

STARRING: ROBERT BELTRAN, AYELET ZURER, VIRGINIA MADSEN,
JOHN DIEHL, NAZEEN CONTRACTOR,
COREY SEVIER, MIGUEL SANDOVAL and BEN CROSS

WRITTEN & DIRECTED BY MICHAEL TAVERNA

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# RESILIENT 3D Synopsis

**During Earth's final days,** Theoretical Physicist Dermot Turner is tasked by the President to lead the *Exodus Program* and move the human race to Europa, Jupiter's moon, which has been discovered to have an ocean teeming with life. Unfortunately, a serious problem preventing a safe journey must be quickly solved or mankind will be forced to invade Mars instead.

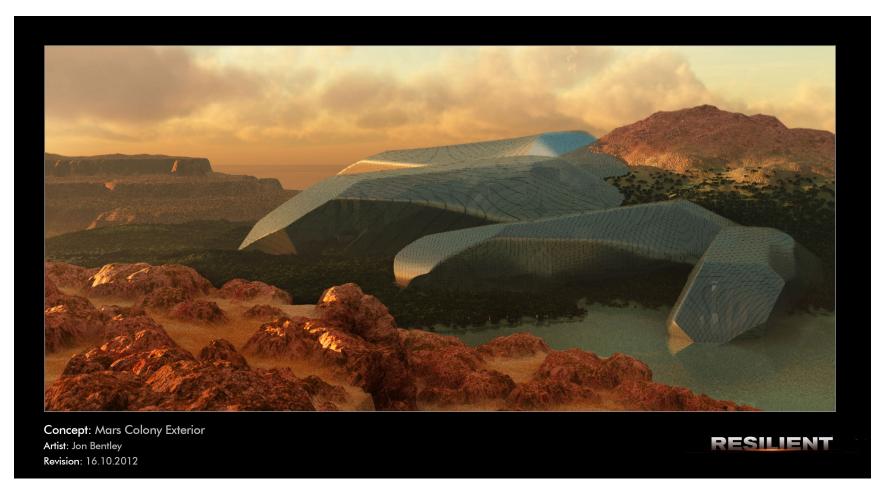


Dermot, whose wife Claire has died in a tornado in California, seeks the assistance of Adele, the leader of a Mars settlement. Should they fail, a war will ensue between a race desperate for survival and the inhabitants of Mars who don't want their new world destroyed as Earth was by billions of unsustainable newcomers. With war days away, Dermot returns to Earth to find a solution — forever Resilient.



## RESILIENT 3D An Introduction...

MonteCristo International is pleased to announce it has slated the start of principal photography of *RESILIENT 3D* for July 2014. Seasoned Writer-Director **Michael Taverna** (*Managua, By the Sword, Apartment 1303 3D*) has developed and will direct a gripping sci-fi/disaster movie that will star international actors **Robert Beltran** (*Star Trek Voyager*), **Ayelet Zurer** (*Man of Steel*) **Virginia Madsen** (*Sideways*), **Nazneen Contractor** (*Star Trek-into darkness*), **Miguel Sandoval** (*Real Steel*), **John Diehl** (*Jurassic Park*) and **Ben Cross** (First Night).



MonteCristo Pictures will work with an international production crew including Executive Producer Cindy Nelson-Mullen (Apartment 1303 3D, End Call ), Nesim Hason (The Lightkeepers, Saving Lincoln), co-producer Lorenzo O'Brien (The Lost City, The Weight of Water). Production Designer Jonathan Bentley (Cold Heaven, Steel Raven, On The Verge), Editor Roberto Silvi (Apartment 1303, The Sunset Limited, Tombstone) and Composer Pinar Toprak (The Lightkeepers) have already joined the crew.

Resilient 3D is a MonteCristo Pictures Production. The Film will be shot in full 4K stereoscopic 3D with 7.1 Digital Sound.

## RESILIENT 3D Overview

**GENRE:** Sci-Fi /Disaster Movie

**STORY:** In 2052, amidst an endless stream of natural disasters created by global warming, the Earth Union President activates the *Exodus Program*. Theoretical Physicist Dermot Turner is tasked to transport humankind to their new home on Jupiter's moon, Europa.

