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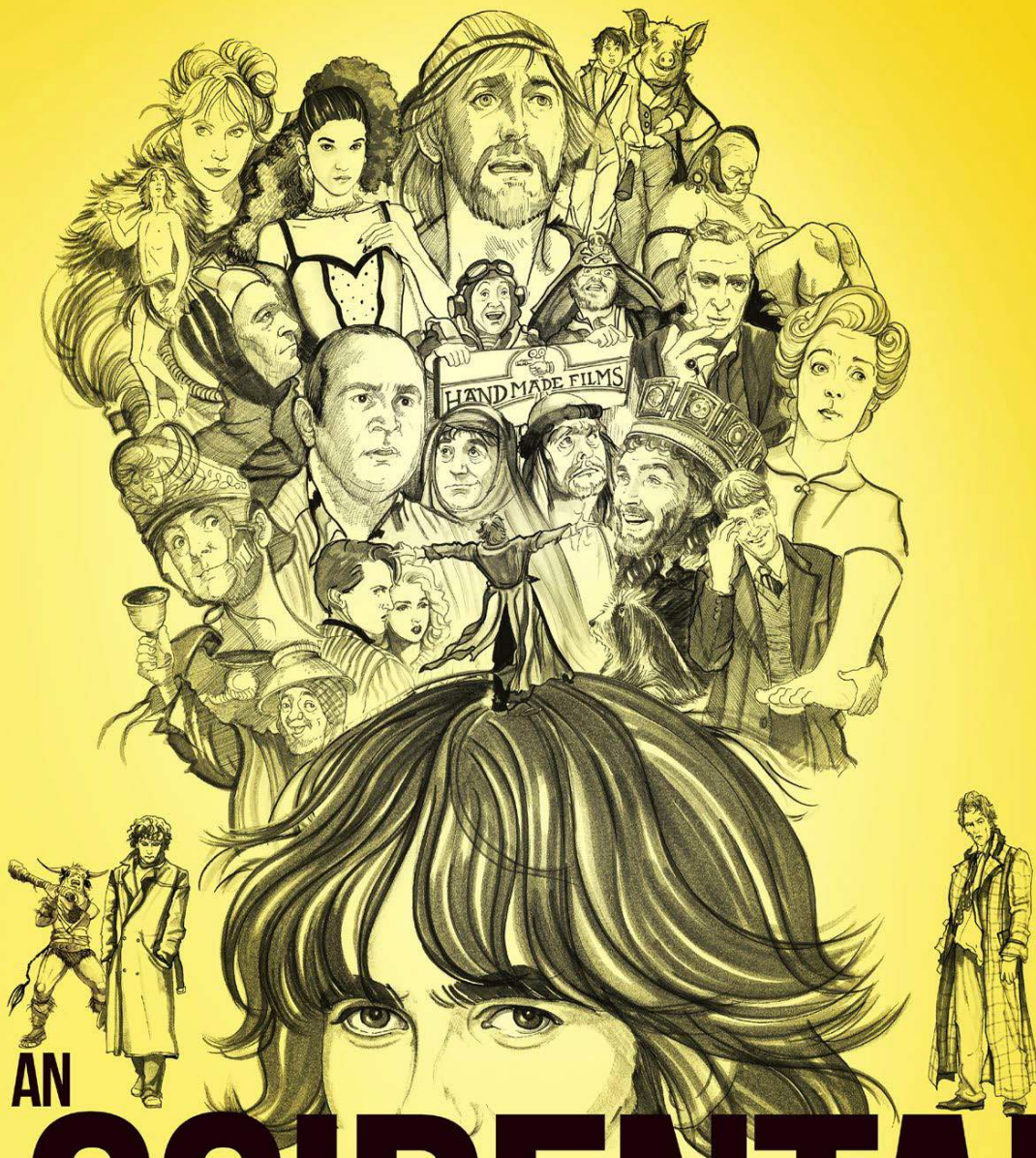
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# ACCIDENTAL STUDIO

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# ABOUT THE DOCUMENTARY

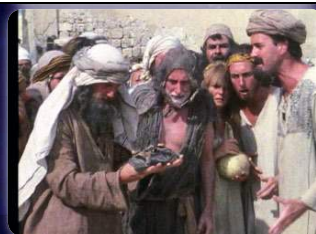
*An Accidental Studio* tells the remarkable story of HandMade Films. Featuring never-before-seen interviews with key players, this feature-length documentary captures an extraordinary moment in film history through the eyes of the filmmakers and actors as well as the man who started it all, former Beatle and music legend **George Harrison**.

