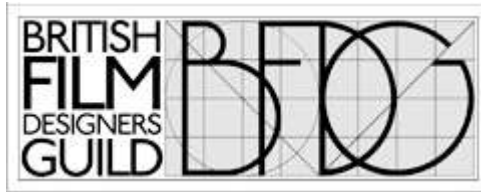


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Please find the latest news from “The British Film Designers Guild” (BFDG). The Guild is very proud to announce the winners of this year’s awards for BEST FILM, LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT & SPOTLIGHT ON YOUNG TALENT.

BEST FILM – “Captain Philips”

PRODUCTION DESIGNER PAUL KIRBY,

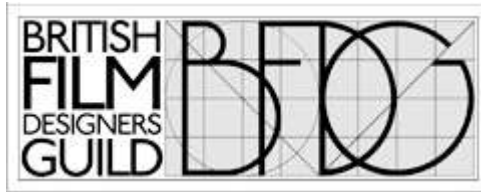
Paul Kirby has worked on a number of films including Captain America, The Phantom of the Opera, Die Another Day and Fifth Element. This award was presented to Paul Kirby in his role as Production Designer and his team of Art Directors and Set Decorators for their outstanding work on “Captain Philips”

Set Decorator Dominic Capon (UK) & Larry Dias (USA), Supervising Art Director Peter Russell, Art Director Charlo Dalli (Malta), Aziz Hamichi (Morocco), Susan Whitaker (UK), Paul Richards & Ray Pumillia (USA)

*At the awards Paul said “**Captain Phillips is not the sort of film where the design is front and centre, so I am delighted that the Guild should recognise the hard work and effort that we put in as a team. At the ceremony, it was humbling to stand before some elder statesmen of this industry, like Peter Lamont, Alan Cassie, Alan Tomkins among many others. Great figures that I admired when starting out in this adventure of a career. How lovely to share the award with fellow Guild members**“*

Honourable mention for best film – “Gravity” Production designer Andrew Nicholson,
Supervising Art Director Mark Scruton

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LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT, joint winners Leslie Tomkins & Martin Ashbury

Leslie Tomkins (Senior Art Director) & Martin Ashbury (Story Board Artist) have jointly spent over 70 years working in the British film industry. Their creativity and artistic skills have helped shape the visual experience for generations of film goers around the world inspiring and encouraging many new entrants to find work within the Art Department. Their achievements and skills can be seen in influential and cult films such as “The Shining”, ”Alien”, “Labyrinth” ”Troy”, “Harry Potter”, “Sleepy Hollow” and countless others too numerous to mention here. Their outstanding contribution, continued success and passion towards the art of the movie has been recognised by the Guild and its members.

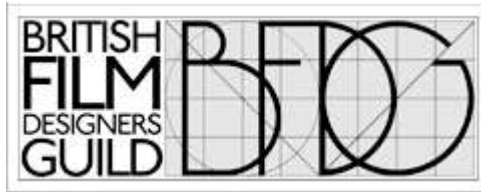
SPOTLIGHT ON YOUNG TALENT, Liam Georgensen

In comparison to the other Guild winners Liam is a relative new comer to the film industry but in a short period of time he has shown himself to be a worthy winner of this award. Liam has worked in various roles within the art department gaining an excellent knowledge and understanding for the demands for the creative work undertaken in this area of film making. He has become a successful member of an extremely creative art department team which is recognised and admired around the world. He has clearly demonstrated talent, skill and the promise and potential to develop into a strong leader within the art department.

The winners were selected by the BFDG members and presented engraved trophies to celebrate their achievements at the 4th British Film Designers Guild annual awards and AGM at Pinewood Studio on the 2nd of February 2014.

With over 200 BFDG members working in the film industry the Guild’s membership has grown significantly in recent years. With an increase of films made in the UK the outgoing Chair of the Guild Su Whitaker said:

“The BFDG is gaining in strength, numbers and a louder voice in today's market. Reflecting the continually changing workplace, jobs and the impact of new technologies on the film making process. We have become a dynamic and vibrant Guild quickly responding to the views and requirements of its members. This energy and drive is set to continue with our new Chairman, Production Designer Simon Bowles and Vice Chairman Set Decorator Peter Walpole”.



HISTORY of the BFDG

The society of British Film Directors and Designers was founded in 1946, for the betterment of Design in British Films. Out of this society grew the Guild of Film Art Directors, and the present British Film Designers Guild, who now include in their membership all the various branches of the Art Department with Costume Designers.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF AWARDS PRESENTATION & AGM

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