### **CAST:**

Robert Beltran (Star Trek: Voyager, Big Love, Nixon)
Ayelet Zurer (Man of Steel, Munich)
Virginia Madsen (Academy Award Nominee® Sideways, Firewall, The Number 23)
John Diehl (Stargate, Jurassic Park III)
Nazneen Contractor (Star Trek –Into darkness)
Miguel Sandoval (Real Steel)
Corey Sevier (The Immortal)
Ben Cross (Chariots of Fire, First Knight)
Zhu Zhu (Claud Atlas)

#### **DIRECTOR/WRITER/PRODUCER:**

Michael Taverna (By the Sword, Managua, Apartment 1303 3D)

### **EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS:**

Cindy Nelson-Mullen (End Call, Apartment 1303 3D)
Nesim Hason (The Lightkeepers, Saving Lincoln)

### **CO-PRODUCERS:**

Lorenzo O'Brien (The Lost City, The Weight of Water, Managua)

### **DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY:**

Daniel Villleneveu, ACS

### **PRODUCTION DESIGNER:**

Jonathan Bentley (Cold Heaven, Steel Raven, On The Verge)

#### **EDITOR:**

Roberto Silvi (Apartment 1303 3D, The Sunset Limited, Tombstone)

## RESILIENT 3D Overview Continued

### **COMPOSER:**

Pinar Toprak (*The Lightkeepers*)

VFX: 411 VFX and Holographic Shots



**BUDGET:** \$5M

LOCATION SHOOTING: Montreal, Canada

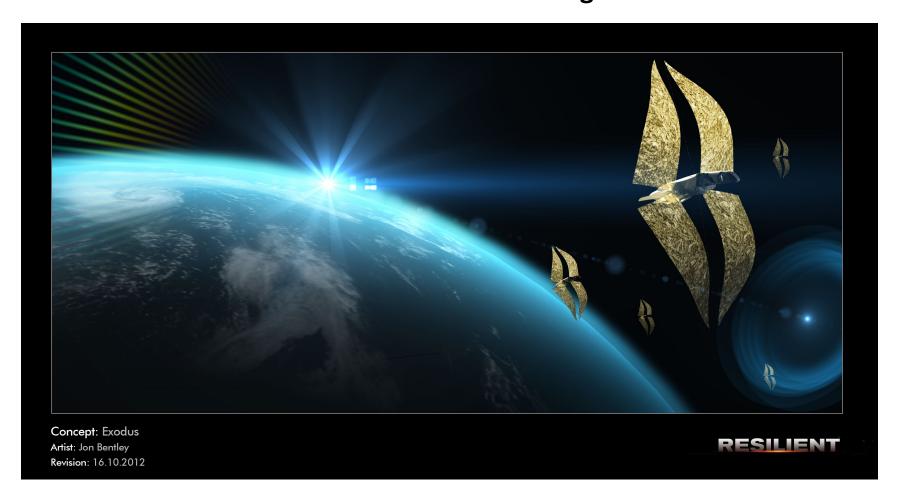
**TERRITORIES PRE-SOLD**: United Kingdom, Australia, Spain, North America, South America, Eastern Europe, Turkey, Israel, Benelux, Russia-CIS, Philippines, India, Middle East, Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia, Vietnam.

