

**CREATURE DESIGNERS:
THE FRANKENSTEIN COMPLEX**
A film by Alexandre Poncet and Gilles Penso

FRENETIC ARTS & LE PACTE present

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THE FRANKENSTEIN COMPLEX

A **MONSTER** DOCUMENTARY
by Alexandre Poncet & Gilles Penso

starring

**GUILLERMO DEL TORO
JOHN LANDIS
JOE DANTE
KEVIN SMITH
RICK BAKER
PHIL TIPPETT
DENNIS MUREN**



Also starring GREG NICOTERO • STEVE JOHNSON • ALEC GILLIS • TOM WOODRUFF JR
CHRIS WALAS • MATT WINSTON • JOHN ROSEGRANT • MIKE ELIZALDE • THE CHIODO BROS • MICK GARRIS
CHRISTOPHE GANS • JOE LETTERI • RICHARD TAYLOR • JOHN HOWE • JORDU SCHELL
Music by ALEXANDRE PONCET • Edited by GILLES PENSO • Sound Mixing LIONEL GUÉNOUN / VEGA PROD • Titles & VFX by BRETT & CIE • Color Grading by RAPHAËL THIBAUT/ NOD
A Frenetic Arts Production

Production country: France

Production year: 2015

Original Title: Le Complexe de Frankenstein

Language: English, French

Duration: 104 minutes

HD - Flat – color – 5.1

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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'Écran 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	Laurent Brett
Editing	Gilles Penso
Sound mixing	Lionel Guenoun
Music	Alexandre Poncet
Produced by	Frenetic Arts
Producer	Alexandre Poncet
Associate Producers	Nathanael Bouton-Drouard, Johann Garcia, Gilles Penso, Tala Selhami
French distribution, video and international sales	LE PACTE