Coming to the rescue of *Life of Brian* when money fell through at the last minute, George Harrison offered to fund the entire movie, mortgaging his house and his office to do so. As a huge fan of Monty Python, he credited their humour with saving his sanity whilst he was a Beatle. Now it was his turn to pay them back. The film was a massive hit, so successful in fact that they decided to set up a company and HandMade Films was born.

In a rare moment in film history, HandMade dominated the British movie scene with its ethos of making and releasing maverick films that others had rejected, from *Life of Brian*, *The Long Good Friday*, *Time Bandits* and Alan Bennett's triple BAFTA winner, *A Private Function* to *Withnail and I* and the Oscar®-nominated *Mona Lisa*. Harrison's generosity in helping others fulfil their dreams and his hands-off approach allowed filmmakers to shine in their work. As its films won awards and launched careers, HandMade became more than a happy accident. It became a celebration of integrity and collaboration.

With unreleased archive interviews and footage with Harrison, new and exclusive interviews with BAFTA winner **Michael Palin**, Golden Globe® and Oscar® nominee **Terry Gilliam**, Oscar® nominee **Richard E. Grant** and Oscar® winner **Neil Jordan**, and unseen interviews with Golden Globe® and BAFTA winner **Bob Hoskins**, *An Accidental Studio* explores HandMade's baptism of fire and the risks it took in producing uniquely crafted, intelligent films. Additional interviewees in the film include **Bruce Robinson**, **Ray Cooper**, **Dick Clement & Ian La Frenais**, **Cathy Tyson**, **Brenda Vaccaro**, **A Martinez**, **Richard Loncraine** and **Jonathan Lynn**.

*An Accidental Studio* is AMC UK's first original production.

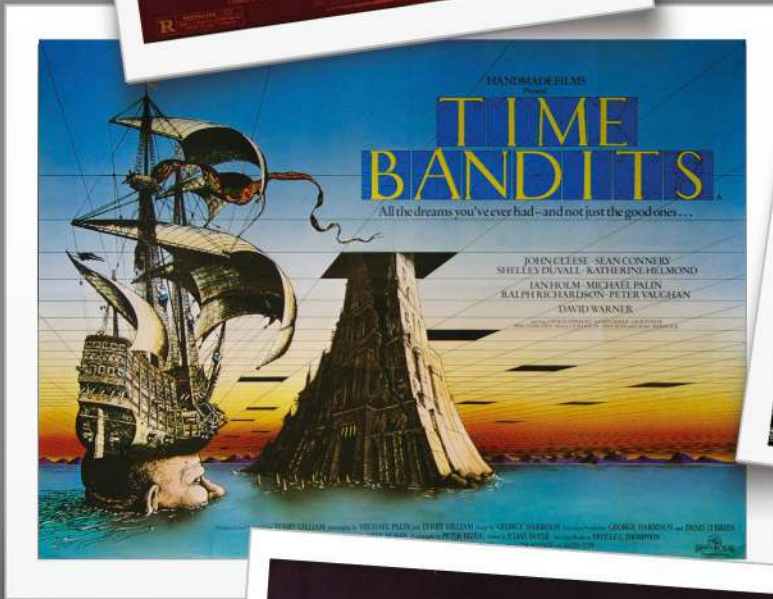
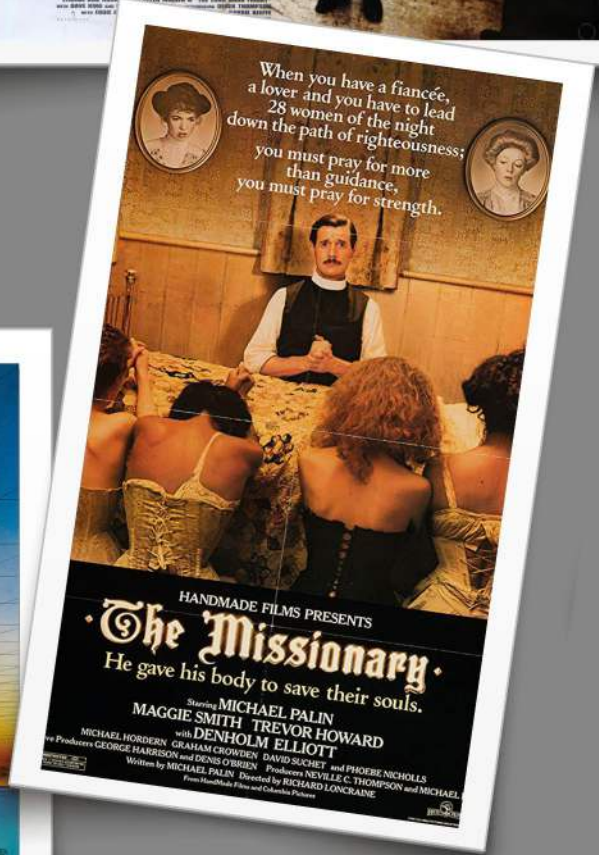