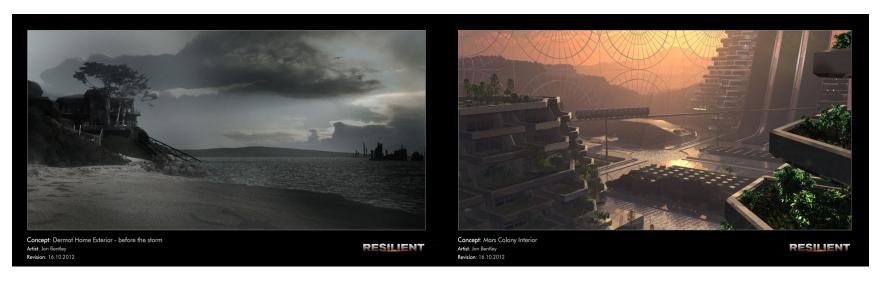
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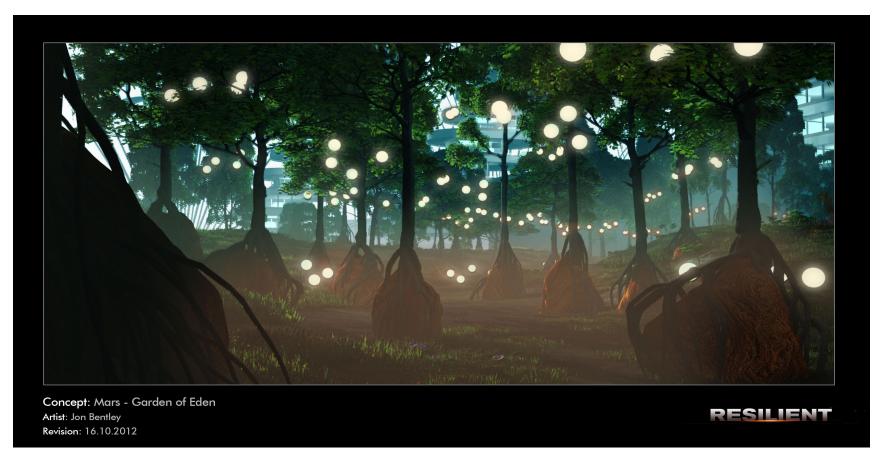
**DELIVERY:** 4th Quarter 2014

**AVAILS:** Upon Request

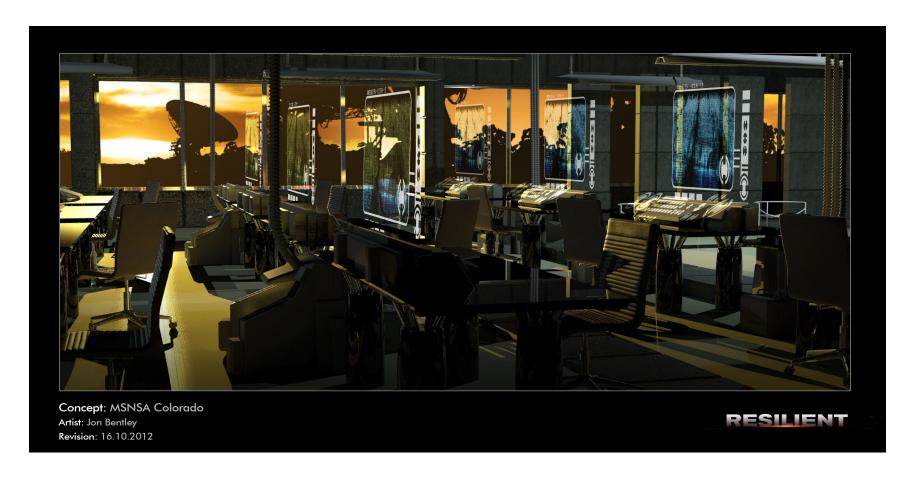
# RESILIENT 3D Selected Production Designs

