

PLAY THE RIFF. FACE THE VOID.

# TURN IT UP!



COMING SOON







A COLLINGWOOD FILM CO. PRODUCTION IN ASSOCIATION WITH LAST FRAME PICTURES "TURN IT UP!"

STARRING JUSTINE NELSON GWEN CUMYN JONATHAN CRAIG XAVIER LOPEZ LIV COLLINS RY BARRETT KRIS SIDDIQI  
AURORA BROWNE BO MARTYNOWSKA NOAH LAMANNA WITH JULIAN RICHINGS AND BRUCE McCULLOCH

CASTING BY JESSE GRIFFITHS CSA PRODUCTION DESIGNER DAN HERRICK ART DIRECTOR ALEX KENNEDY COSTUME DESIGNER GWEN CUMYN SPECIAL EFFECTS BY JONATHAN CRAIG

DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY KEN MACLAUGHLIN MAKE UP ARTIST IRENE BROTT & FATE HOQUE EDITED BY LUKE HIGGINSON VISUAL EFFECTS BY PIXEL PIRANHAS

ANIMATION DIRECTOR ANNE DOURIS MUSIC BY ADRIAN ELLIS CO-PRODUCED BY KRISTINA ESPOSITO EXECUTIVE PRODUCER LIV COLLINS & JESSE THOMAS COOK

PRODUCED BY LIV COLLINS JESSE THOMAS COOK & MIKE GILLESPIE WRITTEN BY SAM SCOTT & GWEN CUMYN DIRECTED BY SAM SCOTT



# STORYLINE



A struggling indie band

A cinematic still showing two women with long hair standing in a dark room. Between them is a bright, glowing blue circular portal with concentric rings of light. The scene is dimly lit, with the primary light source being the portal itself.



...steals a cursed tune

A close-up shot of a man's face, looking directly at the camera with a serious, intense expression. He is wearing large headphones. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights and shadows, giving it a cinematic feel.



...that opens a cosmic portal.

A man is seen from behind, standing in a dark room. He is looking into a brightly lit doorway or window that glows with a warm, orange-red light. The room is dark, with some speakers visible on either side of the doorway.

A band of three people performing in a dimly lit room. A man with long blonde hair is in the center, playing a white electric guitar and singing into a microphone. To his left, a woman is partially visible, also playing a guitar. To his right, another man is playing a guitar. The scene is lit with warm, low-key lighting, with a bright light source visible in the background.

The song will melt faces,

A close-up, high-contrast shot of a man's face. He is wearing a dark cap and has a prosthetic eye on the left side of his face. The lighting is dramatic, with one side of his face in deep shadow.

explode heads

A man in a police uniform, looking upwards with a serious expression. He is wearing a dark blue uniform with a gold badge on his cap. The background is dark and out of focus.

...and distort the entire Universe.

**GENRE: SCI/FI, HORROR/COMEDY**



# THE BAND



**AC / Justine Nelson**

## AC - Bass player and vocalist

- Toronto-based LGBTQ writer/actor with an effortlessly cool vibe.
- Creator and star of CBC Gem's *Mind Fudge*.
- Can be seen in *The Madness* on Netflix.



**COURT / Gwen Cumyn**

## Court - Guitar and "band mom"

- Tour de force LGBTQ content creator, writer, producer and actor.
- Co-Creator and star of IFC's *Slo Pitch* and CBC Gem's *Homeschooled*.
- 2023 Resident of the Canadian Film Centre's Acting Conservatory.



**BERG / Jonathan Craig**

## Berg - Lead guitar and man child

- Born to rock, a musician, art curator, actor and SPFX wizard.
- 2x Canadian Screen Award nominee, Best SPFX & Makeup, 2023 & 2024
- Appeared in *Cult Hero*, *Making Monsters* and hulu's *Carved*.



**RUSS / Xavier Lopez**

## Russ - Percussion and psychedelics

- Trans actor and activist, often appearing in boundary-pushing LGBTQ2S+ content.
- Plays Santi in *Really Happy Someday*, (TIFF 2024).
- Fun fact: voice roles in video games *Far Cry 6* and *Avatar: Frontiers of Pandora*.



# THE PRETORIOUS FAMILY



**DR. PRETORIOUS / Julian Richings**

**Dr. Pretorious - Disgraced sound scientist**

- Legendary British/Canadian character actor.
- Appears in *Wrong Turn*, *Anything for Jackson*, *Cube*, *Beau is Afraid*, *The Witch*.
- TV roles in *Supernatural*, *Hannibal*, *Hell on Wheels*, *Orphan Black*.



