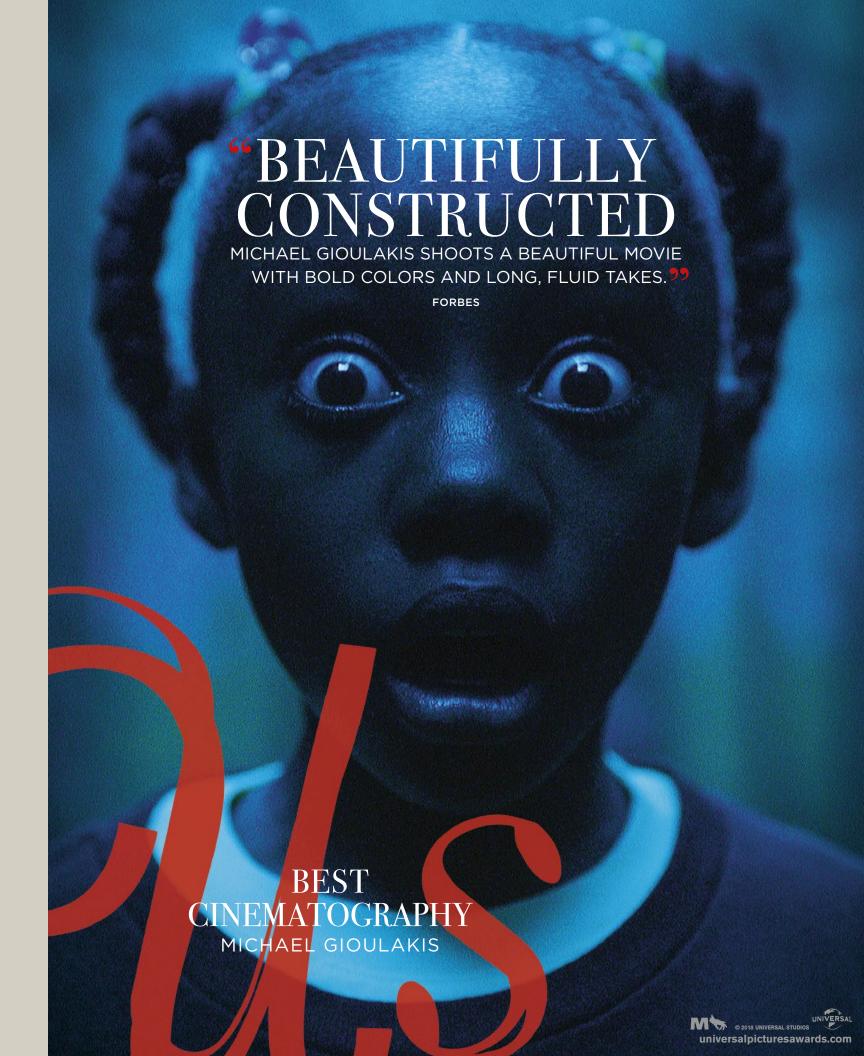


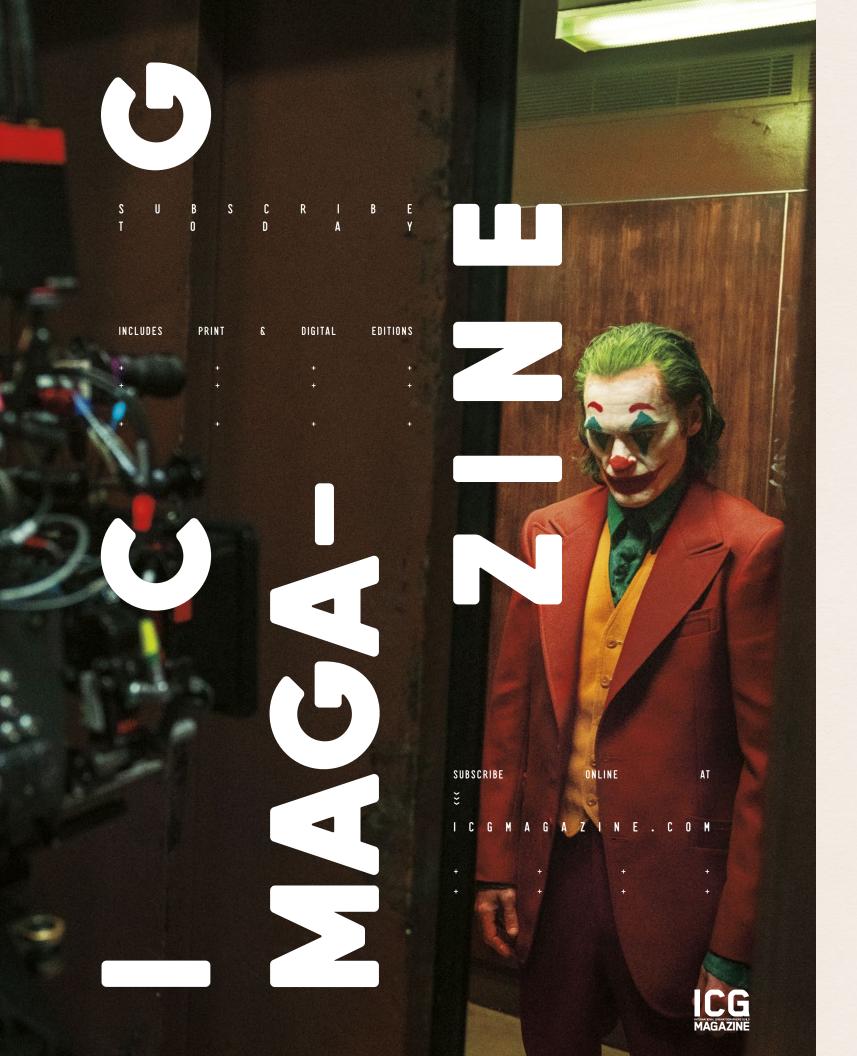
"You're telling the story with costumes, with how you're moving the camera, and with the sets and the props. It's really essential for me that department heads view themselves as filmmakers."

and be something. And one thing that was though she, Louisa, could be an unmarried do you want that?" And then the true ending clear in rereading the book as an adult was woman, and own the copyright to her book, is her holding her book in her hands. The that I wanted to start with [the characters] and be one of the richest women in America, hat trick we wanted to pull off is the thing as adults. I was fascinated by how modern she could not give the same freedom to her you didn't know you needed to see. I knew their issues were. What's interesting to me character. is Jo as an author, and then Louisa May Alcott as an author, and authorship being in **So you really connect to Jo because of** the ending from the book, but I wanted it to the foreground of authoring your own life. her career choices, not her romantic feel like we have two timelines - the past How is the book Louisa May Alcott's life, and ones? Absolutely. I don't love Jo because she and present – and then I wanted to add one where does it diverge? One big way is that married professor Bhaer, I love Jo because more timeline, which is fiction. The question Louisa May Alcott never got married and she wanted to be a writer, and because she then becomes: is the past past, or is the past had children, and Jo does. And the reason for was ambitious. So, I thought that 150 years fiction? I wanted the movie to be as big as that is because that's what [Alcott] had to do later we'd better give Louisa May Alcott an Louisa May Alcott's imagination, and for it to sell the book at the time - the publisher ending she would like, which was watching to feel it was given just as much stature as a told her that. There are letters of hers saying, her get that book. I wanted to create movie about four brothers during the Civil "I don't want to marry Jo off to anyone, so something where we give this romantic War that takes place over 10 years. I wanted I've made her a funny match out of spite." ending, this Jane Austen-ification of the to imbue it with as much care, and as many Because she thought Jo, 100 percent, should book, it becomes more like the Bennets [of tools as I could possibly use to communicate be a literary spinster. But she felt that she Pride and Prejudice or something, and then cinematic importance. @

especially for women who wanted to write had to make an economic choice. Even we say, "But why do you need that? And why

I was going to intercut the pressing of the book with her at Plumfield, because that's







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resh off the Oscarnominated comingof-age phenomenon Lady Bird, Greta Gerwig (Exposure, page 38) already knew what she wanted to direct as her next film: a script she had been hired to write years earlier, based on a novel that was formative to her youth. Little Women, written by Louisa May Alcott, and originally published in two volumes (at the behest of Alcott's

publisher) in 1868 and 1869, is the classic story of the four March sisters – Jo, Amy, Meg, and Beth, all coming of age in Concord, Massachusetts during our nation's Civil War. This pinnacle of American literature had already been adapted for film and television more than a dozen times, so Gerwig knew she needed a fresh approach. That included dividing the narrative into two distinct periods, adding a new angle to the narrative, and putting a sort of "rock and roll" spin on the typical women's period film, with the help of what she describes as a "dream team" of collaborators.

That included Local 600 Director of Photography Yorick

Le Saux, whose previous work for writer/directors like Jim Jarmusch, Luca Guadagnino, and Olivier Assayas struck the perfect balance of Gerwig's intent. "I love [Le Saux's] total embrace of beauty," Gerwig relates. "Some [DP's] are frightened to make something beautiful because there's a concern it's not coming off as critically minded." And it wasn't just Le Saux's stunning photography that captured Gerwig's attention. "I Am Love [directed by Guadagnino] is so beautiful you can almost taste it," she adds. "But there's also this restlessness behind the camera – you always feel movement. I wanted that movement in this story; I wanted to move away from that static, idyllic period film we're used to, especially when we're watching young women in a rural setting. The combination of the frenetic looseness of [Assayas'] Carlos with the sweeping beauty of I Am Love was exactly what I was looking for in Little Women."

When the two initially met to discuss the film, Le Saux says they were speaking the same visual language. "I told her I can feel the energy of these four girls, especially in childhood," he recalls. "And that it was important not to be too clean with the framing." They watched numerous films (including many by Francois Truffaut) to figure out a shooting style that would make each frame come alive, while still feeling true to the period. They narrowed in on lightness of movement, and not trying to make scenes feel overcomposed. This allowed Le Saux to take risks, like shooting wide open on Cooke S4s and embracing highlights, "and that's what we were expecting every day to happen on set," he says

Changing audience expectations of a period film also



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meant a strong collaboration among Gerwig, Le Saux, and other department heads, including Oscar-winning (and sixtime Oscar-nominated) Costume Designer Jacqueline Durran, whose period-film credits include Darkest Hour, Mr. Turner, Atonement, and Pride and Prejudice, and twotime Oscar-nominated Production Designer Jess Gonchor (known for his work with the Coen brothers), especially in such set pieces as the three balls that occur at pivotal points To fulfill Gerwig's plan of slightly "pushed in the story.

"I was quite keen for these to be distinct," says Durran, "as ornate ballroom scenes can often bleed into one another." The Christmas ball, where Jo March and Theodore "Laurie" Lawrence, the sisters' charismatic neighbor, meet for the first time, "is Christmas in the country," Durran adds. "It's a local dance without the sophistication of the pastel sophistication of the European ball."

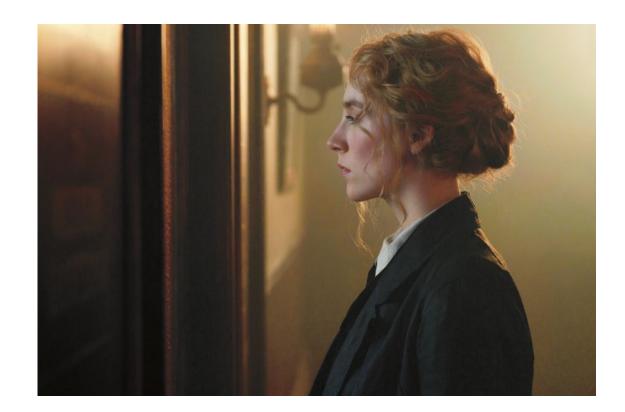
For Gerwig to highlight costumes or recounts. locations in these scenes often meant eliminating lights that might, for example,

what could be elevated without sacrificing something else to make sure each scene depiction of the bustling lower Manhattan stood out as unique and identifiable.

theater encourages an immediate and close relationship with the cinematographer. "As [soon] as I build a set or go to the location, I'm like, 'Where is the light coming from? Where's the window? What's the source?" he shares. realism," Gonchor and Le Saux worked together to create motivated, unique light to build quarter-inch models of the New York street scenes to plan intricate camera angles

been seen in other adaptations, both in its publishing world, and the contrasting rural Gonchor, who originally planned to be life of Concord. Much of the film was shot on a lighting designer, says his background in a large property in Massachusetts, where the exterior of the March house could be built on location opposite what would become the stately Lawrence mansion.