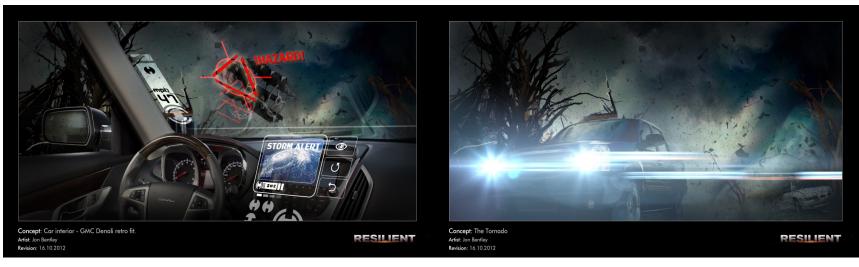


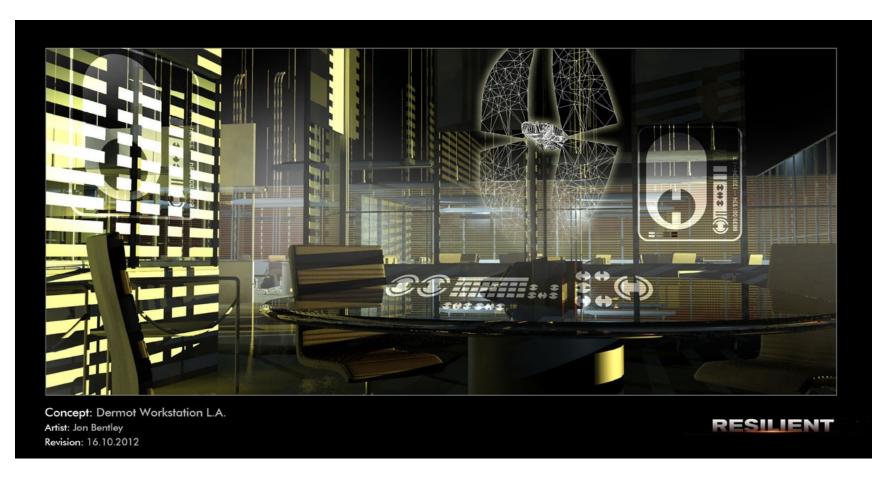




# RESILIENT 3D Production Designs Continued







# ROBERT BELTRAN Dermot



Young Justice	TV Series	2012
Big Love	TV Series	2009-2010
Taking Chances	Talmage Cooley	2009
Repo Chick	Alex Cox	2009
Medium	TV Series	2007
Fire Serpent	John Terlesky	2007
Manticore	Tripp Reed	2005
CSI: Miami	TV Series	2003
Star Trek: Voyager	TV Series	1995-2001
Managua	Michael Taverna	1996

ROBERT BELTRAN (Dermot) is one of the most respected faces in the sci-fi television community due to his seven years playing Commander Chakotay on the hugely popular television show *Star Trek: Voyager* (1995-2001). While the show brought him international success, Beltran also gained recognition for his work on screen since he first appeared in Luis Valdez's critically acclaimed film *Zoot Suit* in 1981. A year later, he won the titled role in Paul Bartel's black comedy *Eating Raoul* (1982) and worked again for Bartel in *Scenes from the Class Struggle in Beverly Hills* (1989). Other notable recurring television appearances include *Miami Vice, Murder, She Wrote, Midnight Caller* and *Lois and Clark: The New Adventures of Superman*. Following *Star Trek*, Beltran became a series regular on HBO's *Big Love* with Chloe Sevigny and Bill Paxton, along with making appearances in *Medium, CSI Miami* and *Young Justice*, among others. Beltran also played alongside Justin Long in 2009's *Taking Chances* and serves as the co-founder and artistic director of the East LA Classic Theatre Group.

## AYELET ZURER Claire



Man of Steel	Zack Snyder	2013
Angels & Demons	Ron Howard	2009
Vantage Point	Pete Travis	2008
Munich	Steven Spielberg	2005

AYELET ZURER's (Claire) first international role was in Steven Spielberg's *Munich*, (which was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Picture), where she played Eric Bana's wife. She later played the role of an exotic terrorist, Veronica, in the American thriller *Vantage Point*, appearing alongside Dennis Quaid, William Hurt, and Sigourney Weaver. Her next international role was in Paul Schrader's *Adam Resurrected*, where she played Gina Grey, a nurse who falls in love with the title character, Adam Stein, a disturbed Holocaust survivor played by Jeff Goldblum. In 2007, Zurer starred in *Fugitive Pieces*, the story of a boy who survives the Holocaust in Greece and becomes a troubled young adult who falls in love with her.

In April 2008, Zurer was cast as the female lead, Vittoria Vetra, in the *The Da Vinci Code* sequel, *Angels & Demons*, Zurer's character is the research partner of a CERN physicist/ Catholic priest who is murdered during the theft of a canister of unstable antimatter from their lab in Geneva (in the novel the film is based upon, the slain scientist is her adopted father). She is paired by the Vatican Police with Robert Langdon (Tom Hanks). Later Zurer played the leading female role in Chris Eyre's 2011 film *Hide Away'' (aka: "A Year in Mooring").* The cast included Josh Lucas. Most recently Zurer has played Superman's mother, Lara Lor-Van, in the reboot of the Superman franchise, *Man of Steel* (2013).