**MISS VEE / Liv Collins**

**Miss Vee - Sadistic band manager**

- Actor, producer and co-owner of Collingwood Film Company.
- Co-writer and star of *Cult Hero*, *The Hyperborean* and *DeadSight*.
- Directed *To Hell with Harvey* on Hollywood Suite.



**MANNEQUIN / Bo Martynowska**

**Mannequin - Ghostly solo artist**

- Slavic-Canadian artist born on the Baltic island of Uznam.
- TV Roles in *The Umbrella Academy*, *The Expanse*, *Designated Survivor*.
- Also appears in *Nancy Drew*, *Beacon 23* and *V Wars*.



**SARAH / Noah Lammana**

**Sarah - Sound engineer**

- Toronto-based non-binary actor and drag performer.
- Credits include *Dream Scenario*, *Beacon 23*, *Umbrella Academy*.
- Upcoming role in *The Last of Us Season II*.



# THE PROFESSIONALS



**MAJOR BRAGGS / Bruce McCulloch**

**Major Braggs - Catty bureaucrat**

- Can-Con master of comedy, creator and star of *The Kids In The Hall*.
- Director of *Superstar*, *Stealing Harvard* and *Dog Park*.
- Writer on *SNL* and director on *Trailer Park Boys*.



**DR. WESTLAKE / Aurora Browne**

**Dr. Westlake - Paranormal mortician**

- 3x Canadian Screen Award winning writer, actor and producer.
- Creator and star of CBC's *Baroness Von Sketch Show*.
- Appears in *Lars and the Real Girl* and *Robocop*.



**AGENT B / Ry Barrett**

**Agent B: Canadian Men in Black**

- Iconic killer Johnny in Sundance hit *In A Violent Nature*.
- Star of horror films *The Demolisher*, *Cult Hero*, and *The Drownsman*.
- Co-star in *The Heretics*, *The Hyperborean*, *Lifechanger*.



**AGENT S / Kris Siddiqi**

**Agent S - Canadian Men in Black**

- Toronto-based alumnus of *Second City*.
- Canadian Screen Award winner, co-Creator of *Bit Playas*.
- Roles in *Molly's Game*, *I Woke Up A Vampire* and *The Changeling*.



# PRODUCER PROFILE

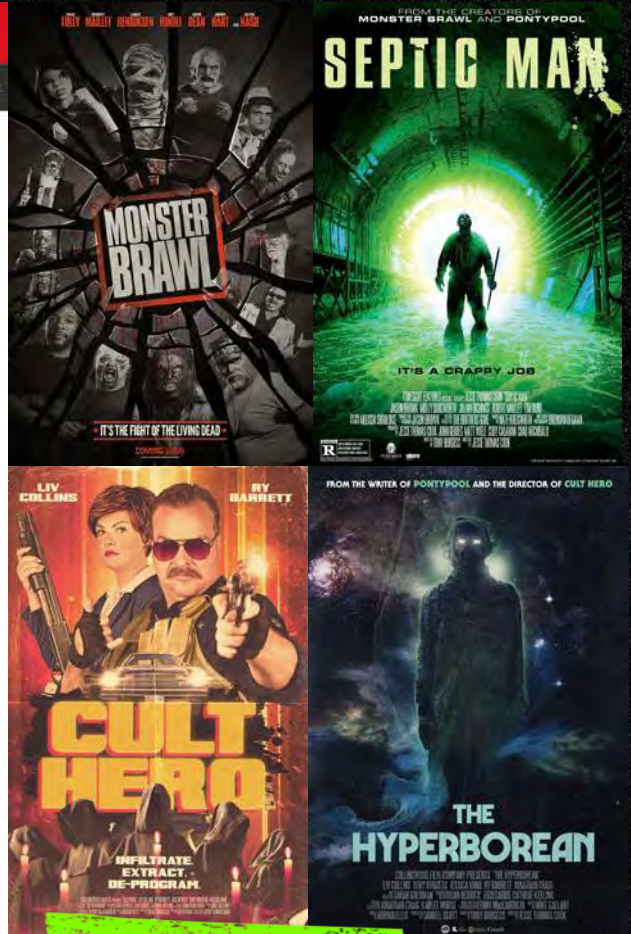
THE GLOBE AND MAIL

## Rogue horror film company with six Canadian Screen Award nominations finds glory in guts

BRAD WHEELER >  
PUBLISHED 1 HOUR AGO



Cult Hero co-writer and director Jesse Thomas Cook and his wife, Liv Collins, the movie's co-writer and co-star. The couple run Collingwood Film Co., a small, independent operation based in the southern Georgian Bay area of Ontario.



