

JAIL BREAK ABOUT CAMBODIA'S FILM INDUSTRY

In the past decades Cambodian film have been known for their lip-synch that aren't always perfect, the drawn on sharpie mustaches as the special effects highlight of the film, and the hero's flowing helmet of hair that fools no one. But that doesn't stop the growing crowds from swamping Cinemas every weekend to enjoy local releases. As of 2012, the opening of Legend Cinema, the first cinema to carry legal content more than 3 decades after the end of the war, people started developing a movie goer culture in Cambodia. With this came the demand for more local content to entertain, urging new and old filmmakers to start making films again. The film industry was reborn. With more and more films being produced each year, cinemas now have the possibility of releasing at least 2 local movies per month since 2015.

As an emerging country with such a young film industry, it is not always easy for production houses to deliver high quality content with a chance to reach outside of Cambodia. Often due to insufficient funds, or lack of the right human resources and expertise, this limits the time spent on pre-production, leads to shorter shoots and lack of proper post-production treatment.

This is why Jailbreak took almost two years to reach completion. Because we knew if we were to reach what we wanted, we would have to do everything the right way. Jailbreak aimed to go beyond anything that had ever been done locally, by bringing in foreign talent to enrich the local landscape and increase the quality of Khmer movies to international standards, as well as putting forward local talents such as the Bokator Stunt team who are featured throughout the movie. Jailbreak is ambitious in every way, but it has been driven at every steps by passion and garnered the support of many key players in the industry. Cambodians love films and show great support for local original project. The country was once able to sustain a large film industry. Khmer films would run for months on end in the local cinemas. In the sixties foreign films would come for a short time and then disappear. They couldn't compete with Cambodian films. In its heyday more than 30 film production companies turned out some of the highest quality films in the region. The film-loving then-Prince Sihanouk encouraged it greatly by not only writing and directing his own films, he also sponsored aspiring filmmakers, lending them equipment and sending them to France to study cinematography. This golden age is on the verge of rising once more with Cambodia being pushed under the spotlight as local films start making headlines and bringing back festival awards, and a growing number of international productions coming to shoot here.

The arrival of modern technology and piracy put a big dent into the Cambodian Film industry before, and stopped it from growing to it's full potential in the early 2000's. Since 2012 many association have been created in the aim to stop piracy and sensitize people on its effect. DVDs Shop and bootleg copies have significantly decreased since, while cinema sales have been increasing exponentially and more screens open every year. Jailbreak is surfing on this wave, hoping to make a big splash with its high production value as well as its multi-talented cast and crew.

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JAILBREAK: DARE TO DO DIFFERENT

A month before the release of Hanuman in cinemas, Jailbreak's producer, Loy Te, introduced one of his friend, Jean-Paul Ly, to Westec Media Limited and Jimmy Henderson. Jean-Paul was an experienced martial artist and stuntman who was looking to work on a movie from his country of origin, Cambodia. Back then Ly had already worked on Street Fighter: Assassin's Fist, 24: Live Another Day, Lucy, Now You See Me 2 and more as a stunt, and wanted to broaden his portfolio into acting. The movie naturally skewed towards Action but the comedy was then added to please a Cambodian audience who still enjoy a few slapstick scene. With the passion to bring something different to the Cambodian market as well as create a new standard for local production value.

Dara Our also came in as a lead role, due to his main role in Hanuman. Tharoth Sam, the then rising start of MMA fighting scene became an obvious choice to hold the main female role. Dara and Tharoth already knew each other, being part of the National Bokator Team of Cambodia. With the 3 main cast chosen came the idea of an assemble cast, a movie following a group rather than a few main characters. The idea of a group of cops on a mission quickly became the focus point which the movie would build itself around. The idea allowed to showcase the different fighting styles from the cast as well as bringing a new energy to Cambodian films who are generally more focused toward drama and comedy. Savin Phillips, who played the main antagonist in Hanuman, Kim Veng, was recast in Jailbreak to be Playboy, another criminal but this time more jolly.