## VIRGINIA MADSEN Adele



Road to Capri	Boris Damast	2014
Crazy Kind of Love	Sarah Siegel-Magness	2013
The Last Keepers	Maggie Greenwald	2012
Red Riding Hood	Catherine Hardwicke	2011
The Number 23	Joel Schumacher	2007
A Prairie Home Companion	Robert Altman	2006
Firewall	Richard Loncraine	2006
Sideways	Alexandre Paine	2004

VIRGINIA MADSEN (Adele) received an Academy Award® and Golden Globe® nomination for her supporting role in Alexandre Payne's *Sideways* (2004) alongside Paul Giamatti and Sandra Oh, for which the film itself won the Oscar in 2005. An incredibly adept actress who consistently delivers powerful performances, Madsen has enjoyed a prolific career in film. First moving to Los Angeles in the 1980's, Madsen quickly became a heartthrob and steadily landed jobs in films such as *Class* (1983), *Dune* (1984) and *Creator* (1985). Madsen received great recognition for her role in *Candyman* (1992), and later worked with Christopher Walken in *The Prophecy* (1995), alongside Alec Baldwin and James Woods in *Ghosts of Mississippi* (1996), and with Matt Damon and Danny DeVito in Francis Ford Coppola's *The Rainmaker* (1997). Appearing in multiple films a year since the beginning of her career, it was in 2002 that Madsen received mainstream acclaim for her role as Rebecca Sandstrom in the popular TV Series *American Dreams*, after which she has become a household name and is revered as one of Hollywood's great talents. She also worked with the likes of Robert Altman in *A Prairie Home Companion* (2006), opposite Jim Carrey in *The Number* 23 (2007) and with Amanda Seyfried in *Red Riding Hood* (2011). Madsen has over seven films set for release in 2013, and stays busy raising her son in Los Angeles.

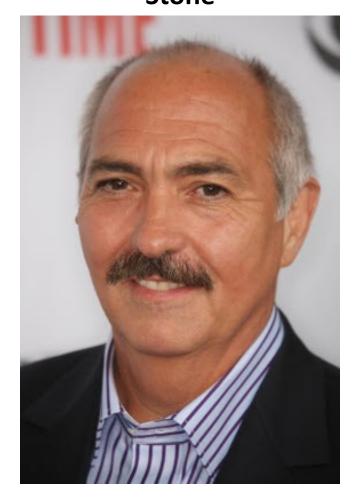
### NAZNEEN CONTRACTOR Natasha



Star Trek-Into darkness	J.J. Abrahams	2013
Revenge	TV Show	2013
Bones	TV Show	2013
Pegasus v. Chimera	John Bradshaw	2012
Seance	Alex Wright	2011
The Border	TV Series	2008

NAZNEEN CONTRACTOR ( Anya) was born in Mumbai, India and raised in Nigeria, Africa until the age of 7. She attended boarding school in London from seven to nine years old, then her family moved to Toronto, Canada where she spent the majority of her childhood and young adulthood. In Toronto, Contractor excelled in academics and trained as a classical ballerina. In 2009, Contractor booked the role of Kayla Hassan, in 21 episodes of the hit FOX series "24." As President Omar Hassan [Anil Kapoor] and Dalia Hassan's [Necar Zadegan] daughter, she was a scene stealer, portraying a seemingly sheltered young woman, whose secret life ends up putting her in horrible conditions. While in production on "24" Contractor also booked a recurring role on CBS' "Rules of Engagement" opposite David Spade and Adhir Kalyan. Other television credits for Contractor include "Lone Star" [FOX] and "Last Resort" [ABC]. On the film front, Contractor has been seen in Seance: The Summoning [Lionsgate] in which she won Best Supporting Actress at WorldFest Houston, in 2012 and in Star Trek—into darkness( Universal).

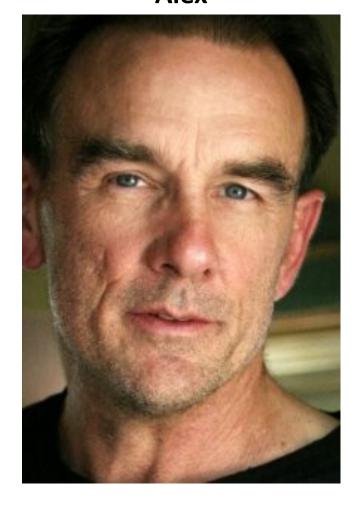
## MIGUEL SANDOVAL Stone



Oculus	Mike Flanagan	2014
1600 Penn	TV Series	2012
Real Steel	Shawn Levy	2011
Entourage	TV Series	2010-2011
Medium	TV Series	2005-2011
Bad Mom	Chris Koch	2011
Repo Chick	Alex Cox	2009
Tortilla Heaven	Judy Hecht Dumontet	2007
Blow	Ted Demme	2001