"In all the other adaptations, [the characters] could not see one house from the other," Gonchor observes. Having both homes within eyesight and being able to show that geography on camera gave Le Saux in a world that would only have been lit by and Gerwig flexibility in shooting exteriors. fireplace or candlelight, even going so far as To have the camera hold on moments for longer periods, allowing scenes to breathe, helps to immerse the audience in the space, and movement. "Even the natural lighting instead of chopping the world into separate, was different between Massachusetts and isolated locales. Gonchor adds that over more New York, having taller buildings in New than a dozen scouting trips, "we spent a lot of ball, and the pastel ball doesn't have the York, and not being able to see the sunlight time in different periods of light, and went as much as in Massachusetts," Gonchor back to [the March] house walking around as it developed." The property also doubled for several locations, including a crumbling carriage house repurposed for Amy's Paris be captured in a wide shot. Le Saux says Locations and photography intertwined painting studio, which allowed Gonchor to the balls were a "classic" balancing act of to move Little Women beyond what has create an environment that was more unique



LE SAUX'S GOAL WAS "TO PLAY, LIKE A SCULPTOR WITH GLAZE, TO DESTROY THE NEGATIVE, TO GO INTO LOW LIGHT OR HIGH LIGHT, AND NOT BE AFRAID TO UNDEREXPOSE OR OVEREXPOSE."





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"WE WANT TO BE IN THAT ROOM WITH THOSE GIRLS AND EXPERIENCE THINGS JUST AS THEY ARE."

YORICK LE SAUX







than just gilded molding and columns. The that one just lit up beautifully."

long hair, messy hair, moving everywhere." women would have lived." Gerwig's idea was to remove the barrier Saux describes.

space "had beautiful light with all those references, photography and painting, for girl, is then just a lighter, more grayed-out doors that were for the horses and carriages. images of bohemians and artists - people purple." These colors were determined by a Some rooms light better than others, and who were out of the ordinary. "The Alcotts scene in the novel, when the girls' mother, are a radical family," she says, "and I tried The fresh approach to visuals to work out how that would have looked. extended into hair, makeup, and wardrobe, There are rules about Victorian costume that conversations in which Le Saux was deeply you're told everyone followed, but then you Establishing differences between the involved. "Sometimes [period pieces are] too wonder whether they did. Louisa May Alcott dead," he says. "You can see a hairdresser herself ran long distance! It's hard to believe was finishing the actress one second before she would have worn a corset and all those in the story. Gerwig says she wanted the 'action.' We wanted the opposite look - hair skirts running a marathon. Starting with scenes of childhood "to feel swirly," like the moving in the light because the photographs the Victorian reference, I then made a leap of movement of youth. "To make it this moving, from that period all show the women with imagination to think about how these radical breathing, dancing thing," she continues,

between the audience and the characters discussed in depth how each of their coming into a room. We were trying to that often plagues static period films and characters would have accepted or rejected choreograph everything so that the camera step into their world, whether through period norms. A color palette was also was a dancer in the space." For the "present" movement, production design, or costume. established for each March sister that timeline, characters were more isolated, "We want to be in that room with those girls followed them through the narrative. "The frontal, proper, static. "Not everybody in and experience things just as they are," Le vibrant red of Jo in her youth is reduced to a the frame is moving everywhere," Le Saux red neck scarf when she's older," says Gerwig, explains.

Durran searched through Victorian and "the deep purple of Meg, when she's a Marmee, gifts them books on Christmas day.

dual timelines (without being too heavyhanded) was key to centering the audience "we'd block out precise movements for Durran, Gerwig, and each actress everyone to catch one person from another

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GRETA GERWIG

Another subtle rule was keeping as many of the four sisters in the shot as possible in the "past," filling the frame with that much-desired energy. Steadicam was used sparingly, with Le Saux preferring a more simple, old-school approach, such as handheld, or laying down dance floor and moving to dolly for more precision. "I prefer to use older tools," he shares, "and even after, in the DI suite, it was just simple printer lights and not many power windows."

A combination of filters, including the Varicon, was used to set the look for each period. Those included "this golden warmth of youth," says Gerwig of the past scenes, "and not doing much to the present, because, in contrast to this golden past, it would inevitably look colder." Le Saux adds that in keeping with a simple approach to color grading, "we liked the cold shadow and warm skin," for the present look. Color naturally extended to Gerwig's discussions with Durran and Gonchor, noting that everything "should look more vibrant" when the girls are children. "I wanted it to feel almost like a Vincente Minelli movie, like Meet Me In St. Louis or Gigi," she says. "Saturated, and almost even more in memory. And the colors of adulthood were more muted, more grown and 'appropriate."

While light and color were key to each timeline, shooting 35mm film ARRICAM provided that important third element – texture - potentially missing from digital capture. Le Saux's goal was "to play, like a sculptor with glaze, to destroy the negative, to go into low light or high light, and not be afraid to underexpose or overexpose because there is always something interesting in that moment," he describes. Le Saux used 500 ASA Kodak stock for both interiors and exteriors, embracing the challenges that would bring. "I picked the 500 to get more grain, and it's a stock that I know very well," he adds. Further work to create texture was done in post. "At the lab I pushed the development one stop. I was playing with the negative, and trying to get the matière to show up on screen."

"It's almost like we wanted it to feel like a painting that was breathing," adds Gerwig, "but without it being so effortful – with film we got that feeling right away. And also it felt right



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spiritually closer to the time period."

Using film also helped convey the scope unique choices." of the ambitious, colorful lives of the March female-dominated," he notes.

community," Durran informs. "[And the the lack of power that women had, and living with, and how money was an issue," she continues. "Greta was inspirational the protagonist, and a character creative It's velvet. It's color. It's hope." [6]

because film is a photochemical process; they women can identify with. She's a 19thhad that in 1861. They didn't have moving century person who becomes a successful images yet, but [shooting film] felt like it was writer, and it becomes her story. But it's really about the four women and their

The March attic, which was built on girls, who, as writers, actors, painters, and a stage along with the rest of the home's musicians, altered the typical Victorian interior, was the girls' creative nerve center. feminine ideal. (Alcott based the characters "It was their creative outlet and workspace," on her own sisters.) Hence, Gonchor tried Gonchor describes. "Jo had her corner in to highlight a more feminine touch in the there...a little cozy corner to curl up in and artistic scenes, particularly Amy's studio, to write. It was a warm environment, where show a contrast with the more masculine they could dream." The way it was designed, art world of the time. "There's a lot of that the space could evolve to feel closed, open, in the movie, just figuring out what could empty, full, dark, or light depending on the be male-dominated and what could be time period. "We did a lot of experimenting with the size of the March house, and the "The Alcotts were part of an artistic textures of the wallpaper," he adds.

The March house façade was built only a characters | talk a lot about money, and few miles from - and was visually based on - the real house in which Louisa May Alcott about the poverty that the Alcotts were wrote Little Women."We tried to make it seem like it was rough times, but they were making the best of it," Gonchor concludes. in this regard, and thoroughly researched "And then once we went inside, we wanted it everything. She had so many insights to be like opening up a jewel box. A wooden into the Alcotts and their world. Each jewel box that's dusty on the outside, but woman represented a valid choice. Jo is open and lively on the inside. It's warmth.

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actresses: Carlson (Nicole Kidman), Megan camera because it was all about timing and the world has known. The allegations, which were amazing. No marks, just instinct." occurred more than a year before Harvey Weinstein's name became synonymous with triggering the #MeToo social movement, any angle. The basic lighting setup was from were the spark before the flame.

Three very different filmmakers - all women's eyes. familiar with controversial political subject the backdrop of the 2016 election) in New felt it out." York City, but shot entirely in Los Angeles. For example, Fox's Manhattan studios were faithfully re-created on four floors of the old Los Angeles Times headquarters in Downtown.

Both Ackroyd and Roach wanted the camera to be an observer of events as they transpired. "At times, [we wanted] multiple observers, finding ways to connect the characters [and the events] together," Ackroyd explains. That meant freedom of movement for both the actors and the camera, with few set marks to hit, and Ackroyd's confident Guild camera team would always capture the subtleties of the moment. (Three ARRI ALEXA Minis were used, with Angénieux Optimo 15-40 and 28-76-mm zooms for handheld, as well as 24-290-mm T2.8, and a Cooke S4 T2.0.)

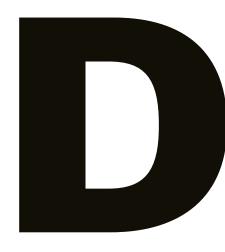
A prime example of this method is the film's teaser - the only footage released as of this October writing. Kidman (as Carlson) enters an elevator with the other two women on-board, all three most likely on their way to Ailes' office. She murmurs the line: "Hot in here," rife with multiple meanings, to be sure,

Ackroyd notes that the elevator set resigned from Fox in July 2016 and passed was built on the top floor of the Los Angeles away one year later), is quoted as saying that Times building. Breakaway walls helped to capture the scene with multiple cameras The film is based on the real-life - even getting inside the elevator. "It was a chain of events that began when Fox News complex shot," admits the British lenser, anchor Gretchen Carlson sued Ailes for who has spent much of his career with sexual harassment in 2016. The story is told documentary-style directors like Ken through the voices of three women, played Loach and Paul Greengrass. "Complex in

Kelly (Charlize Theron) and a fictional news listening to the action. We were looking for producer Kayla Pospisil (Margot Robbie), who an actor's subtle flick of the eye or a tiny team up to bring on the ultimate resignation zoom from the camera. Our first AC's – Hector of one of the most powerful media controllers Rodriguez, Errin Zingale, Ignacio Musich -

The elevator was lit so that the camera could capture the women's intensities from a LiteGear LiteMat 3L above, and a four-foot Quasar color tube with a strip of Magic Cloth rigged horizontally above the door for the

"We had two cameras on sliders, one matter - form Bombshell's creative brain trust. with the Angénieux 12-to-1 zoom, shooting Director Jay Roach's recent credits include through the front of the elevator," explains Game Change, The Campaign, and All the Way; B-Camera operator Josh Medak. B-Camera screenwriter Charles Randolph shared an was slightly off-center, because Barry hates Academy Award with Adam McKay for The symmetry. Barry was shooting through the Big Short; and Director of Photography Barry side panel on a wider zoom. We would pan/ Ackroyd, BSC, is a BAFTA winner and Oscar slide back and forth, reading the actors' body nominee for The Hurt Locker. Ackroyd, who language, as there wasn't much dialogue. We also shot The Big Short, employed a similar would take our cues off their movements or documentary-style approach for Bombshell, looks and play with the focus racks as the which is set between 2015 and 2017 (against actors would dominate the frame. We just



uring a brief interview about the muchballyhooed (but extremely secretive) upcoming Lionsgate release, Bombshell, Emmy- and Golden Globe-winning actor John Lithgow, who plays the film's main but their reactions are as key as her dialogue target, Fox chairman and CEO of Fox News to hook the audience. and Fox Television Stations, Roger Ailes (who his character "is the crisis."

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What happens next is anyone's guess.

(As mentioned, there has been precious little footage released so far.) But the assumption is that all three women exit the elevator and walk through the vast Fox News main set the hub audiences will see from just about every angle.

