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A lot of presentations will revolve around this year's theme <u>RHYTHM OF CHANGE</u>, addressing the transition the creative industries are currently going through. Influential managers in entertainment are going to discuss the topic. There will be numerous sessions on the impact of Artificial Intelligence.

A panel of experts including Kevin Baillie (Head of Creative, Eyeline Studios powered by Netflix) will discuss <u>"The Artificial Elephant in the Room"</u>, the new industry reality with AI-powered tools as well as cloud-based pipelines - and how VFX houses can turn disruption into opportunity. The state of the industry has always been an important FMX topic, this year the VFX manager Dave Gougé will have a conversation with the investor <u>David Li</u>. To name just two of a hige variety of sessions.

There will be VFX deep-dives into the second seasons of the critically acclaimed series <u>"The Last of Us"</u> and <u>"Andor: A Star Wars Story"</u>, as well as into feature films like Marvel's <u>"Thunderbolts\*"</u> and Ryan Coogler's <u>"Sinners"</u> – all of them merely days after their respective world premieres. The cinematographer <u>Ashley Barron</u>, <u>"Severance"</u>, <u>"Captain America: Brave New World"</u> are also present at FMX, the fiery spectacle "House of the Dragon" and <u>much more</u>.

Animating quadrupeds in <u>"Flow"</u> is on the menu, stop-motion in <u>"Wallace & Gromit: Vengeance most</u> <u>Foul"</u>, <u>"Arcane 2"</u>, <u>"Vaiana 2"</u>, <u>"Secret Level"</u> and <u>"Win or Lose"</u> - plus several testimonials of young artists who managed to establish themselves as "independents" like the pair who went viral with the 2013 FMX Trailer <u>"Rollin' Safari"</u> or the broad-based illustrator and animator <u>Raman Djafari</u>.

Shelley Page (London) is bringing her program of today's finest animated shorts to the conference – no better sweets than "Shelley's Eye Candy"! Ron Diamond (Los Angeles) will present The 23rd Annual Animation Show of Shows presenting **14 award-winning films** - an incredible retrospective as well as a peek at a new generation of filmmakers.

Ian Failes, editor-in-chief of "befores & afters" magazine and longtime FMX curator, has come up with four exceptional treats: He has invited visual effects supervisors Jake Morrison ("Thunderbolts\*") and Stefen Fangmeier (25 years of "The Perfect Storm"), Nuke co-inventor

Jonathan Egstad and make-up effects artist Begoña Fernández Martín ("Damsel", "The Witcher", "Willow"), Swho will transform a volunteer live on stage at FMX using make-up effects and prosthetics.

An important focus of FMX is <u>The Power of Collaboration</u> with topics such as the economic environment, working conditions and equality in the creative industry <u>economic environment</u>, <u>working conditions</u> and <u>equity</u> in the creative industries.

On three exhibition floors, market-leading companies and start-ups present creative solutions and cutting-edge tools, top-notch studios scout talent, and media schools present their projects and curricula.

FMX offers numerous networking opportunities to the speakers and to around 3,500 attendees, professionals and students alike. The conference also presents the high level of expertise of the Stuttgart media region.

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