



PREVIEW

My Old School

+ Q&A with director Jono McLeod and actors Alan Cumming, Clare Grogan and Lulu

Director's Statement

My Old School is a documentary which finally reveals the truth behind one of the most incredible stories of the past 30 years. Featuring interviews with my old classmates and teachers, together we tell how a 32-year-old man tricked his way into our school – and, for the first time, how Brandon Lee's true identity was revealed.

Playing with its theme of identity and deception, this documentary stars the internationally renowned actor Alan Cumming as both the face and the voice of Brandon, albeit never at the same time. In an astonishing performance, Alan perfectly lip-syncs to an audio interview I recorded with the imposter himself. In addition to that, Alan also provides the voice of the young Brandon in our animated flashback scenes. As Alan notes, 'This is a great Scottish tale, one that gripped the entire nation when it first broke back in the 1990s, and this documentary retells it from the point of view of the pupils and teachers it all happened to! Their experience, their truth and the legacy they still struggle with will, I believe, now captivate a global audience. It's told with a quirky sensitivity, humour and honesty. It's a story that has always fascinated me and I am delighted to play a part in its telling.'

One of the roles Alan is best known for is class nerd Sandy Frink in *Romy and Michele's High School Reunion*. But Alan isn't the only actor in our cast who's been in an iconic high school movie. Our teaching staff includes *Gregory's Girl* herself, Clare Grogan, and the star (and US Billboard chart-topping singer) of *To Sir with Love*, Lulu. And just like in that movie classic of 1967, Lulu sings our title song, the Steely Dan hit 'My Old School'. Her powerhouse of a performance plays over a fun end credit sequence where cartoon characters meet their real life counterparts.

Animated flashback scenes with cartoon characters evoke high school life from 25 years ago. While drawing inspiration from MTV's 1990s high school icon, *Daria*, the film also nods to the animation styles of the 1970s. Producers John Archer and Olivia Lichtenstein say, 'This is a story that will remind you of your schooldays; an unforgettable tale told with warmth, verve and originality by Class 5C, who lived through this extraordinary deception and have never forgotten it. And now, neither will you!'

My Old School is an exciting and unique project – a real-life rollercoaster of a story, told on film in a completely new way.

Production notes

MY OLD SCHOOL

Directed by: Jono McLeod
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Production Company: Hopscotch Films
Developed and supported by the:
National Lottery through Creative Scotland
Executive Producer: Jono McLeod
Executive Producers for Hopscotch Films: John Archer, Clara Glynn
Produced by: John Archer, Olivia Lichtenstein
Line Producer: David Brown
Production Co-ordinators: Mhairi Valentine, Phil Mews
Accountant: Ken Livingstone
Head of Post-production: Ross MacRae
Post-production Manager: Joanna Clements
Researchers: Jack Archer, Alex Chandler, Chris Walker
1st Assistant Director: Remo Catani
Written by: Jono McLeod
Cinematography by: George Geddes
Additional Photography: Jack Archer, Jack Cocker, Cal Hallows, Jono McLeod, Chris Murray, Allan Nagy
Digital Imaging Technician: Derek Gereg
Gaffer: Sean Macdonald
Animation Director: Rory Lowe
Lead Animator: Scott Morriss
Animation by: Wild Child
Wild Child (Creative Director): Rory Lowe
Wild Child (Art Director): Scott Morriss
Wild Child (Producer): Sueann Rochester
Wild Child (Head of Production): Anthony Eliot-Finch
Wild Child (Line Producer): Martha MacDiarmid
Edited by: Berny McGurk
On-line Editor: Lewis Carmichael
Additional Editing: Jono McLeod
Production Designer: Jamie MacWilliam

Storyboard Artist: David Cameron Newbigging
Costume Designers: Finlay McLay, Layla Mall
Make-up Artists: Caroline Hamilton, Jo McAuliffe, Jade Nicholl
Colourist: Jon Bruce
Original Score by: Shelly Poole
Original Soundtrack Arranged by: Shelly Poole
Music Supervisor: Gemma Dempsey
Sound Designers: Heather Andrews, Stewart Simpson
Sound Recordists: Lisa Higgins, Jonathon McLoone, David McKeitch, Kevin Robertson
Re-recording Mixer: John Cobban

Cast

Alan Cumming (*Brandon*)
Lulu (*voice of Mrs Holmes*)
Clare Grogan (*voice of Mrs Ogg*)
Juliet Cadzow (*voice of Brandon’s gran*)
Michelle Gallagher (*voice of Mrs Thomson*)
Camilla Kerslake (*voice of Brandon’s mum*)
Gary Lamont (*voice of Mr McKinnon*)
Natalie McConnon (*voice of Nicola*)
Joe McFadden (*voice of Mr MacLeod*)
Carly McKinnon (*voice of Miss Mackichan*)
Brian O’Sullivan (*voice of Mr Gunn*)
Wam Siluka Jr (*voice of Stefen*)
Dawn Steele (*voice of Mrs Nolan*)
Michelle Gallagher, Gary Lamont, Natalie McConnon, Brian O’Sullivan (*additional voices*)

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104 mins

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NEW RELEASES

Hit the Road (Jaddeh Khaki)
Continues from Fri 29 Jul
Conscientious Protectors
From Mon 1 Aug
The Feast
From Fri 19 Aug
Where Is Anne Frank
From Fri 19 Aug
Queen of Glory
From Fri 28 Aug

RE-RELEASES

The Big City (Mahanagar)
Continues from Fri 22 Jul
Paris, Texas
Continues from Fri 29 Jul
The Harder They Come
From Fri 5 Aug (+ intro by season curator and author Lloyd Bradley on Fri 5 Aug 18:15)
Burning an Illusion
From Fri 19 Aug

IN PERSON & PREVIEWS

Tony Hancock: Oddities and Rarities
Sat 13 Aug 12:00
RRR
Sat 13 Aug 19:00
TV Preview: Am I Being Unreasonable? + Q&A with writer/actors Daisy May Cooper, Selin Hizli and exec producer Jack Thorne
Wed 31 Aug 18:15

REGULAR PROGRAMME

The Divine Voyage (La Divine Croisière) + intro by Bryony Dixon, BFI Archive Curator
Sun 14 Aug 15:00
Projecting the Archive: The Frog + intro by Vic Pratt, Producer, BFI Video Publishing
Tue 16 Aug 18:30
Art in the Making: 12 Views of Kensal House + intro by Steven Foxon, BFI Curator (Non-Fiction)
Thu 18 Aug 18:30
Relaxed Screening: Kes + intro + discussion
Mon 22 Aug 18:15
Woman With a Movie Camera Preview: Queen of Glory
Mon 22 Aug 18:30
Terror Vision: Burnt Offerings
Thu 25 Aug 18:10

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