

ROBIN HOOD THE REBELLION PRODUCTION NOTES

Title:

Robin Hood The Rebellion

Locations:

South Wales UK
Suffolk UK

Lead Cast:

Ben Freeman
Brian Blessed
Kristian Nairn
James Oliver Wheatley
Marie Everett
James Groom
Gareth David Lloyd
Martyn Ford
Jamie Kenna
Charlie Hiett
James G Nunn

Crew:

Produced by – Lucinda Rhodes Thakrar and Jeet Thakrar
Executive Producers – Marc Goldberg, Elizabeth Williams, Jeffrey Giles, Michael Lurie
Director – Nicholas Winter
Writer – Nicholas Winter
Composer – Greg Harwood
Production Designer – Julian Luxton
Costume Designer – Jordan Graff

Synopsis:

About the Film makers:

Picture Perfect (Producers)

Picture Perfect is an independent film production company based in the UK. Set up in 2015 by Lucinda Rhodes Thakrar and Jeet Thakrar, we specialise in overseeing feature film productions from development through to distribution.

Since the company was founded we have produced five full length feature films including HOOLIGAN LEGACY, CAGED, UNDERCOVER HOOLIGAN, HOOLIGAN ESCAPE and most recently ROBIN HOOD THE REBELLION. These have all been released internationally on multiple digital platforms and DVD. Our accomplishments and growth over the last three years is testament to our understanding of the ever evolving UK film industry, work ethic and determination to produce high quality films for a wide audience.

We currently have a slate of films in development spanning different genres and pride ourselves on being able to deliver versatility and adapt to what the market demands.

Nicholas Winter (Director)

Nicholas Winter is one of the most fresh and exciting film maker/directors emerging in independent UK film markets today. He began film making at the age of 15 using the first camera he could get his hands on, after his initial efforts Nick progressed onto experimenting with silent narratives using super 8mm and created some weird and wonderful shorts. Burgeoning digital technology allowed for more experimentation and the creation of two notable short films. The first short 'Lo-fi'; a strange take on a night out with horrific consequences, utilising raw performances and unexpected candour and realism the film was a festival hit playing all over the globe to audiences.

This led to the formation of Porcelain Film Ltd and In 2004 Nicholas began developing bigger and

better projects. Commissioned to make a short about the 'Paparazzi' the film marked the move into High Definition and high end post production workflows. An avid image maker, Nicholas then set his sights on the first feature project for Porcelain Film, which would be titled 'Breathe'.

Learning from all previous shorts and work in the film and television industry, Nicholas pooled together talents from budding actors, to screen veterans to up and coming musical artists and set about making 'Breathe'. After an arduous shoot and extended post production 'Breathe' was ready to screen. Working with the film's producer Gina Lyons, Nicholas was able to land a distribution deal for 'Breathe', making this low budget British film available to audiences worldwide.

'Breathe' was released on DVD on March the 15th 2010 and was also selected for the London Independent Film Festival 2010 where Nicholas picked up the award for Best Film Director.

Nicholas has also produced and directed many high profile music videos.

The end of 2015 saw the sale of Porcelain Film's second feature, 'Lost A Girl' to north America. An unusual character study about a stressed out young professional who undergoes immense horrors, when an unknown force begins to sabotage her life. Early 2016 saw the completion of two more feature films - 'Hooligan Legacy' and 'Transhuman'.

Nicholas has most recently directed Caged, Undercover Hooligan, Hooligan Escape and Robin Hood The Rebellion.

Greg Harwood (Composer)

Greg started out as assistant to the late George Webley (Have I got News For You, The Office) and has since worked on over 30 short and feature length films. You will have heard his music on the BBC, Channel4 and across most major UK broadcasters, and he most recently provided the theme tune for the new NBC comedy "Before The Morning After" for their new streaming service Seeso.

Greg also works closely with brands like Interflora, Huhtamäki and Jameson's Whiskey to provide campaign-specific music, and independent artists like Chris Green to provide music for his current interactive exhibit at the London Design Museum.

When not working in film & TV, Greg is on the books of a number of Music Agencies – providing bespoke music for many high profile brand campaigns for the likes of Calvin Klein, VW and Audi.

Ben Freeman (Robin Hood)

Ben Freeman started on his long career when he was spotted on holiday with his family by an agent from Redroofs Theatre school in Maidenhead.

Freeman's first role was playing Chris Longworth in children's school soap Grange Hill. After leaving Grange Hill Ben went onto to play Scott Windsor in the hit soap Emmerdale. After spending 10 years as the womanising car mechanic Scott, Freeman left the show and appeared in theatre shows such as Wicked, Dreamboats and Petticoats, Romeo and Juliet and Happy Days as The Fonz.

Ben has recently completed feature films Hooligan Escape and Robin Hood The Rebellion both released in 2018.

Brian Blessed (Friar Tuck)

The son of a South Yorkshire coal miner, Brian Blessed was born in 1936 in Mexborough and grew up in the mining village of Goldthorpe. He trained at the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School before beginning a distinguished and varied career, which has encompassed all media. Brian is now one of this country's best known and most highly respected actors.

