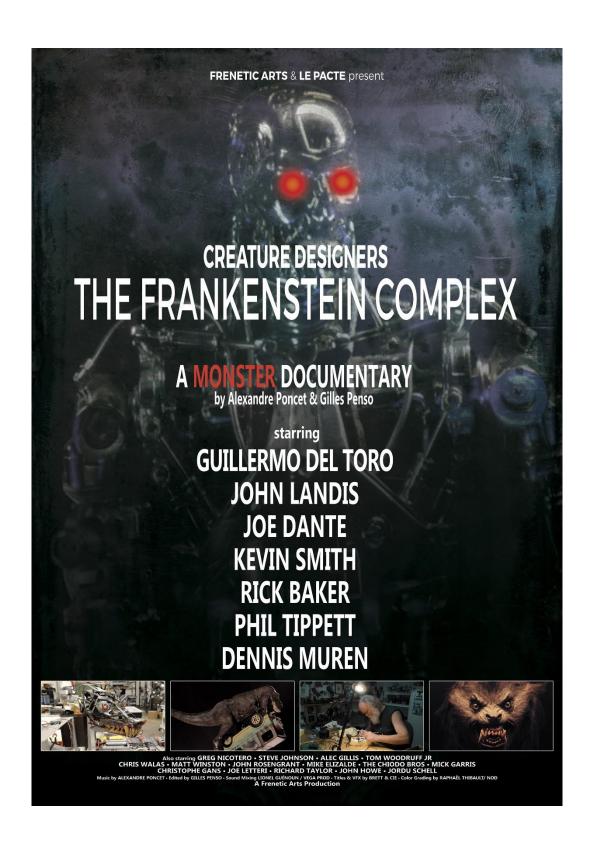
# CREATURE DESIGNERS: THE FRANKENSTEIN COMPLEX

A film by Alexandre Poncet and Gilles Penso



Production country: France	Production year: 2015
Original Title: Le Complexe de Frankenstein	Language: English, French
Duration: 104 minutes	HD - Flat – color – 5.1
Documentary by Alexandre Poncet and Gilles Penso	

# **SYNOPSIS**

Movie creatures have never been as popular as they are today! Yet the art of creating monsters for the big screen is as old as cinema itself... From early experiments with apes and dinosaurs to the birth of special make-up effects, from the pinnacle of animatronics to the digital revolution, **Creature Designers: The Frankenstein Complex** explores a century of human imagination, cinematic thrills and wonders.

Based on interviews of all the greatest artists in the genre and hours of exclusive footage from classics like **Gremlins**, **The Abyss**, **Terminator 2**, **Jurassic Park**, **Starship Troopers**, **Spider-Man 2**..., the documentary focuses on the stunning relationship between the creatures and their makers: like modern Frankensteins, special effects wizards create life out of raw material, art and complex machinery.

#### **BIOGRAPHIES AND FILMOGRAPHIES OF THE DIRECTORS**

#### **Gilles PENSO**

Co-Director, Editor

As a movie critic and a film historian, Gilles Penso has specialized in fantasy and special effects. He has worked on many magazines such as SonoVision, L'Ecran fantastique and the French SFX. In 2003, he has published a book about Stop Motion. He started making documentaries in 2002, notably portraying famous French comedians. In 2012, he directed *Ray Harryhausen Special Effects Titan*, which was critically acclaimed all over the world. *Creature Designers: The Frankenstein Complex* is his fifth documentary as a director.

2015 - Creature Designers: The Frankenstein Complex (documentary) (co-director, editor)

2014 - Dossier Paranormal (TV show) (Art Director)

2013 - Derrière le masque des super-héros (documentary) (director, editor)

2012 - Ray Harryhausen - Special Effects Titan (documentary) (director, editor)

2007 - On a tous grandi avec Louis de Funès (documentary) (director)

2002 - Les Bronzés, le Père-Noël, Papy et les autres (documentary) (director)

### **Alexandre PONCET**

Co-Director, Producer, Composer

As a movie critic, Alexandre Poncet has worked on the cult French magazine Mad Movies. He has co-founded the Production Company Frenetic Arts and co-created the website Freneticarts.com. He has produced and directed the TV show The Incredible Horror Show and the webseries *Le Cinéma vu par Dédo*. In 2012, he has produced *Ray Harryhausen Special Effects Titan*, directed by Gilles Penso. *Creature Designers: The Frankenstein Complex* is his first documentary as a director. He has also scored the picture, as well as a few documentaries and short movies, such as *A Better World* and *Last Door South* by Sacha Feiner.

2015 - Creature Designers: The Frankenstein Complex (documentary) (co-director, composer, producer)

2015 - "Love Me Like You Hate Me" (Music Video) (director, editor)

2015 - Last Door South (short movie) (composer)

2013 - Derrière le masque des super-héros (documentary) (composer)

2012 - Ray Harryhausen - Special Effects Titan (documentary) (composer, producer)

2012 - A Better World (short movie) (composer)

2008 - 2015 - Le Cinéma vu par Dédo (web-series) (director, editor, producer)

2008 - 2009 - The Incredible Horror Show (TV Show) (director, editor, producer)

# **CAST**

Guillermo Del Toro, Joe Dante, John Landis, Kevin Smith, Phil Tippett, Dennis Muren, Rick Baker, Greg Nicotero, Chris Walas, Steve Johnson, John Rosengrant, Richard Taylor, Alec Gillis & Tom Woodruff Jr., Mike Elizalde, Matt Winston, Joe Letteri, John Howe, the Chiodo Brothers, Steve "Spaz" Williams, Hal Hickel, Dave Clayton, Ed Neumeier, Mick Garris, Christophe Gans, Jordu Schell

As Themselves

## **CREW**

**Director** Alexandre Poncet and Gilles Penso **Screenplay** Alexandre Poncet and Gilles Penso

Art Director
Editing
Gilles Penso

Sound mixing
Music
Produced by
Producer
Laurent Brett
Gilles Penso
Lionel Guenoun
Alexandre Poncet
Frenetic Arts
Alexandre Poncet

Associate Producers Nathanael Bouton-Drouard, Johann Garcia, Gilles

Penso, Tala Selhami

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