MIGUEL SANDOVAL (General Stone) has enjoyed an expansive career in over one hundred films and television episodes both as an actor and director since the 1980's. Early in his career, Sandoval focused on theatre work, however he became a favorite of director Spike Lee, which garnered him supporting roles in acclaimed films *Do the Right Thing* (1989) and *Jungle Fever* (1991). After appearing in Steven Spielberg's *Jurassic Park* (1993) Sandoval began taking on larger roles alongside Danny DeVito and John Travolta in *Get Shorty* (1995), with Robert Redford and Michelle Pfeiffer in *Up Close & Personal* (1996) and later as the powerhouse Augusto Oliveras in *Blow* (2001) with Johnny Depp and Penelope Cruz, among many others. In television, Sandoval has become a familiar face in many recurring roles on popular series. Notable credits include *Seinfeld*, *The X-Files, Murder One, The Closer* and *Entourage*, as well as a starring role as D.A. Manuel Devalos in *Medium* for the run of the show from 2005-2011. Beginning in 2007 Sandoval also began directing *Medium*, taking the helm for multiple episodes throughout the run of the show.

## JOHN DIEHL Alex



Forever	Tatia Pilieva	2013
The North Star	Thomas Phillips	2013
A Long Way Off	Michael Davis	2013
Singularity Principle	David Robert Deranian	2013
Apartment 1303 3D	Michael Taverna	2012
The Obama Effect	Charles S. Dutton	2012
Swerve	Zach Horton	2012
Burn Notice: The Fall of Sam	Jeffrey Donovan	2011
Road to Nowhere	Monte Hellman	2010

JOHN DIEHL (Alex) is a talented and dependable performer whose career has spanned over 30 years. Particularly called upon to play various delinquents, wackos and psychos in his early years, he has matured into a fine screen character actor. His career began in the early 80's with a number of bit parts in movies such as *Escape from New York* (1981) with Kurt Russell and *Stripes* (1981) with Bill Murray amongst others before landing a co-starring role in the pilot for *Miami Vice* (1984) playing Hawaiian shirt clad Detective Larry Zito. He continued his film career and has since appeared in over 80 movies and has over 40 guest appearances on TV. Notable film credits include *The Client* (1994), *A Time to Kill* (1996), *Stargate* (1994), *Nixon* (1995), *Pearl Harbor* (2001) and a role as dinosaur lunch in *Jurassic Park III* (2001). John resides in Ojai, California with his wife, singer Julie Christensen and son Jackson.

## COREY SEVIER Mark



Pride of Lions	Sidney J. Furier	2014
Apartment 1303 3D	Michael Taverna	2013
Awaken	Daric Loo	2012
The Immortals	Tarsen Singh	2011
Age of the Dragons	Ryan Little	2011
Decoy	Matthew Hastings	2004

COREY SEVIER (Mark) Sevier was born in Ajax, Ontario, the son of Lynda and Bruce Sevier. Sevier first scored a modeling job at the mere age of six months, winning a baby beauty pageant. As a child actor, he notably appeared on the *Goosebumps* television series *A Night in Terror Tower, Cry Of The Cat*, and in the theatrical release *Summer of the Monkeys*. As a teenager, he played the role of Timmy Cabot in the 1997-1999 remake of the *Lassie* TV series, and also the character Dan in the *Little Men* TV series in 1998 and 1999. He later starred in the Canadian series *2030 CE* as Hart Greyson. He starred in the movie *Decoys* and its sequel *Decoys 2: Alien Seduction* and opposite Elizabeth Berkley in the made-for-television movie *Student Seduction* which premiered on Lifetime in 2003. In 2006 film *Surf School* open his feature film career. In 2007 he appeared in an episode of *The Dresden Files* and in the film *The Secret*. In 2008, he co-stars in *A Broken Life*, and he appeared in an episode of *Smallville*. Corey played the part of Carter in Ryan Little's 2007 film *House of Fears*. After playing Apollo in *The Immortals*, Sevier is now a rising star on a fast track.