Brian created the role of 'Old Deuteronomy' in Andrew Lloyd Webber's highly successful musical, CATS, for which he received a SWET nomination. He also starred as 'John Freeman' in the West End musical METROPOLIS. Whilst a member of the Royal Shakespeare Company he played 'Claudius' in HAMLET, 'Exeter' in HENRY V and 'Hastings' in RICHARD III. At the Royal National Theatre he created 'Maxim Gorky' in Robert Bolt's STATE OF REVOLUTION and played the role of 'Sir Tunbelly Clumsey' in THE RELAPSE, directed by Trevor Nunn. He also played 'Henry II' in THE LION IN WINTER at Basingstoke and he created the role of 'Baron Bomburst' in the original cast of the hugely successful musical, CHITTY, BANG, BANG at the London Palladium.

Countless television roles include; 'Augustus Caesar' in I CLAUDIUS for which he received the New York Critics Award; 'PC Fancy Smith' in Z CARS; 'Porthos' in THE THREE MUSKETEERS; 'Pepone' in THE LITTLE WORLD OF DON CAMILLO; 'Spiro' in MY FAMILY AND OTHER ANIMALS; the title role in THE JOY OF BACH, 'Richard IV' in BLACK ADDER; the larger than life 'Squire Western' in the BBC's classic drama series TOM JONES, the 'Laughing Cavalier' in ADAM'S FAMILY TREE (YTV), 'Mr Scottley' in THE GREATEST STORE IN THE WORLD, 'Sir

Morris' in the award winning animated series THE BIG KNIGHTS (BBC) , 'Max' in WINTER SOLSTICE (BBC), and 'Sir David Fawcett' in THE ROYAL for ITV.
On Film, Brian played 'Talthybius' in TROJAN WOMEN in which he was thrilled to co-star with Katherine Hepburn, Irene Papas and Vanessa Redgrave. He played 'Vultan' in the ever popular FLASH GORDON; 'Pedro' in MAN OF LA MANCHA; 'Long John Silver' in RETURN TO TREASURE ISLAND; 'General Zukov' in WAR AND REMEMBRANCE and 'Lord Locksley' in ROBIN HOOD PRINCE OF THIEVES with Kevin Costner. In Kenneth Branagh's HENRY V he played 'Exeter', in MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING he played 'Antonio' and in HAMLET he played 'Hamlet's Father and the Ghost'. He played 'Boss Nass' in George Lucas' STAR WARS, THE PHANTOM MENACE, 'Pendragon' in MERLIN - THE LEGEND BEGINS, 'Clayton' in Walt Disney's TARZAN and 'Leonidas' in Oliver Stones' ALEXANDER. More recently he played 'Cardinal Piccolomini' in THE CONCLAVE, 'Lord Francisco del Ruiz' in DAY OF WRATH, 'Duke Frederick/Duke Senior' in Kenneth Branagh's version of AS YOU LIKE IT and the role of 'The Pirate Captain' in PIRATES – BAND OF MISFITS for Ardmann.

Brian has worked with some of this country's great orchestras. At the Royal Festival Hall he appeared with The London Symphony Orchestra and massed choirs performing Arthur Bliss' MORNING HEROES. He followed this with the inevitable PETER AND THE WOLF with the Bolshoi Symphony Orchestra in Birmingham, Prokofiev's IVAN THE TERRIBLE with the Royal National Scottish Orchestra in Glasgow and he has recorded A YOUNG PERSONS GUIDE TO THE ORCHESTRA. He 'Narrated' KING OLAF with The Danesborough Chorus and TALES OF THE UNEXPECTED/ LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD with The BBC Concert Orchestra.

Brian has written five books; THE TURQUOISE MOUNTAIN, THE DYNAMITE KID, NOTHING'S IMPOSSIBLE, BLESSED EVEREST, an inspiring abbreviated history of Everest, which includes many magnificent photographs and QUEST TO THE LOST WORLD. Brian loves writing and would write a great deal more if he could find the time!

Since the late sixties Brian has had a great love of mountaineering and a great desire to stand on 'the top of the world'. He has been on three expeditions to Mount Everest. The first to make the film GALAHAD OF EVEREST, a tribute to George Leigh Mallory. In 1993 he returned to Everest, this time to climb the Southern side where he reached a height of 28,000 feet – the highest a man of his age has achieved without oxygen. He returned to the Northern side in 1996 when the climb was filmed by a Channel 4 Television team as part of the ENCOUNTERS series. Brian has also completed a trek to the North Pole, an expedition to The Lost World in Venezuela, a climb to the summit of Mount Ararat in Turkey at 17,000 feet and a climb to the summit of Mount Kinabalu in Malaysia.

More recently Brian played "The Narrator" in the UK and in New York, in Prokofiev's PETER & THE WOLF, he also played 'Captain Goitre' IN THE CGI SKETCH SHOW, 'Henry VIII' in HENRY 8.0, and 'The Nekross King' in two series of ALIENS V WIZARDS all for the BBC. He also made a Second Guest Appearance as 'The Host' on HAVE I GOT NEWS FOR YOU.