"This was the Bullpen, the underground newsroom that included all the journalists' offices plus the broadcast studio," Ackroyd describes. It was built on one floor at the *Los* Angeles Times building. "To control the top light, we changed out any existing lights and replaced them with four-by-two-foot LED panels, all made for the sunken ceiling that already existed. These we could easily switch off or control to create a mood in what was intentionally a soul-less space."

Key Grip Tana Dubbe describes her grip team's contributions to this major set as "teabags and teasers," as it was all about dealing with realistic top light. "We used a variety of different diffusions billowing under the office-style ceiling lights," she explains. "We called these 'teabags' because that's kind of what they look like. I think Barry, being English, got a kick out of that. The diffusion gathered the light and in effect. brought the source lower and softer - better played with glass reflections, foreground take," Medak explains. for faces and eyes. We also employed a lot or broadcast news monitors to help set the of teasers to reduce the amount of light on scene and vibe of what we were seeing." walls."

amount of action that occurred there.

"Barry was constantly trying to keep "Although it had visual depth, it also had loads of cubicle walls, which essentially into their harmony. The three were able to says Medak. became obstacles blocking the camera's get cross coverage for an entire scene from

IGNACIO MUSICH - WERE AMAZING. NO MARKS, JUST INSTINCT." BARRY ACKROYD, BSC

In most scenes, the team would do a "rough" blocking and minimal rehearsal. It was here Ackroyd's documentary The crucial rule was that the camera is The biggest challenge of the set was the background - the freedom of three cameras an observer in the moment, never being working in harmony without getting in tethered to marks and free to discover. Most the way of each other - truly enhanced of the time, they used the 12-1 zoom and it interesting without repeating the the narrative. Bombshell is Medak's fourth slider to "lean" into the scene, "as you would same angle all the time," Medak shares. picture with Ackroyd, and he was able to in a conversation, trying to get a better easily fold C-Camera operator Jess Lakoff vantage point or take on what is being said,"

Ackroyd also devised camera setups view. We didn't always want a conventional a single take with two to three cameras. throughout the newsroom bullpen - one in high-wide angle to see over the cubicles, This allowed the actors and director the the elevator, two more around the cubicles. so we tried to come up with medium to freedom to use the best performances. "We would follow the action conventionally tighter shots that also told the story and rarely have any need for clips from another on one set but then hand off to the camera





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"The scene would continue and evolve as Ailes and the women. "Ailes' office was a cameras against the walls and shot on the it would in real life. As the actors moved close replica of his second-floor corner at 1211 longer end of our Angénieux 12-1 zooms. We through the set, we would follow." The cast Avenue of the Americas in New York," explains wanted to compress the distance between knew they could be on camera at any point, Ackroyd. "Although, via movie magic and the Roger and Kayla but also leave the room adding to the energy much like a stage play.

which doesn't deal with "the crisis" at Fox, is this set, we wanted to create a realistic world in the beginning, where the camera breaks that linked contiguously from the elevator What is also addressed in this story is tour of Fox News, speaking right to the setting up the story ahead, a little like feel that long, long walk." a type of Shakespearean trailer for the

MōVi platform here," adds Medak. "[MōVi them to feel what was happening." operator | Chis Herr wore the camera, and mobility and footprint fantastic."

We used a translight backdrop and pumped and loneliness." One of the most interesting moments, light through a wall of windows. But, inside

to [screenwriter] Charles Randolph, and Jay says that in those scenes, the camera reflects Ackroyd recounts. Roach's playful directing. We shot this scene the mood. "It traces over the faces, looking on the run, using a gimbal to make the shot as much for the reaction as it does for their kids shout out that a "funny man" look more like a handheld news camera than words," he adds. "Throughout the shooting, is in their yard. The camera follows as the a Steadicam version of our style of shooting." I always considered reaction as important pair leaves their bedroom and head down a "We shot a combination of news story as dialogue. It was about connecting the short corridor to find the young kids being handheld but transitioned into smoother audience with those reactions, and allowing photographed by paparazzi.

I operated remotely on the wheels. It was office is so very powerful," Medak observes. house to pull back and hide cameras and my first time using a MōVi, and I found its "For me, this is the point in the movie where sound booms," Ackroyd reveals. "The effect the audience gets to see firsthand the abuse is that we capture the first response of the

hidden in the elevator," Medak recounts. sequences are the confrontations between ultimately bring Ailes down. Barry put wizardly work of Production Designer Mark void of as much equipment as possible, Rucker, we were still in the *LA Times* building. hopefully adding to her vulnerability, fear

the fourth wall. Megan Kelly takes the TV through side office, down corridors, and the impact of the women's actions on their audience on a fast-paced documentary finally to the 'lion's den.' This was the perfect families. There is a scene with Kelly and her place we could use our multiple cameras to husband (played by Mark Duplass) at their camera, much like a reporter on the scene. hand off shots. The intention was to show New Jersey Beach house (shot in Malibu). "She acknowledges our presence and slyly the physical journey of the would-be news waking up in the morning, enjoying the describes the main players in the tale, presenters. It helped the audience and actors sunrise and trying to put some of the events behind them. They discuss just how to deal The camera must reveal, visually and with the President of the United States. "We upcoming play," Ackroyd recalls. "All credit viscerally, that Ailes is truly a tyrant. Ackroyd did this with two cameras, cross shooting,"

Then the whole mood changes when

"We use all three cameras to capture the "The scene with Margot in the Ailes move, simply using the architecture of the Naturally, many of the most sensitive of power and sexual harassment that will kids and their parents. Of course, that's not



the end of it. We shoot again and again. But the mood has been established: the finished scene is what you see."

These quick changes to emphasize and capture heightened emotions, their impact, and reactions, are what makes Bombshell a probable Oscar contender. And it's also where Ackroyd's long history using an intimate, moving camera shines, as well as his crew's skill and dedication.

As 1st AC Hector Rodriguez says about the workflow: "It's a challenging way to work for everyone. Barry has to trust our instincts, which, of course, is exciting for us. The actors have no marks; the lighting isn't choreographed. Everything is much more natural. Coverage is master, medium, and tight all in one take. And we were often long on the zoom and wide open.

"Oftentimes, we didn't know where we were going at the beginning of a shot," Rodriguez continues. "Yes, we rehearsed. But the action often changed. That meant everyone had to be sharp to gauge not only the narrative but the dimensions of the room and the parameters of the shot."

As Ackroyd concludes: "To make films this way demands that everyone - director, editor, designer, and actors – are all on board with the style. But, for me, cinema is a team game. When it works well, it's not possible to single people out. This team, throughout, was as good as it gets. Thanks to all for their sensitive creativity to bring this important story to the screen." @

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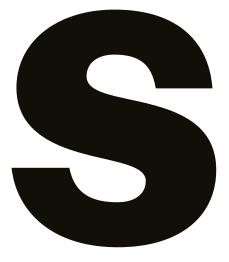
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CONSIDER HER AN "ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE?"
RACHEL MORRISON, ASC, FINDS OUT.

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If it is true that the light burning twice as bright burns half as long (and science suggests the ratio is even more extreme), then Jean Seberg is a sad, textbook example. The actress, most famous for her collaboration with French auteur Jean Luc Goddard (when she was 22) on the New Wave classic, Breathless, had star quality and genuine talent, but after running afoul of the FBI through Black Radical activists, Seberg's life and career fell into shambles. Her death at age 40 was ruled a suicide, and the new Amazon feature **Seberg** (starring Kristen Stewart) explores the incidents that served to undermine her.



eberg is director Benedict Andrews' second feature, after helming Una. Among his first decisions was to contact Oscar-nominated Director of Photography Rachel Morrison, ASC, whose diverse résumé includes Sundance indies like Fruitvale Station and Mudbound, as well as mega-hits like Marvel Studios' Black Panther. Andrews says he likes to make "deep preparation on a visual level," which included a stack of reference material for his first talks with Morrison, including stills from photographers Stephen Shore, William Eggleston, George Rodriguez, and Todd Hido, along with Stephen Shames' photos documenting the Black Panthers.

"Agnès Varda's late-sixties L.A. films – her documentary short *Black Panthers*, and her counterculture film *Lions Love* (...and Lies) – were invaluable for period authenticity," Andrews relates. "Also important was *Medium Cool*. I love how Haskell Wexler [ASC] thrust the viewer into the turbulence of the late 1960s."

The political paranoia sub-genre was an earmark of 1970s cinema and a major influence on Andrews and Morrison. "The Pakula paranoia trilogy [Klute, The Parallax View, and All the President's Men] was hugely influential," Andrews continues. "These films all come out of a time of social and political unrest. They're muscular, critical, intelligent and deeply personal. I was attracted to their mix of formal rigor and rawness. We chose to shoot on film, with the Panavision C-series lenses, to evoke those Pakula/Willis films and to create a period texture.

"There's a painterly beauty to Gordon Willis' frames," Andrews continues, "but it's a kind of nightmarish beauty since you sense something lurking in the shadows or someone watching from beyond the frame. The paranoia comes from a sickness in the body politic ... in part the legacy of [J. Edgar] Hoover, who is there, unseen in the shadows of *Seberg*. As the ultimate surveillance thriller, Coppola's *The Conversation* gave us a



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working view of the period analog technology. I love the combination of political intrigue with a raw portrayal of the psychological experience of being a surveillance operative. Seberg covers the years 1968 through 1971, so it's just before Coppola's film and shows both sides of an operation – the watcher and the watched."

Morrison says this last notion was instrumental in forming her approach to the material. "We wanted to explore the difference between subjectivity and objectivity," she says. "What are the visual differences between experiencing something versus watching someone experience something? Also what is the difference between reality and perceived reality?

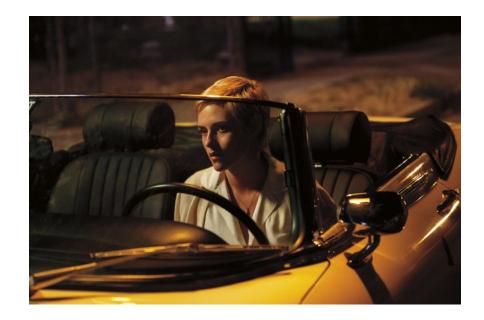
"As a jumping off point," Morrison adds, "we were generally close and wide, using longer more experiential takes when we were subjectively with Jean, versus longer lenses and more fragmented coverage while watching her. We talked about the sorts of clues you pick up on when realizing you are being watched - and how some of those clues might be imagined rather than real and what we could do visually to emphasize those moments."

Originating on 35mm was an easy call for Morrison.

"We have become accustomed to not just shooting digital, but overly sharp digital," she notes. "Doing a project that was period suggested stepping away from that, as there's an inherently vintage feeling shooting film. Plus, this movie was all about old Hollywood, and it felt wrong somehow to photograph Jean Seberg digitally. Shooting on celluloid heightens the stakes: it creates a tighter relationship between the actors, director and the camera. The limited takes also mean that everyone has to bring their A-game, so the energy and focus is palpable. From the operator to the focus puller, you really get in sync with the actor's every move and breath."

Morrison's only concern about film was concerning potential lab issues, but no problems with Fotokem ever arose. The only tech issues she recalls involved a scratch on the inside of an underwater look appropriate. magazine. Morrison exposed Kodak 500T 5219 throughout, even for day exteriors.

behind the lens," 1st AC Simon England reports. "Since they only go to 2.0, we sometimes supplemented with glass upfront to get the daylight down for close-up work." Monochrome screen test and faux-Breathless scenes were shot on the Super 16mm format setups." using an older ARRIFLEX SR3 unit provided by Panavision Hollywood.



XL2 cameras, employing C-series glass for roughly eighty percent of the film. "I'm a huge fan of the C-series, as the optics are imperfect in a very organic way," she relates. "Life is messy, and when you have perfect glass it just doesn't seem like an accurate reflection of the world. The softness around the edges helps to focus the viewer's eye on the subject, which aided with the moments when Seberg feels she is being watched."