**COLLINGWOOD**  
FILM COMPANY

Launched in 2018 by filmmakers **Jesse Thomas Cook** and **Liv Collins**, COLLINGWOOD FILM COMPANY is an independent production studio with a mission to foster and empower Canadian creatives above and below the line, focusing solely on boundary pushing genre cinema. As a self-contained incubator, producer and financier, the company is favourably positioned to develop and deliver Canadian genre stories for a global audience. **Cult Hero** (2022) premiered at Fantasia and nabbed six Canadian Screen Award nominations. The critically acclaimed **The Hyperborean** (2023) screened at FilmQuest, Fantasporto, and Panic Fest, receiving an additional CSA nom. Their latest project **Turn It Up!** (2025) was the winner of the Project Pitch prize at the 2023 Ontario Screen Creators Conference.





# DIRECTOR + PRODUCER PROFILE



LAST  
FRAME



## Sam Scott, Director Last Frame Pictures

- Feature directorial debut.
- Music video and short film director.
- Creative producer with Last Frame Pictures.
- Producer on *The Hyperborean*, 1st AD on *Cult Hero*.



## Mike Gillespie, Producer Last Frame Pictures

- Narrative and commercial producer.
- Owner of prod-co Last Frame Pictures.
- Commercial spots for Microsoft, Visa, RBC, Lexus, Adidas.
- Crafted music videos for Warner Music & Universal.



# THE CREW

**Luke Higginson / Editor**



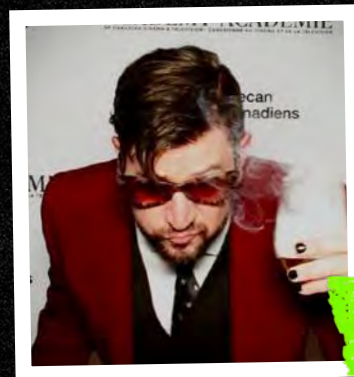
- Writer, Director and Editor of Fantasia winner *Relax, I'm from the Future*.

**Fatema Hoque / Hair & Makeup**



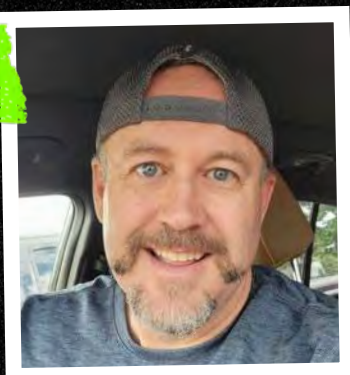
- CSA nominated Makeup Artist for Paramount+'s *Who's Yer Father?*

**Jonathan Craig / SPFX Supervisor**



- 2x CSA nominated SPFX Artist for *Cult Hero* and *The Hyperborean*.

**Dan Herrick / Production Designer**



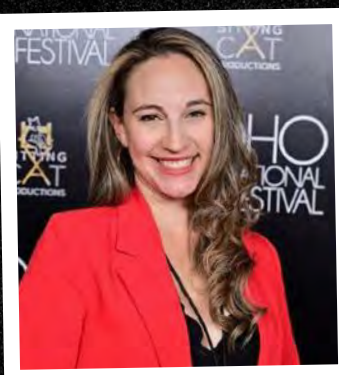
- CSA nominated production designer for *Cult Hero*.

**Ken MacLaughlin / Director of Photography**



- Commercial, music video, short and feature film cinematographer.

**Kristina Esposito / Co-Producer**



- Produced 2022's *Adult Adoption*, premiered at CIFF, Soho and Whistler Film Fest.

**James Anthony Young / VFX Supervisor**



- CSA nominated owner of Pixel Piranhas VFX studio.

**Anne Douris / Animation Director**



- Director, animator, title artist and Juno-nominated visual artist.

**Adrian Ellis / Composer**



- CSA nominated composer and vice-president of the Screen Composers Guild of Canada.

**Ace of Wands / Original Music**



- Toronto dream rock band, with explosive live performances, and gothic-rock aesthetics.



# STILLS







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