**From top:** *Life of Brian*, *The Long Good Friday*, the Terry Gilliam-designed HandMade Films logo, *Time Bandits*, *The Missionary*, *A Private Function*, *Water, Powwow Highway* and *Nuns on the Run*.

# HANDMADE FILMS 1979 to 1990

HandMade Films releases discussed in *An Accidental Studio...*





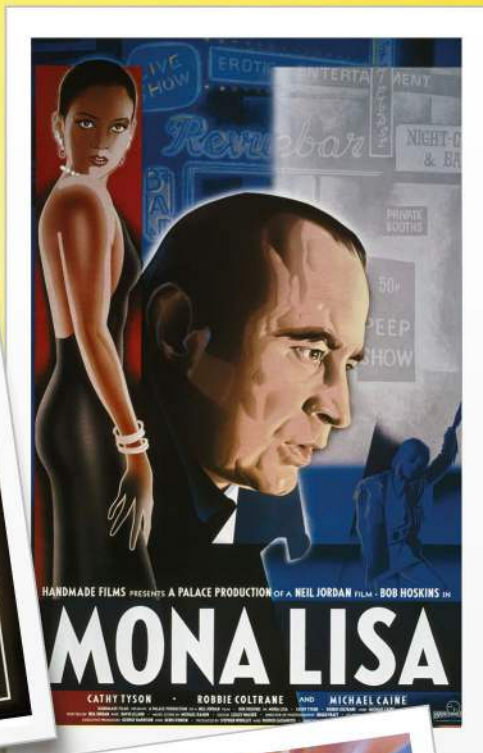
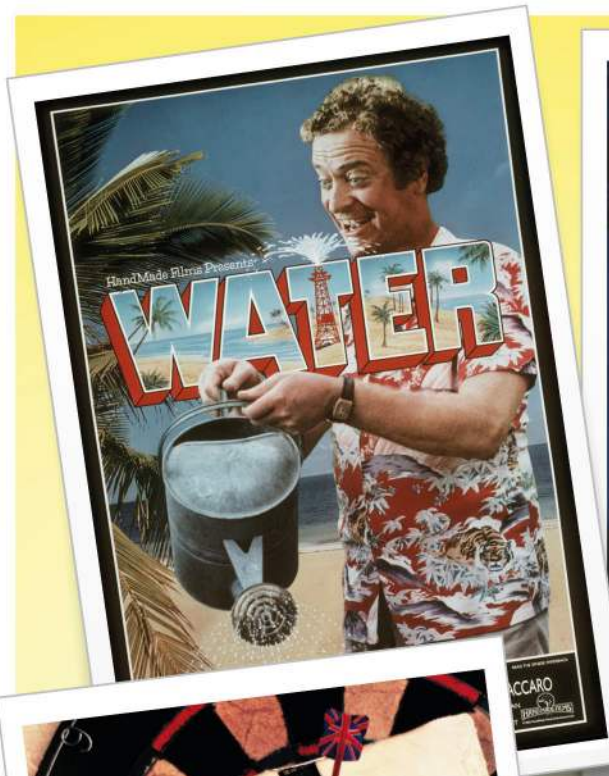
*Monty Python's Life of Brian*, 1979  
Director: Terry Jones