Anamorphic lens options were running low at Panavision during prep, so England pulled all the glass he could and began projecting and testing to build a set. "Rachel had given me some reference choices," he recounts, "and I used my knowledge from numerous other films. Working with Panavision lens specialist Dan Sasaki, we were able to tune, change coatings, and tweak some mechanics to get great closefocus anamorphic C-series."

Morrison shot many night scenes using spherical glass, employing the mostly older rehoused lenses on occasional day shots, when the flare from the anamorphics didn't

"We shot Super 35 centered anamorphic and simply changed ground glasses to "We used Kodak Wratten gel filters spherical 2.40 as needed to avoid having to carry both Academy and Super-35 bodies," England adds. "As a first assistant, it is also important to me that the lenses are in good mechanical order; adjusting the housing made our lives on set easier for switching

England collaborated with Sasaki in assembling a set of sphericals that would Filming for 2:35 widescreen, Morrison dovetail with the depth of field attained via shot on Panavision Panaflex Millennium anamorphics. "[This entailed] tuning a few





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"WE LOOKED AT A LOT OF LOCATIONS, BUT THE FRANK SINATRA HOUSE SEEMED TO HAVE **JUST THE RIGHT ARCHITECTURE."**

PRODUCTION DESIGNER JAHMIN ASSA

Panavision Vintage and SP primes to give us a relatively low-contrast lens that held resolution well at T1.4," England adds. "We also spaced elements to induce a little more character on the edges of the frame."

Both Morrison and England say their crew - which included A-Camera 2nd AC Natasha "Moneypenny" Mullan; Steadicam operator James Goldman, SOC; B-Camera 1st AC Sarah Brandes and B-Camera 2nd AC Justin Zaffiro - was a special group, though filling the loader slot took time.

"All our usual suspects were busy or moving up, so it was scarce for the loader position," describes England. "Finding someone with experience is a must at this level; the repetition of having emulsion at your fingertips is invaluable. It worked out that Richard Dabbs had great training from his Hawaiian film community and working on Westworld."

calls to run two cameras.

"When it was objective space with longer lenses, we nearly always shot with two cameras," she relates. "We'd try to find elements to shoot through that added complexity to the image. But when we were subjective, I usually went single-camera, since finding a shot that gets you into somebody's head means there's only one eyeline that feels right.

"Shooting single-camera is often very instinctive, leading to a more intimate connection." Morrison continues. "You're dancing with the character, trying to find your way into that unique choreography that best conveys emotion and stakes at any given moment. The operator is the one person on the set who sees the movie in advance. That is one of the million reasons I love to operate."

With Cassavettes' classic study, Opening Night, in mind, Andrews' dialogue with Morrison often centered on finding a visual language to convey Seberg's descent into paranoia.

"The camera is fluid for the first half of the movie - on dollies and Steadicam - but as Jean's world becomes unhinged, we decided on a gradual movement to handheld," Andrews recounts. "The camera loosens up and becomes more visceral. Rachel is one of the best handheld shooters out there – she's intuitive and can dance with the actor."

Morrison notes that, "there's a lot more handheld than you might realize at first because we modulated the effect. It is much more pronounced during moments of extreme emotional distress. We also chose to visualize the paranoia by looking for house, using siders on lights and solids to imbalance, whether it was short-siding a frame or Vaseline on an optical flat so that certain elements aren't sharp or such that side of Seberg than the apartment she

something feels a little 'off' on a subconscious level, even if its hard to identify exactly what it is. As when Jean's being watched, there's often some reflection or glint obscuring the image that keeps you at a remove from her world."

Andrews' and Morrison's approach to explore the voyeurism or surveillance through long lenses and frames within frames was enhanced by Jahmn Assa's approach to the production design. "It was appropriate for the period while also tying into the idea that she was in a fishbowl. We looked at a lot of locations, but the Frank Sinatra house seemed to have just the right architecture," Assa explains, one that buttresses Andrews' intent for "a visual elegance throughout the film, and would match Jean's innate elegance."

At one point, Seberg exits her home and descends into her pool.

"Underwater operator Tom Boyd had an ARRI in a full Hydroflex 435 housing on a fixed Morrison says she was selective with her crane with about 40 feet of track," England reveals. "We would lead Kristen out of the house and down the steps while swinging the crane, then four grips pushed the crane underwater as we continued to track with her swimming. Low-light, standard-def tap, magnification change underwater and no help from a cinetape made for a tough situation all around."

Sustained oners were among the most

memorable shots created at the glass house. "Planning and communication with James Goldman [on Steadicam] were key," England adds. "It was a common dance between us moving around and trying to squeeze through doorways with a lighting technician carrying an LED panel and a boom operator. For many walk-and-talks, [gaffer Jeff Murrell] had ARRI SkyPanel 360s in Condors, [plus] small panels that an electrician would operate like a boom pole. For most of the shoot, I integrated use of the Preston Light Ranger 2. The LR2 is an amazing tool for working fast under pressure, even on film."

Morrison recalls a oner that ran more than 2 ½ minutes.

"The main difficulty was that we were looking in all four directions," she states. "You can plan shots around the sun's position only if you're looking in a single direction, so during that long walkthrough, sooner or later, you wind up being screwed by front light. We had to build up light in the interiors in order to compete with the sunny exterior, visible through the glass. We were also fighting reflections throughout the hide the camera."

The Hollywood home showed a different

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shared with her husband in Paris. "We wanted to feel the sun in Hollywood as a sign of the aspirations associated with show business, but that same sun starts to feel harsh, and beat her down during the second half of the film," Morrison describes. "There's more hard-light and strong highlights in Hollywood than in her Parisian apartment. For the latter, in a perfect world, we'd have gone to Europe and explored exteriors and scope. Knowing we were restricted to an apartment we found here that had a European vibe, it became more about depicting an intellectual kind of opulence. Her husband is an author, so we made that space as much a reflection of his taste as hers."

As Assa recounts: "Seberg and her husband hired Alberto Giacometti's brother Diego to design their French apartment in a very modern style. I had to represent that sensibility, primarily, with artwork and unique pieces of furniture. Sometimes you can't always afford to rent the pieces you want. My set decorator, Christy McIrwin, didn't want to go with choices that we thought were overused rentals, either. We scored a lot of pieces of furniture and set dressing through estate sales – and made our own unique pieces of art work inspired by abstract expressionists like Willem de Kooning."

Other locations included an FBI surveillance center, which differed from the typical look of a federal operation. "I didn't want to do the usual thing of showing 400 offices on a floor, because it sucks up a lot of money to build something like that," Assa explains. "We took an idea from *The Wire*, and made it an underground facility. It felt more subversive, having this hush-hush operation down low – so we found a parking-garage basement in the *L.A. Times* building."

Morrison recalls that the garage, which had been in use as a basketball court, with bright yellows and basketball markings all over the concrete, required considerable repainting.

"Then there was new management, which decided we couldn't do any drilling in the ceiling," she adds. "So, the grip riggers and art department had to work together to find creative solutions by spanning existing points. I was very impressed with Assa and his team and how they came through for us time and again with resourceful solutions on a shoestring budget."

At \$9,000,000, the budget for Seberg was one hundred times that of Breathless. However, nearly sixty years later, Morrison says the film felt very much like an indie. "We had first intended to shoot in Paris and New York, and when it was clear that wouldn't happen, we had to become more

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resourceful," she admits. "Some of the time that is a really good thing, pushing you to think in different ways about the process, instead of making automatic assumptions that take place when working with a higher budget."

One innovation included a CG-rendered period plane from which Seberg is seen disembarking, courtesy of Crafty Apes VFX. Live action for the scene consisted of actors shot outdoors on an aircraft-boarding ramp. Seberg was able to leverage shooting at the Biltmore Hotel for several domestic and international scenes, ranging from a press conference to a room at the FBI and a bar. "We tried to make the Biltmore feel special and unique, beyond its actual standing in Los Angeles," Assa recalls. "Rachel and I worked very hard to make small changes that differentiated those parts of the hotel while giving hints of the different cities where each of these scenes was supposedly taking place."

Morrison says two hotel rooms featured there had vastly different color schemes, which meant they didn't have to repaint, and could concentrate on set dressing and lighting.

"The tricky part was the conference room," she states. "The location was flat due to overhead light, so it had to be a lemons-into-lemonade moment. I wanted to light through these large areas with faux windows but mirrors backed them all. So it became a real challenge to create contrast, which I find helps reflect the stakes in drama, and this is one of the most high-stakes scenes in the whole movie. We wound up bringing a lot of the light from the

second floor – using areas that I think were hotel rooms – turning them into windows with shears in front. That gave us a source on one side, and increased contrast. I also used the strobes from flash photography to draw attention to the psychological stresses she was facing."

For a bar scene, in which the disillusioned agent attempts to give Seberg her FBI file, Morrison strategically blacked out areas of the bar to transform the daylight-shot scene into night and to achieve tones that reflected the scene's tensions.

"I'm a big fan of negative fill," she adds. "I rely on solids to sculpt the image and add contrast in flat surroundings." The film's DI, handled at Efilm by supervising digital colorist Mitch Paulson, was, for Morrison, a streamlined affair. "I always aim to get my dailies as close to the final look as possible," she shares. "You're not messing with any secondaries when you transfer film to dailies, so in the final DI, it's nice to have the time to experiment with things like power windows and vignettes. Mitch had some great suggestions to enhance the imagery without ever feeling like we were reinventing the wheel."

Shortly after wrapping *Seberg*, Morrison gave birth to her second child.

"Rachel's pregnancy during this film was an inspiring event," England remembers. "She had no issue operating handheld and was always the first one to climb into the van or squeeze in a tight space to get a shot. We would do our best to make sure she was comfortable and help out, but she didn't need it. Rachel was in total control throughout."

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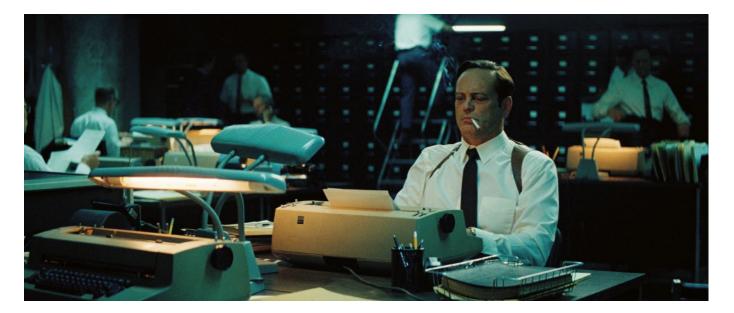
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FROM PUERTO RICO TO ATLANTA, CHICAGO, NEW YORK AND L.A., THIS YEAR'S GROUP OF RISING LOCAL 600 FILMMAKERS HAVE GOT THE INDUSTRY COVERED - IN SO MANY WAYS.

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Omar D. Rivera Abreu and his family were the lucky ones, after Hurricane Maria ripped through Puerto Rico, sparing them serious harm or distress. "A lot of friends and coworkers lost homes and possessions; some lost family members," he shares. "It's really hard to talk about."

Yet filmmaking post-Maria returned soon after the storm. "I was working on *The Oath* Season One and we were right back to work almost a month after," Rivera Abreu remembers. "2018 was of one of our busiest

years."

Keeping the island's film business healthy requires trust in its government and local crews' tenacity.

"We are prepared to shoot in anything," he adds. "If we could make it work post Maria, we can sure make it happen anytime. All who have shot here know this: we are warm-hearted, super hardworking and giving people. You come for the tax incentive, but you stay for the

Rivera Abreu started in sound, earning an AS degree in Recording Arts from Full Sail University in Orlando and a BA degree in Radio Production and Marketing from the University of the Sacred Heart in Santurce, PR, in 2013. He quickly migrated to images, though, initially working as a digital loader.