Brian lives in Surrey with his wife, the actress Hildegard Neil. They share their home with numerous dogs, ponies, cats, ducks and fish !! They have one daughter, Rosalind, who is also an actress.

Kristian Nairn (Thomas)

Nairn is a Northern Irish actor and Dj, he has performed as a Dj all over the world with his tour 'Rave Of Thrones' linked to his role as Hodor in the HBO series Game Of Thrones. His other credits include Mythica and Ripper Street.

James Oliver Wheatley (The Sheriff Of Nottingham)

James has recently completed on BBC and Netflix Series, 'The Last Kingdom,' as well as Sky Ones 'Bulletproof, starring Noel Clarke. Over the past 2 years he has appeared as Thomas Seymour in Channel 5 drama, 'Elizabeth I', award-winning director Ian Old's 2016 Feature, 'Burn Country', co-starring alongside, James Franco, Melissa Leo as well as CNN Original Drama 'Finding Jesus' Season 2, playing the role of Saint Peter. Furthermore, James guest starred in FX/BBC TV drama, 'Taboo', starring Tom Hardy and produced by Ridley Scott, which aired earlier last year.

Marie Everett (Maid Marian)

Marie trained at Drama Studio London. Film credits include *What Happened to Monday* (Netflix Original/SND Films); *Magpie*(Porcelain Film); *Respire* (Kode Media); *Veiled* (Sky Blue Films); *Kidnap Me* (Ikonic Films); *Seeking the Sandman* (Sky Blue Films); *Acceptance* (Princess Films); *Component* (Material Films); and *Fifteen* (Princess Films).

James Groom (Guy Of Gisborne)

James trained at Royal Central School of Speech and Drama.

Theatre includes: Sheep (Tripped Theatre), Christmas (Simon Stephens/Michael Kingsbury), Blueprint (Bike Shed Theatre), Ashes (Park Theatre), Big Boys (English Theatre Hamburg), Oranges on the Brain (Pegasus Theatre), Go to Your God Like a Soldier (Delirium), As You Like It (Pantaloons).

Television includes: Outlander, Law & Order, Elizabeth, Witch Hunt, The Britannic Disaster.

Film includes: Robin Hood: The Rebellion, The 95th, The Lost Viking, Hooligan Legacy, The Rebels, Viking Siege, Fistful Of Lead

Martyn Ford (Brimestone)

Martyn Ford is a 320 lbs, 6'8" bodybuilder with an inspirational story. He was a talented cricket player in his youth, on his way to building a successful career.

However, during one of his training sessions, an injury struck him. After the injury, Martyn got a severe case of glandular fever (infectious mononucleosis), which left him sidelined for around 12 months; a period which was crucial for his career development. As a result, Martyn had to abandon his dreams of becoming a professional cricket player, and look for something else to build his career upon.

It was during this time he decided to "enter the world" of fitness and bodybuilding; seeing it as an ideal way to channel his frustrations that built up inside of him throughout the months he was unable to play cricket. But, soon, this frustration was replaced with a passion for lifting "the iron" –he became "captivated" by his progress in the gym.

Martyn hasn't looked back since then – through years of hard work inside, and outside of the gym, he's become a famous fitness model, actor, and online sensation. His film credits include – Kingsman The Golden Circle, Final Score, Viking Destiny.

Jamie Kenna (Little John)

Jamie kenna is a British actor who has had a varied 15 year career. He has worked at a high level across Television, Film and Theatre. Making His film debut in 2003 alongside Elijah Wood in 'Green Street. His recent credits include Peaky Blinders season 4, The David Brent movie, life on the road with Ricky Gervais and To kill A Mockingbird on the west end stage. He is soon to appear in the new feature film from Picture Perfect, Robin Hood The Rebellion, in which he plays Little John. Jamie has a current showreel which can be viewed on both YouTube and Vimeo.

James G Nunn (Will Scarlett)

James will soon be shooting the leading role of SULE in Sheila Nortley's feature The Strangers.

After his professional debut as OSWALD BIRKENSHAW in the feature film London Wall adapted from John Van Druten's 1931 classic play, which ran in London's West End in 2013. James went onto work on The Imitation Game alongside Benedict Cumberbatch and Keira Knightley for director Morten Tyldum. After which he went on to be part of the original cast to develop, scratch and stage 5* Muscovado By Matilda Ibini playing PARSON LUCY, which subsequently won the Alfred Fagon Audience Award. Latterly James has played the lead MICHAEL in short film Michael for Pulse Films (American Honey, All These Sleepless Nights). TOMO in HALLELUJAH, currently picking up multiple awards at international film festivals (inc. BEST CONCEPT - Copenhagen & BEST SHORT) directed by acclaimed Parisian director Victor Trfilieff. James also played the titular role of ROMEO in Romeo & Juliet at The Rose Playhouse, London, for which he was nominated for 'Best Male Performance' by The Off West End Theatre Awards.