*The Long Good Friday*, 1980  
Director: John Mackenzie

*Time Bandits*, 1981  
Director: Terry Gilliam

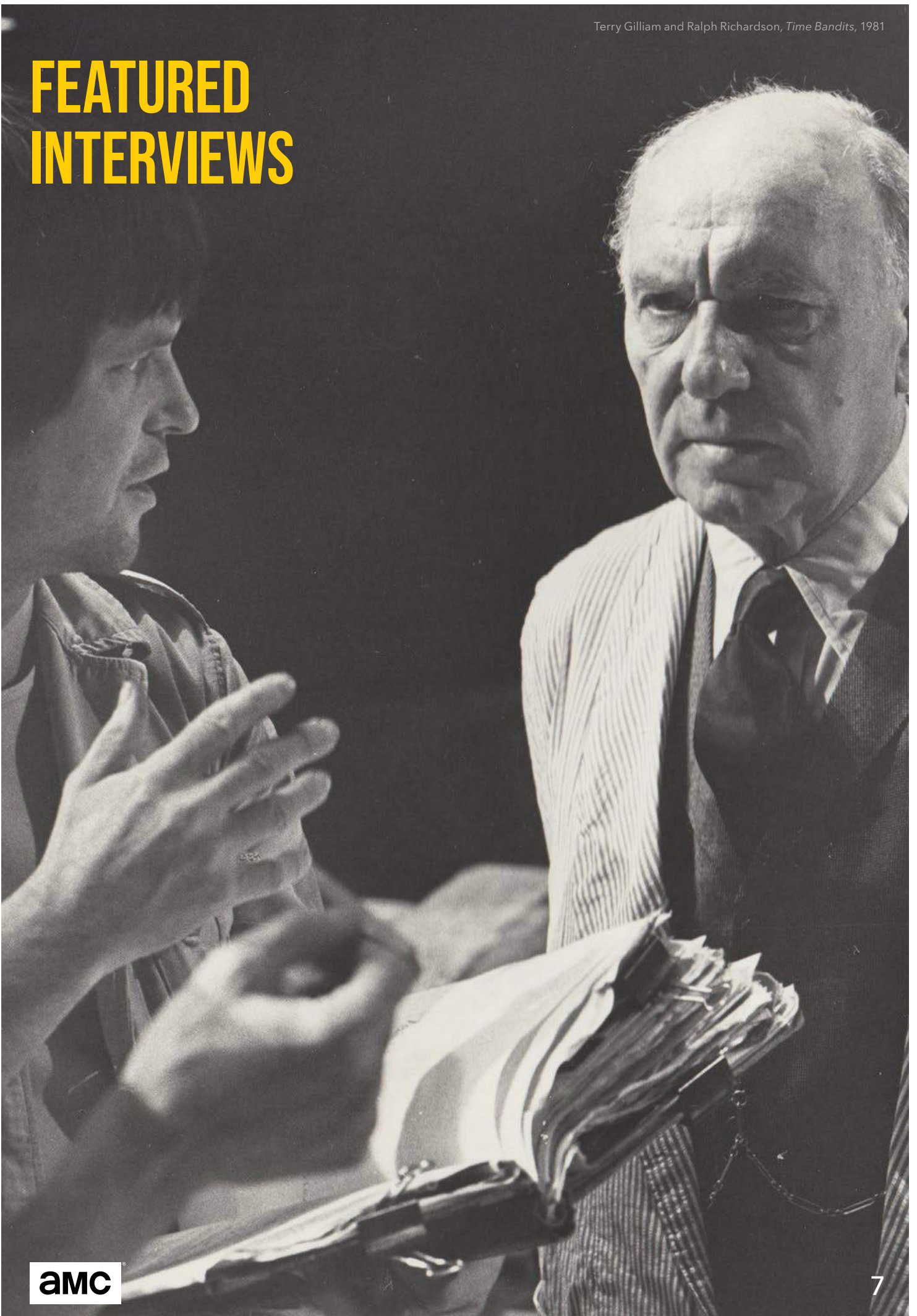
*The Missionary*, 1982  
Director: Richard Loncraine