When DIT Su-Jeng Sang recommended him for *The Vessel*, in 2013, director Julio Quintano and Director of Photography Santiago Benet, SPC, took him on. Rivera Abreu now works mostly on films and TV, recently wrapping a local indie called *Picando Alante* and now working on a YouTube series.

"I'm a geek for all the tech and workflow advancements, but sometimes we get too lost in camera specs and Ks," he laments. "It's all about utilizing the tools we have to further the story. I love taking charge of all the technical details of a project to help my DP and the production just create. I get excited on set for whatever reason – working with a certain DP or actor, or because we accomplished a shot that was an artistic and technical challenge – and I'm reminded of how lucky I am to be doing this job."

Rivera Abreu and fellow Puerto Rican DIT Alex Ramirez are good friends, "even



cover each other when needed. I have called him from set an hour away because I fell ill, and he arrived before the hour ready to work and help. He's a great DIT and crew member."

That kind of collaboration is what got Rivera Abreu hooked, and what makes him appreciate his union. "We are all part of this massive and complex undertaking that takes as much artistry as it does technical knowledge," Rivera Abreu concludes. "When my father died, we were filming Replicas, a Keanu Reeves film, and I will never forget the love and camaraderie my fellow crewmembers showed. It was truly humbling. This was my family away from home. It was so amazing."

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DIGITAL IMAGING TECHNICIAN

YEARS IN GUILD: 6 LOCATION: SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO HOMETOWN: SAN JUAN PORTRAIT BY: LAURA MAGRUDER

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"I've been lucky enough to cross paths with some of the smartest, most creative and inclusive individuals during my journey to publicity," notes Elizabeth Driscoll, who began in the business assisting Producer Jenno Topping.

"I first met Liz when she worked as my on-set assistant in Boston on *The Heat*," Topping recalls. "She literally made it rain every single day. She knew every human in Boston and could do the impossible from locations to restaurants to managing cast."

Driscoll loved the work, but wanted to find a niche of her own, and with mentoring from Topping and Local 600 Unit Publicist Claire Raskind, she settled on publicity.

"Claire selflessly guided me in the right direction and gave me the confidence to follow my passion. With that new confidence, I somehow talked Producer Marc Fischer into giving me a chance, and I never looked back," Driscoll recalls. Her first job as a publicist was on Fischer's *Game Night*, starring Jason Bateman and Rachel McAdams. She's since gone on to work on multiple feature films and is currently working on *The Suicide Squad* sequel.

"Over the years, I've seen her thrive in the productions she has been a part of," Topping adds. The two worked together again on the upcoming original horror trilogy *Fear Street*. While skills like writing and strategizing are crucial to a publicist's success, another valuable skill is building strong, trusting relationships with all kinds of people under all kinds of circumstances. "Everyone who crosses paths with Liz loves her. She has a fantastic energy that both talent and crew on set are instantly

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UNIT PUBLICIST

YEARS IN GUILD: 3 LOCATION: ATLANTA., GA HOMETOWN: BOSTON, MA PORTRAIT BY: JESSICA MIGLIO, SM

drawn to. She is passionate, tireless and has a lovely equanimity to boot," Topping describes.

That's vital, since "publicity is all relationship based," Driscoll states. "The most challenging part is being able to successfully navigate through ever-changing schedules, landscapes and personality types. The most important skill is keeping in constant communication with the cast, studio

and filmmakers."

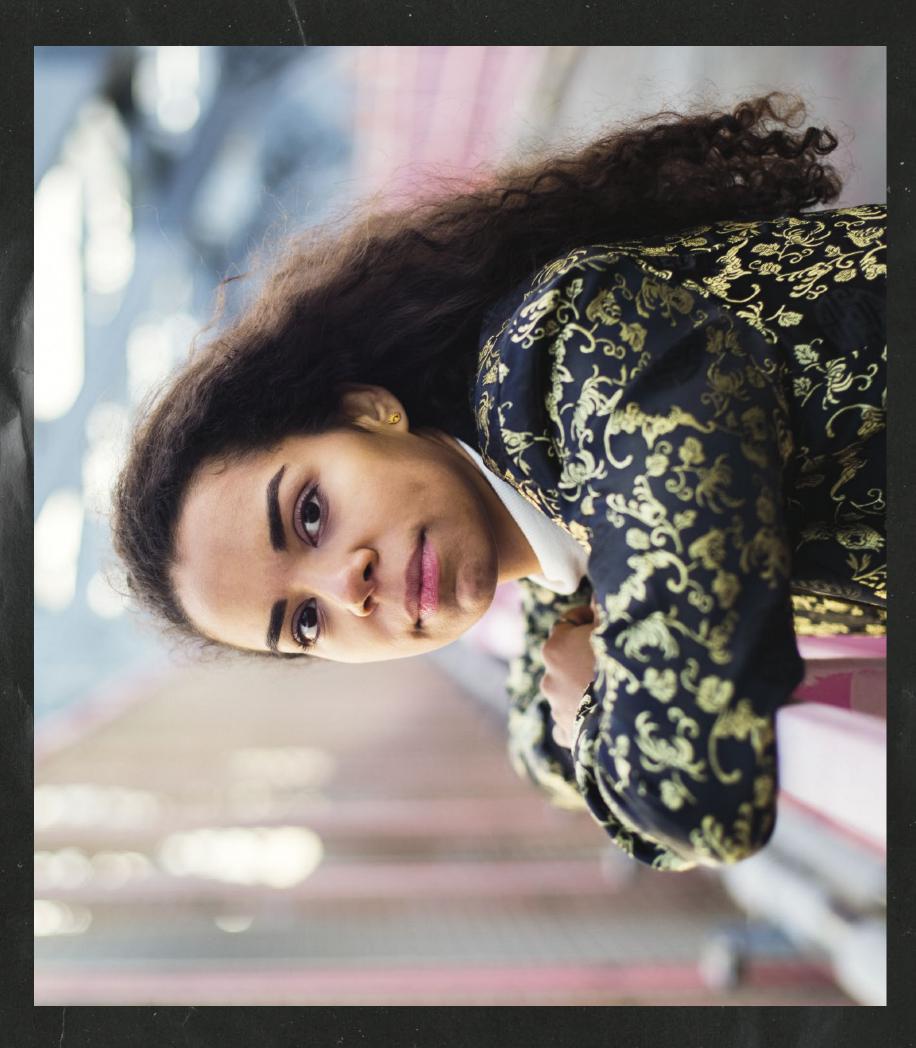
A good sense of humor helps, too, and Driscoll isn't lacking in that department. "I've won 'Most Likely to Trip on Set' every year since 2016," she quips.

Topping also appreciates Driscoll's inventiveness. "Liz brings a creative touch to her role, thinking innovatively about ways to capitalize on behind-the-scenes content to support the films she is working on in their respective releases."

Driscoll, who earned a Bachelor's of Business degree from Stonehill College, in her home state, relishes collaboration with unit still photographers "to create new types of content for social media exposure throughout the making of a film. We are able to build an audience much earlier in the filming process, which is exciting," she asserts. "The collaboration between a unit publicist and still photographer is imperative, and I've been lucky enough to work with the best of the best."

She's also energized by having the opportunity to meet new and inspiring people. "The best part of being based in Atlanta are all the amazing crews," Driscoll says. "My job would be impossible without the help of every single department on a film set."





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DIGITAL IMAGING TECHNICIAN

VEARS IN GUILD: 4 LOCATION: NEW YORK CITY HOMETOWN: NEW YORK CITY PORTRAIT BY: JEONG PARK

"I love being able to bring the coloring suite to the DP on set," says Malika Franklin. "I feel the most creative when the DP asks me to make a cloudy day feel warmer, or dusk to feel like midday. The technology today is always changing, and I love showing the cinematographer the possibilities."

Franklin often dropped in on her father to watch him as the Steadicam operator or director of photography on a variety of films and music videos. By the time Franklin attended the School of Cinematic Arts at USC, she had worked on the Jay-Z video for Run This Town, featuring Rihanna and Kanye West.

She fell in love with color grading at USC after taking a color-correction course and began plying her trade on as many projects as she could. After graduating in 2013, Franklin began working on commercials and music videos. Within a couple of years, she put together her DIT cart. After joining Local 600, she worked as the on-set dailies colorist on the 2016 feature Barry, shot by Guild DP Adam Newport-Berra.

The Union's protections against pay disparity are especially important to Franklin. "I have female friends in other industries that are still struggling today to earn equal pay. As a union member, I know I am rightfully being paid for the position I am in, regardless of my race or gender," she notes.

Working with Director of Photography Autumn Eakin on the set of the 2019 feature Someone Great "was one of the first times as a DIT 1 felt like I had a say in the creative process," Franklin recalls. "Autumn was very open to my input. We worked together in the post house on LUT's for the film before the first shoot date. Then, while on set, I was monitoring and grabbing stills to make sure the look and lighting were consistent."

Eakin describes Franklin as adaptable, thorough and shows the sure the look and lighting and shows the sure the look and lighting were the payone.

enjoyable. "Production hours are long," the cinematographer states. "You need someone who will be just as attentive to detail at

hour one as hour 12. Malika will do that."

Franklin's approach changes from job to job. "There's no one way of being a DIT," she says. "Being a DIT means creating a workflow that works for the show. You have to be flexible and adapt to their needs." Franklin purposely keeps her cart small so she can move easily on set and stay as close to the camera as possible. And perhaps most importantly, she doesn't stay glued to her monitor.

"I like to get up from my DIT cart and see the action," she explains. "I want to see the scene and the lighting with my own eyes. Knowing how it looks in reality can inform how I treat it from my monitor."

As she moves on to new projects – most recently, Season 3 of *The Sinner* with Guild Director of Photography Radium Cheung, HKSC – Franklin is mindful that "a film set can be a stressful place at times," she says, "but at the end of the day we are making art and we should have fun."

Jessica Hershatter can attest. She says she wantee to work in film but was unsure about which role would be the best fit. Her first professional gig was as an intern on the film Project X. "That job," Hershatter describes, "was a great introduction to how a professionally "run set should operate, and a glimpse into the indifferent functions of each department."

Once she joined camera, Hershatter knew she had found her home and has honed her skills over time. Recently, she added drones to her skill set and earned an FAA section 107 sUAS pilot's license. "It's challenging to learn a completely new skillset and having the chance to do something outside of my comfort zone," she says. Drones allow productions of any size vand budget to increase their production value and budget to increase their budget budget

which shoot in and around Georgia's capital, now a booming production city – but, she wonders, for how long? "Recent legislation has negatively impacted both the film industry here and the state as awhole," Hershatter comments." I believe the appropriate response from our industry should not be to abandon Georgia and move production elsewhere, but rather to stay and fight – and continue to make this state a better place to work and live. We have a ton of extremely talented locals who have been here from the beginning and are among the best at what they do. They make indispensable department heads and additions to crews."

An Atlanta native, Hershatter began working on independent films immediately after graduating summa cum laude from Emory University, in 2011. Shortly thereafter the industry in Georgia exploded, and she was able to transition to bigger projects with the help of some "very patient and generous Local 600 members," she smiles. She officially made the jump to 1st AC on IFC's Stan Against Evil before joining the Stranger Things crew.

"I find that sometimes our industry breeds and empowers the loudest, meanest voices," relates Stan Against Evil Director of Photography Timothy A. Burton. "Jessica's work on set feels effortless. Her humility is inspiring. She's the kind of person our industry needs. She's a shining star of the kind of talent that should lead us forward. I have no doubt she will be an awesome DP soon enough."

Hershatter's most recent project was Amazing Stories, a reboot of Steven Spielberg's TV series from the 1980s and new original content from the Apple TV+ streaming service.

