### Press Release #5 - The Marvels, Doctor Who and an Early Bird about to fly off

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**Stuttgart/Germany, February 07, 2024.** Time travel has always been a major topic at FMX - and it certainly will be this year. The timeline mayhem in **LOKI 2** is getting company: FMX attendees will gain insight into the making of a special episode of **DOCTOR WHO**, produced for the 60th anniversary of the time-travelling alien.

Curating the THEN & NOW track, VFX journalist **Ian Failes (befores & afters)** likes to travel between past and present adopting a historical perspective. This time, he'll focus on "old-school" effects and how useful they can be in contemporary productions like the Amazon Prime Video series **I'M A VIRGO**.

Big cinema will also be present at FMX, of course: We'll have a two-hour special on VFX in the feature film **THE MARVELS** at the 28th edition of the conference on animation, visual effects, interactive and immersive media.

Press accreditation is in progress at the FMX ticketshop - don't forget to check in!

The FMX Forum is filling up - the **Early Bird Discount** for Partners ends Feb 18.



### **Latest Confirmations for FMX 2024**

## VFX FOR FEATURES: Inside creative VFX development for Marvel Studios' THE MARVELS

Join us for a behind-the-scenes discussion about **THE MARVELS** with VFX Supervisors **Tara DeMarco** and **Sarah Eim**, alongside pivotal vendor supervisors **Dominik Zimmerle**, **Ernest Dios** (both **Trixter**), and **Pietro Ponti** (**Industrial Light & Magic**). They will discuss asset and FX ideation, creation, and collaborative sharing as they unravel the magic behind the stunning visual effects crafted for Goose, Saber Space Station, and the dynamic elements that bring this film to life.



## VIRTUAL PRODUCTION: Getting to final VFX in DOCTOR WHO

UK Studio **REALTIME** provided cutting-edge virtual production and futuristic CG for **DOCTOR WHO**: "Wild Blue Yonder", a special episode to commemorate the show's 60th anniversary. With the return of the much-loved David Tennant as the Doctor, the episode takes fans to the very edge of the universe where sinister alien doppelgangers steal the show. **James Coore**, VFX Supervisor, and **Jonathan Rawlinso**n, Head of Episodic, will be talking through the process; from the onset virtual production to final VFX.



# THEN & NOW, curated by Ian Failes

**Going old-school: Breaking down the practical and in-camera effects in I'M A VIRGO:** Director Boots Riley's Amazon Prime Video series I'M A VIRGO made significant use of what might be called "old-school" effects filmmaking, including in-camera effects with forced perspective shooting, large and small puppets, miniatures, practical effects and many specialized scale set-ups. Here, visual effects supervisor **Todd Sheridan Perry** will share the secrets of these incamera approaches, which were also complemented with digital VFX techniques.

**Learn in-camera effects filmmaking with Todd Sheridan Perry**: In this follow-up to Todd Sheridan Perry's talk he'll be joined by VFX journalist Ian Failes (befores & afters) to deliver a masterclass on how to set up a forced

perspective shoot, right there as a hands-on demo for attendees.

What you need to know to build VFX software: Mark Elendt, Senior Mathematician at SideFX, will present and be joined in conversation with Ian Failes to discuss his more than 30 year history in building visual effects software. Houdini is a mainstay at so many VFX, animation and games studios, and Elendt will dive into the history and intricacies of the tool, especially relating to rendering and its earlier incarnation as Prisms. Attendees will get to talk directly to Elendt in a more intimate setting, to get down into the finer details of building VFX tools.



# Forum News: Line-Up is growing - Early Bird Discount for Partners ends February 18

The Marketplace, the Workshops, the Recruiting Hub and the School Campus are filling up nicely. Many longterm partners as well as FMX first-timers have decided to benefit from the Early Bird discount that will be in place till February 18.

Marketplace: Escape Technology, Golaem, Lenovo, Qualisys, RnDeep.

Workshops: db&w, Maxon, Static VFX.

Recruiting Hub: Accenture Song, Eder, Pixomondo, RISE Visual Effects Studios.

**School Campus:** HFF - Hochschule für Fernsehen und Film München, Hochschule Darmstadt - University of Applied Sciences, Hochschule Mainz - University of Applied Sciences, Salzburg University of Applied Sciences, School of Visual Arts - MFA Computer Arts.



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We're looking forward to see you in April. More Information on www.fmx.de.

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