*A Private Function*, 1984  
Director: Malcolm Mowbray



- Water**, 1985  
Director: Dick Clement
- Mona Lisa**, 1986  
Director: Neil Jordan
- Shanghai Surprise**, 1986  
Director: Jim Goddard
- Withnail and I**, 1987  
Director: Bruce Robinson
- Powwow Highway**, 1989  
Director: Jonathan Wacks
- Nuns on the Run**, 1990  
Director: Jonathan Lynn

# FEATURED INTERVIEWS



**AN ACCIDENTAL STUDIO** features exclusive interviews with the following key players in the history of HandMade Films.

**STEVE ABBOTT**

Producer; member of the HandMade Films team

**GEORGE AYOUB**

Former International Sales, HandMade Films

**IAN LA FREN AIS**

Writer, *Water*

**JULIAN DOYLE**

Film Editor and Special Effects Director, *Time Bandits*

**MIKE EDMONDS**

Actor, starred in *Time Bandits*

**TERRY ILOTT**

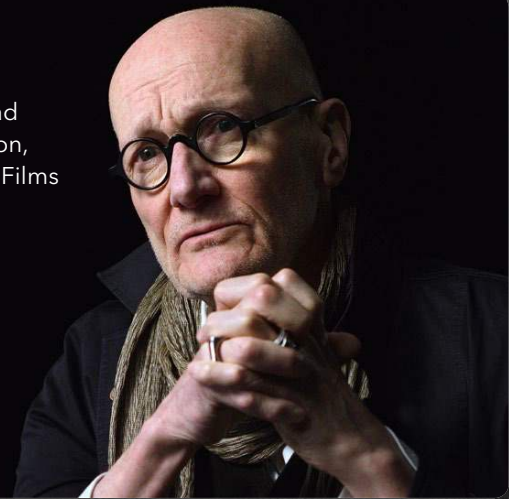
Film journalist

**BARRY KEEFFE**

Writer, *The Long Good Friday*

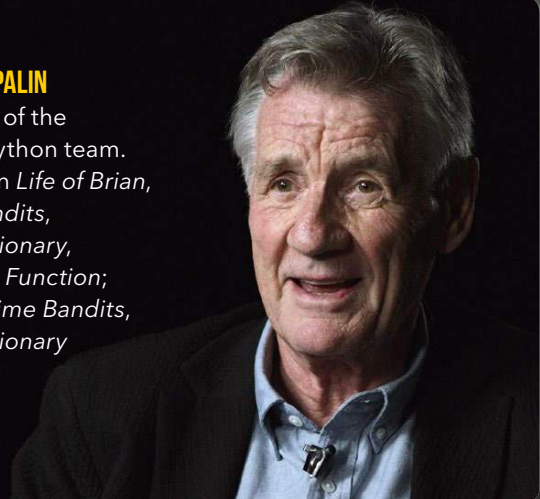
**RAY COOPER**

Former Head of Production, HandMade Films



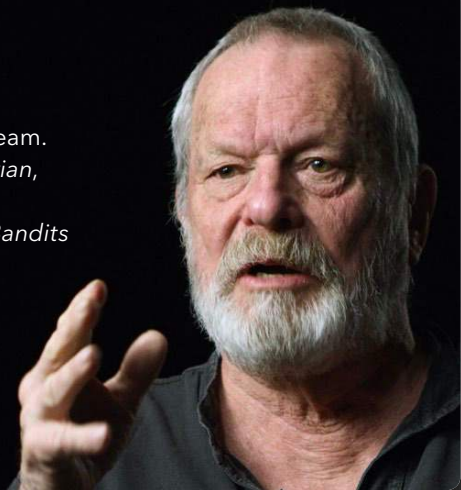
**MICHAEL PALIN**

Member of the Monty Python team. Starred in *Life of Brian*, *Time Bandits*, *The Missionary*, *A Private Function*; Writer, *Time Bandits*, *The Missionary*