"I'm proud to be a female in a historically male-dominated position, I'm proud to be an Atlantan, and I'm proud to work in an industry does," Hershatter declares. "I'm industry does in nearest locan't male-dominated position, the service in th

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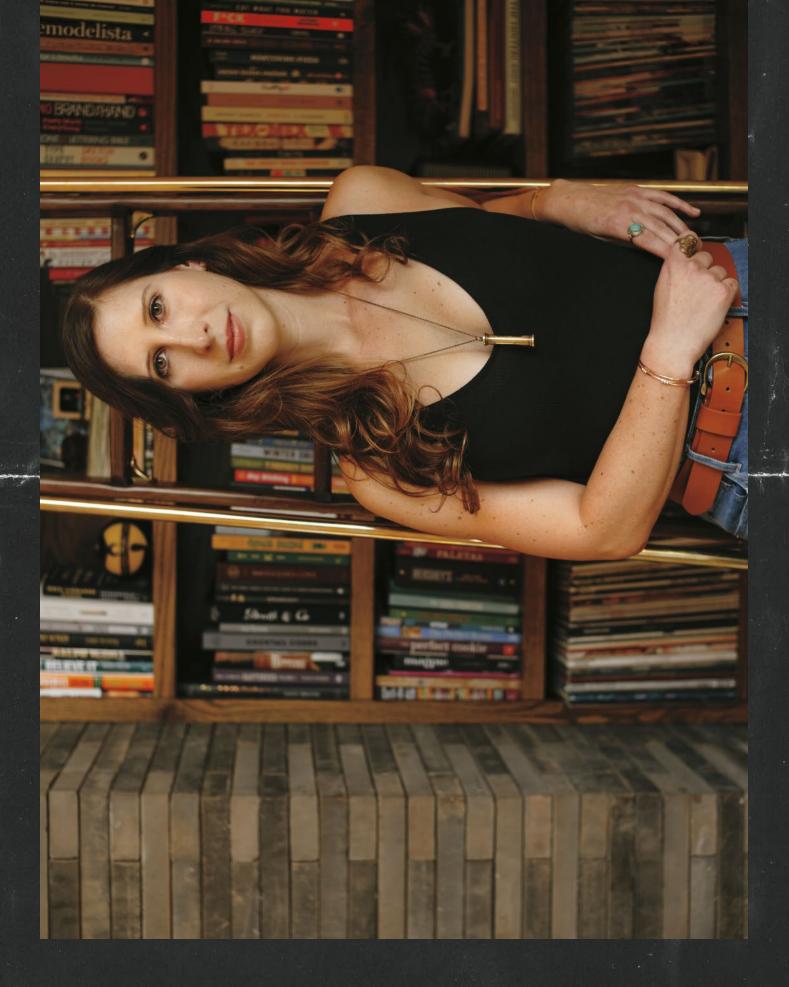
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DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY YEARS IN GUILD: 4 LOCATION: WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA HOMETOWN: PONCE, PUERTO RICO PORTRAIT BY: ELISABETH CAREN

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Like any cinematographer, Rafael Leyva, a former still photographer, is concerned with how things look. But he's also keenly aware of how the look of things creates narrative and emotion. "Since I can remember, I've always had a profound connection with movies and their psychological impact on an audience," Leyva says. "I'm interested in how shadows, colors and movement off the camera help craft a story. The first question that goes through my head gwhen I step on a set and observe the blocking for the first time is, "Where do I want my shadows?" It's the best feeling. It never gets old."

When he was starting as a still yphotographer, Leyva studied the work of others. "Shooting stills for the top commercial directors and DP's of the world and hanging out on studio backlots became my schooling." he remembers. "This opened the road for me as an operator, and it's how I met my mentors."

One such mentor is longtime Guild member Andy Romanoff, ASC, who introduced Leyva to Panavision in 2008. In 2012, Leyva shot the feature Demented, his first professional credit as a director of photography. He has since lensed projects for SONY Pictures, Nefflix, FOX, NBC, Lifetime and Syfy. His proudest moment so far came on 2017's The Last Mampage, directed by DGA member Dwight Little.

"I had full control as the t

cinematographer and got the look I wanted," Leyva recalls. "Dwight trusts me and always pushes the envelope. He lets me mold the blocking in favor of lighting and camera, and he's super understanding when it comes to alternative compositions."

Little says Leyva is "able to see the director's vision and then improve on it. He has a steady hand and does not panic or get frustrated. He sees the shot and gets it done artistically. He also has a deep knowledge of the technical side of his craft in both film and digital."

Leyva prefers working in film, shooting roughly half of his projects each year in that medium. And he's grateful that Netflix and HBO, among others, encourage the practice.

"It's frustrating that when we shoot digital there's less prep," Leyva says. It bothers him that a digital set sometimes encourages a "keep rolling" approach.

"If they shoot the rehearsal, it's not a rehearsal. By shooting on film, we restore discipline on set."

Leyva is currently on location for an MGM pilot and will be gearing up shortly for *The Foster Ranch*, a sci-fi thriller he calls."

To those still seeking their dream projects, Leyva offers this advice: "Find your style, your signature. Learn the discipline of film and find a director you can grow with. Be a leader and always think safety first."

rice mix or artistry and activism that's possible in infimitating for the work of the business. "I'm very invested in social activism, but because we work in this industry, there's not always cut a lot of time to be an activist on the streets," Ng explains. "I've Av been lucky enough to find work that has filled the role of activism is I seek. I'm selective of projects that are telling a story that needs repto be told, standing up for rights I believe in or highlighting an wounderrepresented community. My craft allows me to be able to grhelp tell those stories."

That's why when Oscar-nominated cinematographer Bradford Young, ASC, contacted her about operating B-Camera sh for Ava DuVernay's limited Netflix series, When They See Us, Ng op jumped at the chance.

"I'm a New Yorker and I knew the Exonerated 5 story needed with be retold – and I wanted to withess Ava's work," Ng explains. "She and Brad are both about fostering artistry. They're really mit in touch with the actors and the technicians. Brad keeps it

cues. Most days allowed room for creative improve because or cause. Most days allowed room for creative improve because or sources. Most days allowed room for creative improve because or is a collaborative process for her. I was free to find things," Ng recalls. "We'd do coverage of the room, and eventually Ava and I 20 are support where she'd look at me and say, 'That was or great, give me something else!' There are times when I would we provide ten angles for a scene."

Ng describes operating as a "tough job," and in many cases, consultant or stating on a 25 and locking it off. There is something great operator, putting on a 25 and locking it off. There is something great be said about being creative in the operator role. Working with Brad and Ava was freeing. I felt challenged, and heard in a brake way that I rarely am as a queer Asian female operator in a white the male-dominated industry."

intention set her apart from many others, and I'm very excited about her work. Her technical proficiency coupled with her creative connection to the story makes Christine an artist to

After graduating from NYU's Tisch School with a BFA in 2007, Ng worked at Park Pictures, until she left to pursue sinematography. "The connections I made at NYU and Park were amazing," Ng says. "Being around people like Lance Acord [ASC] and Ellen Kuras [ASC] was so inspirational, and being considered not just a kid, but an actual operator, was great for my confidence. It was such an inclusive community where I could grow and learn."

Today Ng balances commercials with documentary work, a bringing a vérité style to both. "When you're holding the camera, the way you lens something is so affecting, the audience is experiencing the world the way you are," she concludes. "That's so special and specific."

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VEARS IN GUILD: 7 LOCATION: NEW YORK CITY N: HONG KONG AND QUEENS, NEW YORK PORTRAIT BY: JEONG PARK





bag loading the film into a magazine," recalls Erica Parise of her early days in the industry. "There's something so humbling, watching your film get developed and seeing how the natural light leaks while using your film get developed and seeing how the natural light leaks while using your hands to physically create something so vulnerable."

Parise started in location work, and the transition to photographer was fairly organic given her Bachelor's degree in Fine Art with a focus in photography and film from the Massachusetts College of Art in Boston. "I now find creative engagement in making each shot my own and exploring how a still image can best capture the singular moment of a scene in motion," she explains.

Jennifer Eckstein, a freelance photo editor and manager, says Parise always gets what's needed "and dosen't let you know how hard it was to get. She can figure out every problem by herself and foresees those you didn't. Erica is a complete pleasure to work with."

Human instincts and emotional awareness are the skills Parise relies on most.

"Still photographers can seem like outsiders who suddenly appear for a day or two before magically disappearing again," she laughs. "For me and all of my talented contemporaries, we care deeply about capturing the creative spirit of the show without interfering in the chemistry of that particular set. I naturally change how I shoot given the vibe on set and the genre. I'm looking at how the cinematographer is shooting and translating that into my work."

Last year, Parise shot stills on Season 1 of Kidding, starring Jim Carrey, Catherine Keener, and Frank Langella and directed by Michel Gondry. "It was a huge honor to join such an incredible team of people I've admired my entire

life," she recalls. Earlier this year, when her daughter was four months old, Parise got a call to shoot for the final 2 episodes of *Homeland*.

"While I have guilt about being away from her this early, I've also prioritized modeling for her what a working mother looks like," Parise explains. "One of the main challenges is that I'm exclusively breastfeeding. There are legal protections for breastfeeding mothers, but regardless, Production has been amazingly accommodating. Still, I've had to get used to pumping in my car, on set, in random rooms on location, and, when ever possible, within the luxury of a trailer at basecamp. The best days are when my husband, Alex, comes to set with Lucia, and I can spend time nursing her during lunch."

No matter where she's working, Parise never ceases "to be amazed by the complex machine that is a well-orchestrated film set – all these incredibly talented creators and artists putting their heart into realizing a unified vision," she says. "Sometimes in the grips – no pun intended – of one's challenges in life and on set it can bo

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YEARS IN GUILD: 7 LOCATION: SILVER LAKE, CA HOMETOWN: LAWRENCE, NY PORTRAIT BY: ALI GOLDSTEIN

In Kai Saul's hands, the camera feels like an instrument. For the classically trained violinist, this has led to an instinctual understanding of how to master it.

"Picking up an old ARRIFLEX 16S camera for the first time was like being struck by lighting," Saul says. That was as an undergraduate music major at Dartmouth, where he'd been asked to score several student films and found himself on set. He knew little about cameras but instantly perceived that it was another conduit of artistic expression, like the violin or other instruments he grew up playing.

"That's how I found my way around the ARRIFLEX: like learning a new musical instrument, which I'd done countless times."

He consumed the works of Andrei Tarkovsky, Ingmar Bergman, and Michelangelo Antonioni and began shooting his own experimental films. After graduating with a BA in music, Saul entered the MFA program in Cinematography at Chapman University, graduating in 2012.

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YEARS IN GUILD: 3 LOCATION: LOS ANGELES, CA HOMETOWN: PHILOMATH, OR PORTRAIT BY: ELISABETH CAREN

He then tried to get work with one of his mentors – Denis Maloney, ASC – with whom he'd worked as 2nd AC on several features in film school. But in one of the most important events of Saul's career, Maloney turned him down because he knew Saul wanted to become a cinematographer. He said the only way was to get out

and shoot.

"That rejection was the best advice I've ever received, because it forced me to get creative with my survival and future of my career," Saul reflects. After that, he began shooting "almost anything and everything."

