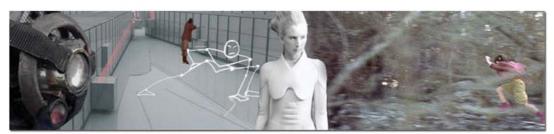


## SANCTUARY

## FILMS



TITLE: SANCTUARY

GENRE: Science fiction / Virtual reality

BUDGET: US\$15 million

STATUS: Pilot in VFX post production / Feature Script ready INVESTORS: NESTA, Australian Film Commission, thequality.com

SEEKING: Short film distribution / Feature film co-production / MOD Films investment

Sanctuary is a pilot for a feature film (working title ten weeks in the head bin). It is a science fiction super-hero adventure aimed at 14-16 year-olds. Who Framed Roger Rabbit meets Brazil. In the near future, a feisty teenage girl hacker must escape from a secret online mental prison before her true identity is discovered and her family comes to harm in the real world.

An innovative "re-mixable" pilot, Sanctuary (35mm, 12min), was part-funded by a UK Invention award (NESTA) and the Australian Film Commission. Shooting and editing is complete and VFX is underway. It will be released in 2006 as the world's first purpose-built re-mixable film and has already set a legal precedent.

## KEY CAST:

**Basia A'Hern** (Blake) (16) is a rising star of Australian film and television, most recently seen in the TV series *McLeod's Daughters*. Previous appearances include *The Sleepover Club* and *Farscape*.

**Mark Owen-Taylor** (Daniel) is a veteran Australian actor currently onscreen in the Australian hit series *All Saints*. Previously known for appearances in *Heartbreak High*, *E Street*, and *Water Rats*.

**Mink Sadowsky** (Blade) is one of Australia's top catwalk models and a popular television presenter (*Today*). She plays the virtual super-hero in her film debut.

"Monkey" Mark Ross (Mark) is a high profile Indigenous Australian hip-hop performer and recording artist also making his film debut. His book, Raps 4 Little Fullas, was published in 2005.

## **KEY CREW:**

**Michela Ledwidge** (Writer/Director/Producer) is an Italian-Australian film-maker and interactive storyteller. She wrote, directed and produced the award-winning web3D film Horses for Courses. In 2004, she won an Invention award from the UK National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts (NESTA) to develop this innovative project.

**Damon O'Connell** (Art Director) is a much-sought-after independent visual artist working in film and television ("Lost in Space", Bjork music video "Pagan Poetry"). His work has been shown on most UK TV channels and has also had work exhibited in the London Science Museum. Damon was Art Director on Horses for Courses which won the SIGGRAPH Web3D Art Prize in competition against Disney in 2001. He is currently nominated for a Royal Television Society award.

**Christian Hogue** (VFX Supervisor) is the Creative Director of Lost in Space, a global network of designers, visual effects artists and film-makers creating bleeding edge imagery. His feature film credits include pioneering work on **Terminator II**, **Hackers** and **Lost in Space**.

**Hybrid** (Soundtrack) is Mike Truman and Chris Healings. Their last album *Morning Sci-Fi* fuses progressive break-beat with powerful orchestral and cinematic soundscapes. Hybrid have toured the globe, DJ'ing and giving their world-famous live performances - most notably supporting Moby in a stunning tour of the USA.













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