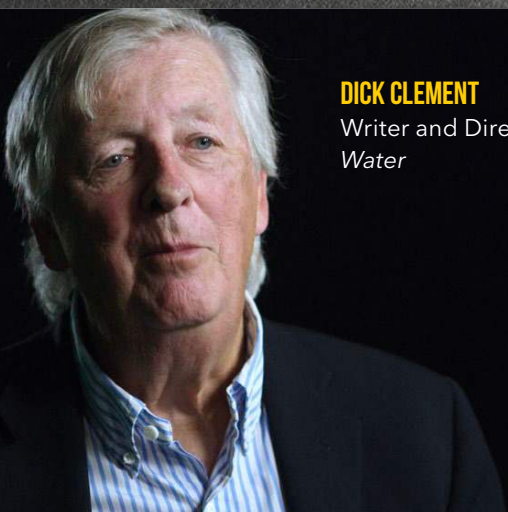
**TERRY GILLIAM**

Member of the Monty Python team. Writer, *Life of Brian*, *Time Bandits*; Director, *Time Bandits*



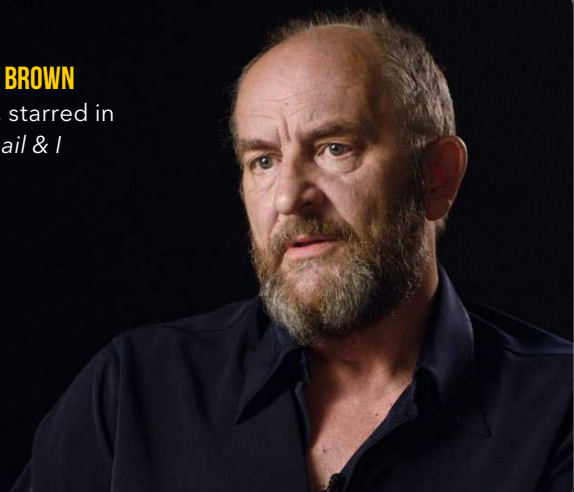
**DICK CLEMENT**

Writer and Director, *Water*



**RALPH BROWN**

Actor, starred in *Withnail & I*



**A MARTINEZ**

Actor, starred in *Powwow Highway*

**RICHARD LONCRINE**

Director, *The Missionary*

**DAVID LELAND**

Writer, *Mona Lisa*

**JONATHAN LYNN**

Director, *Nuns on the Run*

**JONATHAN WACKS**

Director, *Powwow Highway*

**ERNEST VINCZE**

Director of Photography, *Shanghai Surprise*

**STEPHEN WOOLLEY**

Producer, *Mona Lisa*

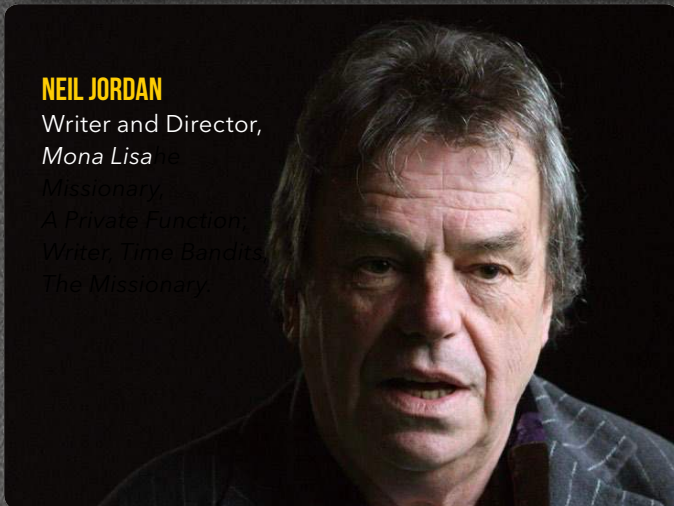
**RICHARD E GRANT**

Actor, starred in *Withnail & I*



**NEIL JORDAN**

Writer and Director, *Mona Lisa*, *The Missionary*, *A Private Function*  
Writer, *Time Bandits*, *The Missionary*