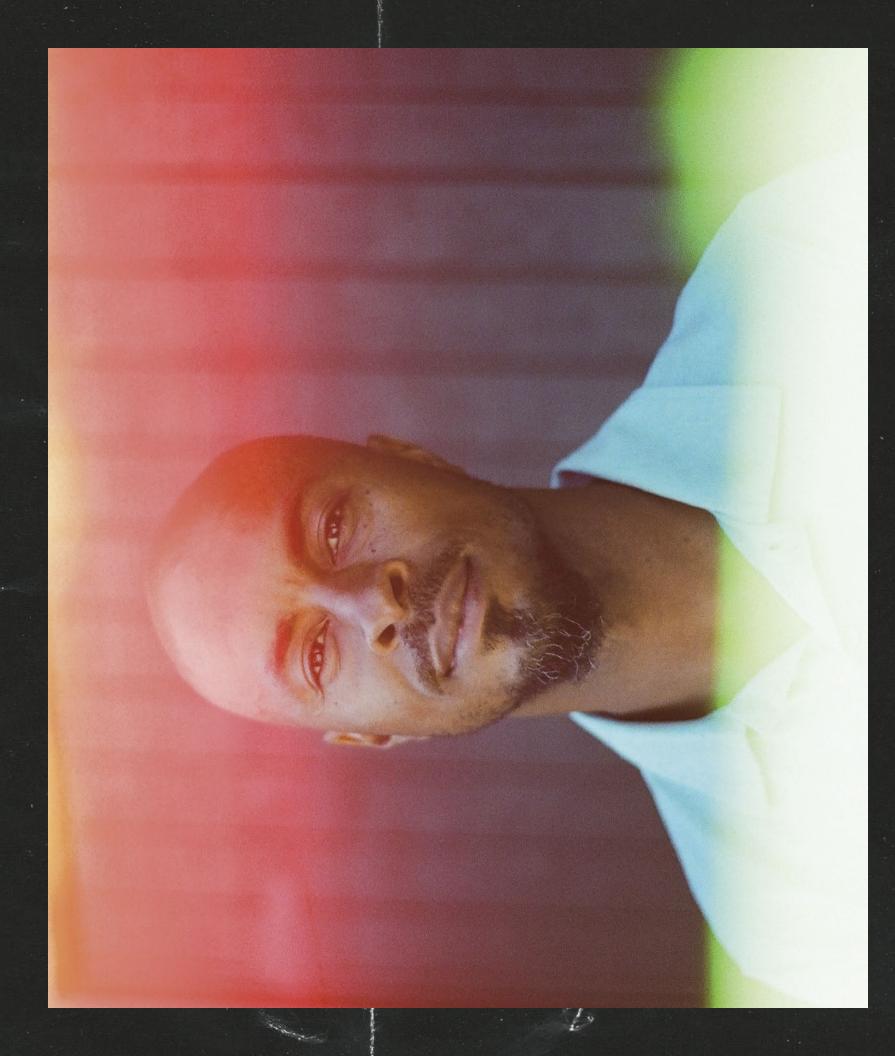
Though he'd originally fallen in love with the camera, it was the thrill of collaboration – with musicians, designers, or other passionate filmmakers – that convinced Saul cinematography was the right path. He went on to lens an official Sundance selection – 2018's Home Shopper, which was nominated for the short film Grand Jury Prize – and several other prizewinners at the Los Angeles Music Video Festival, the Berlin Flash Film Festival, and the Austin Film Festival.

"Kai's not only a true artist but a wonderful collaborator," says Dev Patel, Home Shopper's director. "He was totally in the trenches with me throughout the process. He has that rare ability to turn the mundane into magical. We should rename him 'Kind Soul' because he truly is an extraordinary human."

Saul recently finished principal photography on his first feature, Flinch, a thriller directed by Cameron Van Hoy, and regularly shoots commercials and music videos. Through it all, Saul has preserved the habits of a trained musician, especially when it comes to preparation.

"Prep time is free – the hourglass hasn't turned over yet," he says. "In preproduction, you can change your mind, sleep on ideas, or spend time revisiting your references and inspirations. But once you're on set and the clock is ticking, the worst thing you can do is to second-guess yourself. If you rely on your pest more trust your instincts, you'll be free to do your best work."





During Jeremiah Smith's career, he's confronted a certain kind of reality on shows such as American Ninja Warrior, Pimp My Ride, Extreme Makeover Home Edition and Temptation Island Reunion.

And then there was the other reality that helped him remember what was important to him, and why his career behind the camera is something he's grateful to have.

"I was filming in India for a Discovery Channel show," Smith relates. "On the drive to visit an orphanage, seeing such poverty in the streets and poor living conditions was a complete culture shock. But many people I met had the biggest

hearts and would offer their last of something to comfort another. That put a lot of things into perspective. It taught me about the power of gratitude and giving as well as being present."

A sense of amusement pervades the stories Smith tells about himself, especially about his first job: as a camera assistant on a music video. "I had no clue what to do when I grabbed a prime lens out of the case," he laughs. "I removed both caps and nonchalantly carried it across the room as if I were carrying a mutfin. Needless to say, the camera op and AC were not happy."

a kid shooting his friends' rap album covers, headshots, and music videos to his first job as a cinematographer. His stops included a 2003 internship in MTV's Development department during his final semester at Cal State Dominquez Hills. That's where he read the pitch for *Pimp My Ride* and a year later became a P.A. on the show. He moved on to producing rough cuts for the AE's, then to promotions and field producer, producer, and finally to director of photography.

This breadth of experience and readiness for anything formed Smith's credo: "Observe. Adapt. Deliver." He plans for the best and is ready for the worst. "Your instincts

may be the greatest, but if that fresh brick crashes in the middle of a slow-motion finish-line shot, you can't play back those instincts."

Rick Hurvitz met Smith while executive producing Pimp My Ride. Smith is a "devestatingly good shooter," Hurvitz states. "He thinks like a producer-director-editor when he's shooting because he has that experience from starting down that road."

Yet it hasn't been easy. "He had to smash through the invisible color barrier, which can permeate Hollywood," Hurvitz admits. "To his credit, he never complained. He just kept at it and rose to

tremendous heights."

Timing, and the variety of ways a plan can change as it happens in real time, bring ongoing joy and mystery for Smith. "We may get a few runs, I may figure out where most of the action takes place, and that's when I can have fun and get tight shots," he offers. "But I'm always ready to pull out wide if something goes wrong."

The reality of his work – shooting a reality that often resists plans – yields, for Smith, sublime moments that make it worth the work and chaos.

"I like catching truly authentic moments from real people," he concludes. "It's humbling."

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DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY
YEARS IN GUILD: 5
LOCATION: LOS ANGELES, CA
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PORTRAIT BY: TIFFANY ROOHANI

Hunter Whalen is a practical man, as might be f expected of one of the most in-demand focus pullers in Chicago. From where he stands, a problems on the set are never theoretical.

"The snow and cold can be very rough," he says of shooting in his native state. "You learn a lot of tricks and spend a lot of time finding the best weather gear."

Whalen is also grateful for his Guild the membership, which he says provides rinsurance for his family and the opportunity to collaborate with highly trained filmmakers, to sepecially on projects in and near the Windy City. That's led to a wide variety of shows, including Chicago Fire, The Boss, Fargo, "Empire and Proven Innocent. He recently

finished a gig on the *Candyman* crew.

"I love the city of Chicago and our crews around here," he says. "We get to work with people from all over because we're right in the middle of the country, and I think that makes us better for it."

Though he has plenty of things to brag about, Whalen stays humble and connected to his roots. When asked about the recognition he's earned, the first thing that comes to his mind is becoming the February 1998 employee of the month at the Dairy Queen in Sherman, IL!

It was a fascination with making movies, "specifically the process of how it was done," Whalen says, that drew him toward pursuing

film as a career. He broke into the business on small jobs, while earning his Bachelor's degree in film from Columbia College.

"I thought of working in a few different roles, but ultimately I wanted to work around other people and in different places more than sitting at a desk," Whalen remembers. That's when he learned to study everyone he worked with, how they did their jobs and where their ideas came from. Turned out that camera was his favorite department, and after graduation, he earned a chance to work on *Chicago Fire*, where he bumped up from 2nd to 1st AC on extra camera days.

"It was a lot of long lenses and a lot of a action," he remembers. "My first real test."

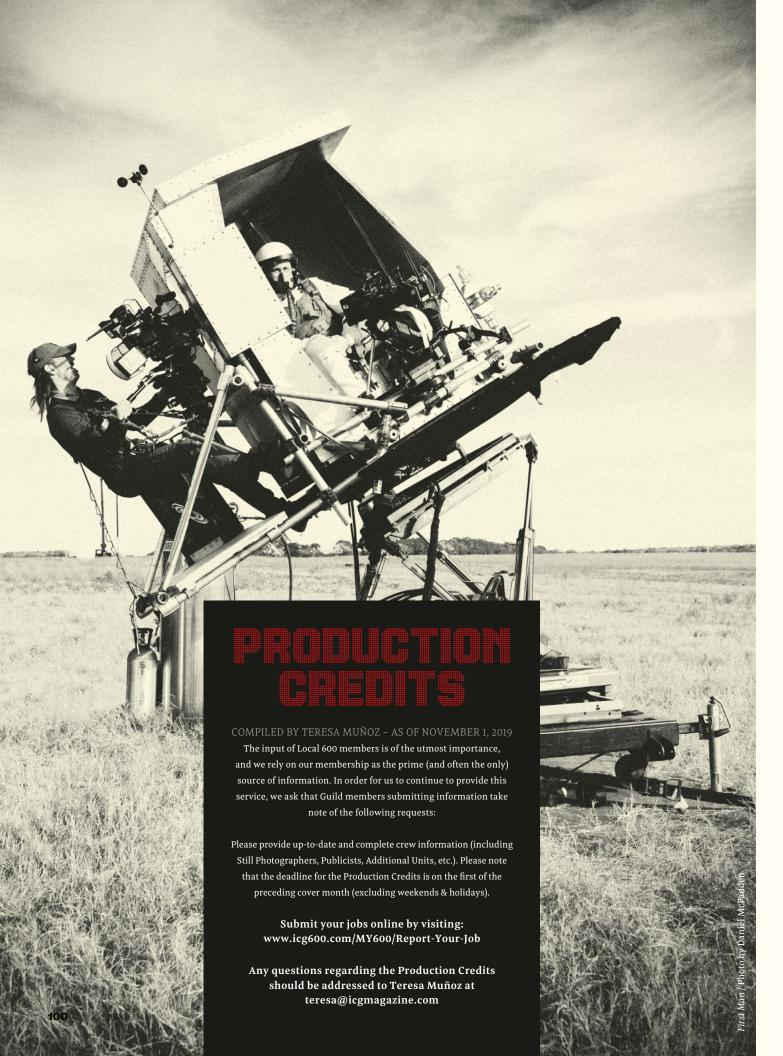
Today Whalen keeps his approach to the work grounded and technical. He jokes about having a hard time remembering the previous week, but the immediate future is never in doubt, at least on the set.

"It's important to always be looking ahead to see what's coming next, so that no one's waiting on you to do your job," he concludes. Chicago-based Director of Photography Andrew Wehde (*First Look*, page 26) says that having Whalen around on set always makes the day better. "Hunter is one of the kindest individuals I have worked with," Wehde describes. "His technical knowledge and ability to hit focus consistently all day make him an asset to any project."

