

Press Release #5 – The FMX program is online, ALL QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT, SHE-HULK , a track on inclusion and more

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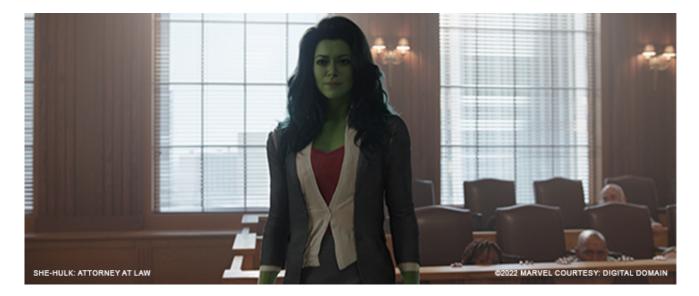
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# FMX 2023 Film & Media Exchange Stuttgart: April 25-27, 2023 Online: April 28, 2023

**Stuttgart, March 16, 2023.** The FMX 2023 program is online. With 50 days to go, the conference is showcasing the diversity of its content, which ranges from new shows to sustainability in the entertainment industry. In accordance with this multi-faceted program, recently confirmed talks cover technological highlights, including the "invisible" VFX for **ALL QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT**, which just took home four Academy Awards, Disney+ show **SHE-HULK**, as well as a track on inclusion curated by Producer and FMX Program Chair **Jinko Gotoh** and **Julie Ann Crommett** (Collective Moxie). Further talks will enlighten the FMX audience on the making-of **ONI: THUNDER GOD'S TALE** and the risks of artificial intelligence. There are further newcomers in the Recruiting Hub, and **Rise FX** is on board as a Silver Partner. The discounted **Early Bird** rate ends **March 17, 2023**.



# **Confirmations for FMX 2023**

# ON SITE Jan Philip Cramer (Digital Domain) discusses SHE-HULK: ATTORNEY AT LAW

**Digital Domain** showcases its work on the Disney+ show **SHE-HULK: ATTORNEY AT LAW** at FMX. From the first day on the project to delivery, the team at Digital Domain was working closely with Marvel Studios and its creative leadership team to create a new type of superhero, a fashion icon and the best lawyer in town. Visual Effects Supervisor **Jan Philip Cramer** will go over the creation of the main character, motion studies and the final shot work. The FMX audience can expect a detailed study of facial animation, muscle and cloth simulation – as well as new groundbreaking technologies used on SHE-HULK. For this, the team will do a deep dive into Machine Learning for Facial Animation. In addition Digital Domain will discuss the use of Charlatan, their neural network for "deep fake"-like face replacements and its use on SHE-HULK.

# ON SITE Frank Petzold about creating the 'invisible' VFX for ALL QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT

**Frank Petzold**, Overall VFX supervisor for **ALL QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT**, which took home four Academy Awards last Sunday, will talk about making the transition from optical VFX to the CG Age, channeling all techniques throughout his career to achieve the seamlessly integrated VFX on ALL QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT. In his presentation, Frank will outline the production process, starting with the first meeting with director Edward Berger to

the final hour of grading the movie.

# **ON SITE** Producer/FMX Program Chair Jinko Gotoh + Julie Ann Crommett host Cultivating Inclusion track

The **"Cultivating Inclusion"-track**, curated by **Jinko Gotoh**, Producer and FMX Program Chair, and **Julie Ann Crommett**, Founder & CEO Collective Moxie, holds that Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) sits at the heart of the journey to cultivate true sustainability and growth in the global entertainment industries.

**Julie Ann Crommett** (Board Member - USC Annenberg Inclusion Initiative and WIA) will be part of a fireside chat on **"Landscape Look: WIA/USC VFX Study & Industry Accountability"**. The chat explores the current diversity in the global VFX and animation landscape citing the 2021 WIA / USC VFX Industry gender study, its demand on institutions and the industry to create sustainable accountability – and the steps they have since taken.

Crommett will also take the stage with four panelists from independent studios and producers including **Deepa C. Joshi** (Incessant Rain Studios), **Nosipho Maketo-van den Bragt** (Chocolate Tribe), **Christina Lee Storm** (Netflix) to shed light on **"The Business of Inclusion"**, i.e. the necessity for DEI investment during uncertain economic times providing statistics, case studies, and information to the FMX audience.

Last but not least, FMX Program Chair **Jinko Gotoh** asks her panel complete with **Hidetaka Yosumi** (Studio Nowake Canary Islands S.L.), **Rob van den Bragt** (Chocolate Tribe), **Kiran Bhakta Joshi** (Incessant Rain Studios) and **Su-Jin Song** (Cologne Game Lab of the TH Köln) **"How to be an Inclusion Accomplice"** in making change, showcasing real-life examples of allyship. Attendees will leave this track with tangible actions to immediately impact their organizations, technology, and creative work.

# ON SITE Robert Kondo talks about designing the World of ONI

**Robert Kondo** (**Production Design/Tonko House**) will share his perspective on the process and making of **ONI: THUNDER GOD'S TALE**. ONI is an animated fantasy series by Netflix.

# **ON SITE** Dave McKean on Art or Artifice

AI is here, it's not going anywhere and it will change, or disrupt, everything. But like all technological changes, there will be losses as well as gains, and English artist **Dave McKean** fears the loss this time will cut to the essential sense of ourselves, why we do what we do. He thinks it's time to start defining what is the scope we will allow AI to make the most of its possibilities, and what ethical and territorial boundaries should exist to mitigate against the worst of the collateral damage.

# Forum News

In the fully booked Recruiting Hub, extra space has been made available for a few newcomers, and the first Company Suites have also been confirmed.

Recruiting Hub: DNEG, Jangled Nerves, Umedia.

Marketplace: Basilic Fly, Digital Production, InstaLOD, ScannedReality.

Workshops: Pixar's RenderMan, Ranch Computing (online).

Company Suites: Foundry, Framestore, Side FX (Houdini).

#### Silver Partner: Rise FX

With **RISE**, another award-winning company is now Silver Partner of FMX. RISE has been covering all flavors of digital production design and visual effects since 2007.

Find more information here.

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