**BRUCE ROBINSON**

Writer and Director, *Withnail & I*



**BRENDA VACCARO**

Actor, starred in *Water*



**CATHY TYSON**

Actor, starred in *Mona Lisa*



**AN ACCIDENTAL STUDIO** also features archive interviews with the following.

**JOHN CLEESE**

Member of the Monty Python team. Starred in *Life of Brian*, *Time Bandits*; writer, *Life of Brian*

**BILLY CONNOLLY**

Actor and comedian, starred in *Water*

**TERRY JONES**

Member of the Monty Python team. Starred in *Life of Brian*

**JOHN MACKENZIE**

Director, *The Long Good Friday*

**DENIS O'BRIEN**

Co-founder, HandMade Films

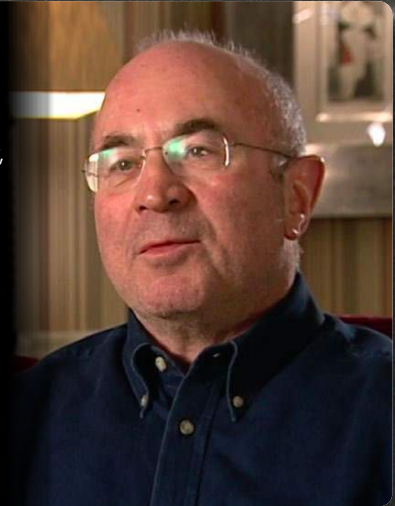
**GEORGE HARRISON**

Co-founder, HandMade Films.



**BOB HOSKINS**

Actor, starred in *The Long Good Friday*, *Mona Lisa*



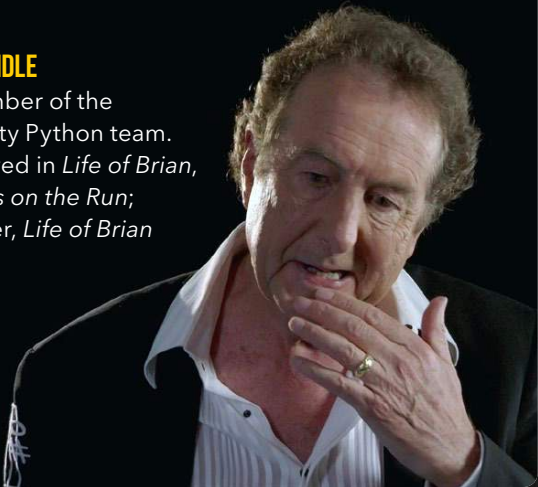
**MICHAEL CAINE**

Actor, starred in *Water*, *Mona Lisa*



**ERIC IDLE**

Member of the Monty Python team. Starred in *Life of Brian*, *Nuns on the Run*; writer, *Life of Brian*



**HELEN MIRREN**

Actor, starred in *The Long Good Friday*



# PRODUCTION CREDITS

**Produced and Directed by** Bill Jones  
Kim Leggatt  
Ben Timlett

**Executive Producers** Harold Gronenthal  
Nicky Davies Williams  
Bruce Kenyon

**Consulting Producers** Chris Sharp  
Steve Ayton

**Line Producer** Margarita Doyle

**Director of Photography** Brendan McGinty

**Archive Producer** Helen Bennitt

**Additional Voice Work** Chris Grant

**Hand Modelling and Projection** Roger Young

**Research Assistant** Ed Gibbins

**Make Up** Jin Ong

**Floor Runner** Sarah Lord

**Editor** Anita Sandhu

**Sound Design** André Jacquemin

**Music by** John Greswell and Andy Mellon  
at Menlo Park Music

**Animation** Justin Weyers  
Jesse Saunders

**Post Production Producer** Andrew Salem

**Colourist** Mark Horrobin



Jeff Daniels in *Powwow Highway*, 1989

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