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YEARS IN GUILD: 11
LOCATION: CHICAGO, 11
HOMETOWN: WILLIAMSVILLE, IL
PORTRAIT BY: PARRISH LEWIS





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DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY: JOAQUÍN SEDILLO, ASC OPERATORS: CONNOR O'BRIEN, DUANE MIELIWOCKI, SOC, PHIL MILLER, SOC ASSISTANTS: KEN LITTLE, CLAUDIO BANKS, ERIC GUERIN, DAVID STELLHORN, MAX MACAT, JIHANE MRAD STEADICAM OPERATOR: CONNOR O'BRIEN STEADICAM ASSISTANT: KEN LITTLE CAMERA UTILITY: PAULINA GOMEZ DIGITAL UTILITY: JOSHUA SMITH

"911: LOAN STAR" SEASON 1

DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY: ANDY STRAHORN OPERATORS: BRICE REID, JOE BRODERICK, DEAN MORIN ASSISTANTS: JAMES RYDINGS, KAORU ISHIZUKA, CARLOS DOERR, RON ELLIOT, MATTHEW KING, KELLY MITCHELL STEADICAM OPERATOR: BRICE REID STEADICAM ASSISTANT: JAMES RYDINGS DIGITAL IMAGING TECH: PETER RUSS LOADER: JOE PACELLA DIGITAL UTILITY: BASSEM BALAA TECHNOCRANE OPERATORS: CHAD ESHBAUGH, NAZARIY HATAK TECHNOCRANE TECH: BRIAN LOVE REMOTE HEAD TECH/OPERATOR: JAY SHEVECK

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"FRESH OFF THE BOAT" SEASON 6

DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY: GREG MATTHEWS OPERATORS: JOEY MORENA, ADAM KOLKMAN ASSISTANTS: RAY DIER, TOMOKA IZUMI, CHRISTIAN COBB, AJIRI AKPOLO STEADICAM OPERATOR: JOEY MORENA CAMERA UTILITY: LESLIE KOLTER

"LAST MAN STANDING" SEASON 8

DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY: DONALD A. MORGAN, ASC OPERATORS: GARY ALLEN, RANDY BAER, DAMIAN DELLA SANTINA, JOHN BOYD ASSISTANTS: MISSY TOY-OZEAS, SEAN ASKINS, CAMERA UTILITIES: JOHN WEISS, STEVE MASIAS DIGITAL IMAGING TECH: VON THOMAS

"LOVE, SIMON" SEASON 1

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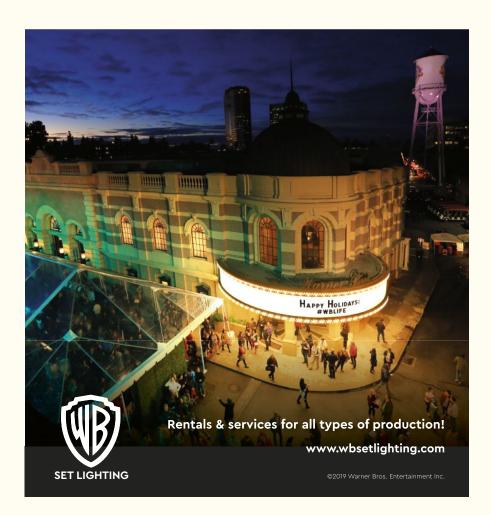
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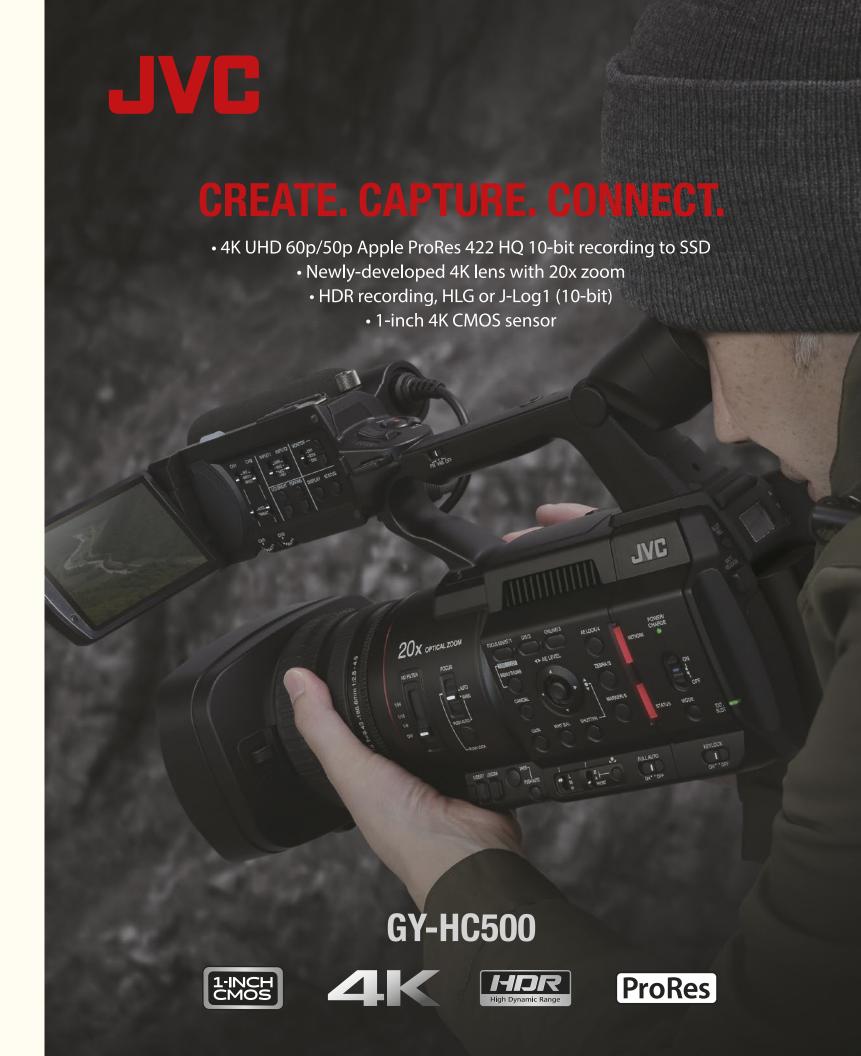
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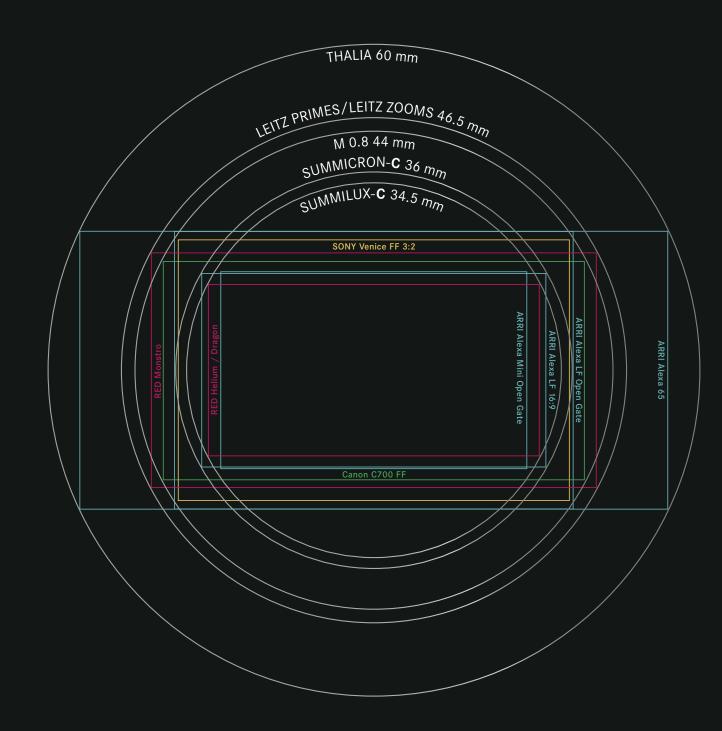
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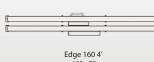


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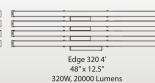




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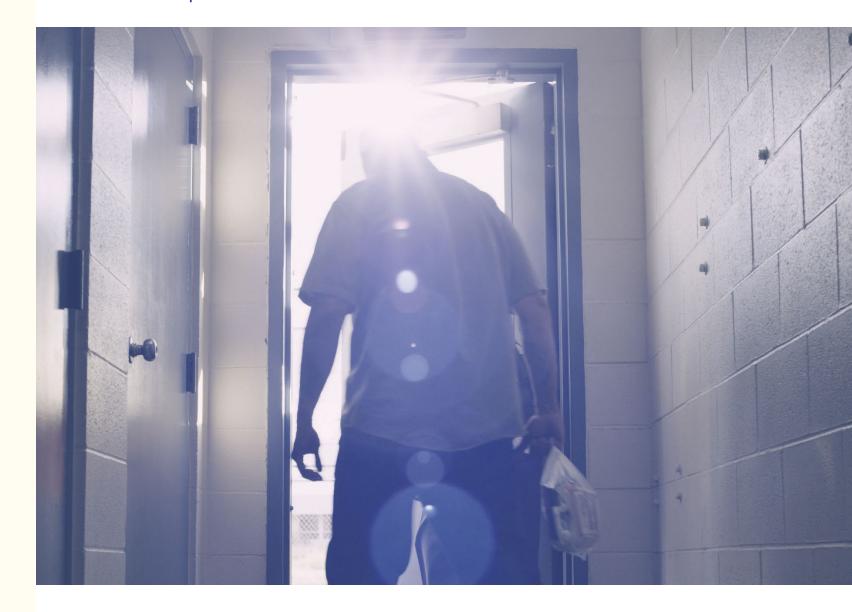
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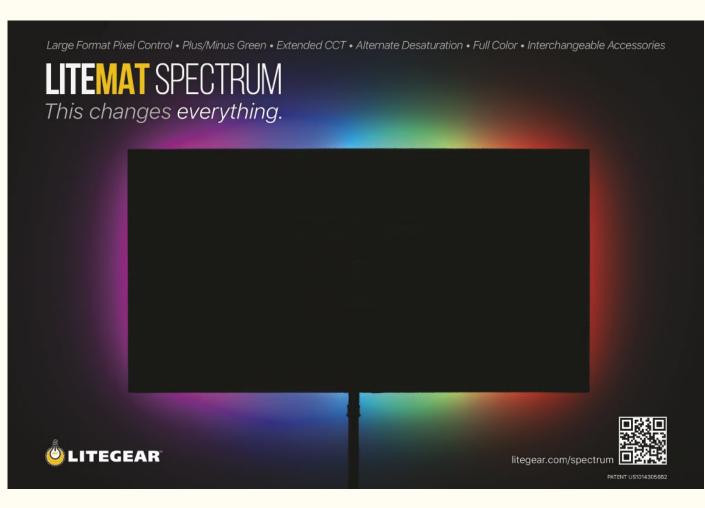
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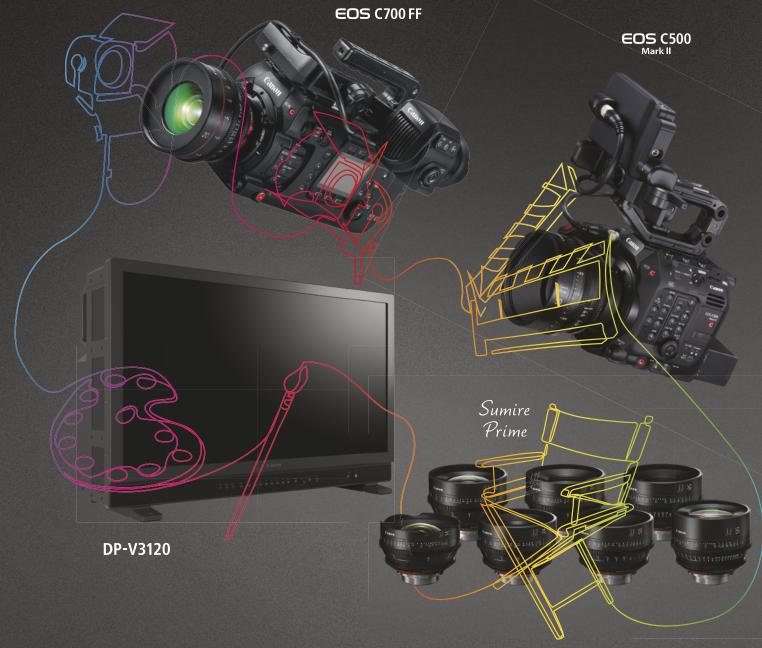
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There is a saying: "Luck happens when opportunity meets preparation." For this image of Saoirse Ronan, we hadn't been shooting for more than an hour; I did not know any of the actors yet, and I knew only a handful of the crew. It happened between filming, when some of my favorite images are made. I wasn't on my phone, talking with other crewmembers, or at craft service – I was in the right place at the right time, watching. Later, when Saoirse saw the photo, she remarked that even though she was looking right at me, she somehow did not notice that I was taking a picture. I love how honest, strong, and determined she appears. Those are all traits that her character, Jo March, possesses, and, perhaps, why she was a perfect choice for the role.





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