# BEN CROSS The Immortal



A Common Man	Chandran Rutnam	2013
Star Trek	J.J Abrahams	2009
Hero Wanted	Brian Smrz	2008
War Inc	Jeffrey Donovan	2008
Species IV	Nick Lyon	2007
First Night	Jerry Zucvker	1995
Chariots of Fire	Hugh Hudson	1981

BEN CROSS (The Immortal) was born Harry Bernard Cross on December 16, 1947, in London, England. He began acting at a very young age and participated in grammar school plays --most notably playing "Jesus" in a school pageant at age 12. Ben left home and school at age 15 and worked various jobs, including work as a window washer, waiter and carpenter. He was master carpenter for the Welsh National Opera and property master at the Alexandra Theatre in Birmingham, England. Driven by his desire to be an actor, Ben accepted and overcame the enormous challenges and obstacles that came with the profession. In 1970, at the age of 22, he was accepted into London's Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts (RADA) -- the alma mater of legendary actors such as Sir John Gielgud, Glenda Jackson and Sir Anthony Hopkins. Ben's first big screen film appearance came in 1976 when he went on location to Deventer, Holland, to play "Trooper Binns" in Joseph E. Levine's World War II epic Quell'ultimo ponte (1977), which starred a very famous international cast -- namely Dirk Bogarde, Sir Sean Connery, Sir Michael Caine and James Caan. The rest is history.

## ZHU ZHU Juen



Last Flight	Vincent Zhu	2014
Secret Sharer	Peter Fudakowski	2013
The Man with the iron fist	RZA	2012
Claud Atlas	Tom Tykwer	2012
Shangai Calling	Daniel Hsia	2012

ZHU ZHU (Juen) is a bilingual actress and TV host who got her start as a host for MTV China. Besides hosting an English-learning program, she also released a solo album in 2009. Zhu's big screen debut was in the Chinese remake of Wo zhi nv ren xin (2011), which hit Chinese theaters on February 3rd, 2010 and in which she plays the secretary of Andy Lau's character. Her follow up role was another small role in L'uomo con i pugni di ferro(2012), a Universal movie directed by RZA, and produced by Eli Roth, Marc Abraham, among others.

## MICHAEL TAVERNA writer & director



Apartment 1303 3D
End Call (Ex. Prod.)
Apartment 1303 (Ex. Prod.)
Shadow of the Dead (Ex. Prod.)
Managua
By the Sword (Co-Prod.)

The MonteCristo Fund	2012
The MonteCristo Fund	2008
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The MonteCristo Fund	2004
Think Films	1996
The Movie Group	1991

MICHAEL TAVERNA was born in Florence, Italy in 1957 and speaks five languages fluently. Upon completing his studies in the United Kingdom, Michael explored the world for a number of years, and finally moved to the USA of which he is now a citizen. Michael directed numerous music videos (most notably Anchorage by Michelle Shocked and You Got It by Ricky Martin), industrials and commercials for Fortune 500 companies, including MasterCard, IBM and Elisabeth Arden. In 1991, he produced his first feature film, By the Sword, starring Academy Award winning actor F. Murray Abraham. Michael then wrote and directed Managua (1996), starring Academy Award® Winner Louis Gossett Jr., Michael Moriarty, Robert Beltran, John Savage and Assumpta Serna. In 2001, Michael joined Horizon Entertainment as its Sales and Acquisition Executive and oversaw Horizon's growth from 3 to over 60 completed features, amongst which included the original *Ring*, Dark Water, The Grudge and One Missed Call. In 2002 Michael focused his activities in Europe, where he set up theatrical releases for Japan's Kadokawa horror films in all European Union countries, formed MonteCristoMedia Srl Italy to co-produce European Films and distribute DVD's, and executive produced Hallows End and Shadow of the Dead via a London-based Company. After his departure from Horizon in 2004, Michael set up MonteCristo International Entertainment, a sales agent in the international marketplace and produced Apartment 1303 and End Call via The MonteCristo Fund. During the last seven years Michael has continued to direct, develop screenplays and feature film packages while establishing a strong network of foreign buyers worldwide. In addition to Apartment 1303 3D and Resilient, Michael will also be directing the action thriller Princess Aisha in 2015. Michael splits his time between Southern California and Tuscany.



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