Jimmy wrote a first draft with the same writing partners as for Hanuman, Michael Hodgson. A first script was ready by July 2015 but was reworked all the way till September for a planned shoot in December 2015. However the movie was pushed back to summer 2016 when the opportunity rose for Jean-Paul Ly to work on Marvel's Doctor Strange, as part of the stunt crew and training A-listers such as Benedict Cumberbatch and Tilda Swinton. During that hiatus Loy Te met Mike Leeder at Hong Kong Film Art 2016 and was then introduced to Céline Tran. Being interested by the project and wanting to join it, the script was put back into writing to add a new character and a main antagonist, The Madam. As the latest addition to the cast was written into the movie, the final script of Jailbreak was all set for a shooting in the summer of 2016, more than a year after the initial idea was proposed.



FIGHT CHOREOGRAPHY: FROM FRANCE TO CAMBODIA VIALONDON

One of the biggest challenges of Jailbreak was to deliver innovating and thrilling action scenes. While such scenes would usually be covered by teams of highly professional stuntmen such a Jean-Paul Ly, the movie wouldn't have been able to go far with only one stuntman. Which led to the creation of the first official stunt team in Cambodia. While Hanuman had made use of a couple of fighters to follow basic choreographies alongside Lead star Dara Our, they had mostly been self taught and had never received proper instructions. The responsibility fell under Jean-Paul Ly to come and offer professional training to all the volunteers.

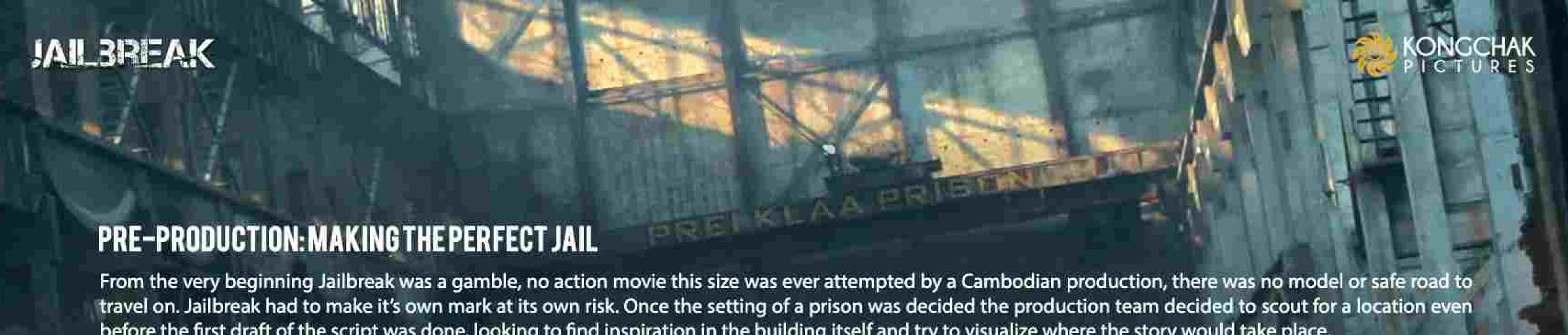
Ly landed in Cambodia in April 2016 to train the stunts for 2 months before the shooting as well as choreograph all fight scenes for the film. The initial plan presented almost 20 different fight sequences, each bringing a unique element to the screen, only 10 ended up being shot and used in the movie. The Bokator Federation as well as the National Olympic Committee of Cambodia (NOCC) helped reach out to stunt enthusiasts and managed to find around 80 people motivated to learn stunt. Trainings took place everyday with a core team of 15, including Dara and Tharoth, and on the weekend up to a hundred people would join the stunt training to fill the roles of extras in the movie.





(Jean Paul Ly with Savin Philip and Loy Te at the airport upon his arrival)

The Cambodian Stunt Team trainning with Jean Paul Ly and Dara Our



before the first draft of the script was done, looking to find inspiration in the building itself and try to visualize where the story would take place.

Looking for a location that would suit for a Prison meant looking for a very specific architecture and layout, a building that would somehow offer the space for long corridors and cells, and have a raw industrial kind of look. Quickly the team came to search for abandoned buildings who would compel a prison feeling. That is when the Location manager and set designer, Mout Iv joined in. He searched all around Phnom Penh and even further. Various options were found, some which fitted perfect but which sadly wouldn't allow for the production to shoot. He eventually found an abandoned factory in Kean Svay. It was a big open space with many hangars. The location being by the river gave the idea to the script writer to make the prison an island as well, where all the most dangerous criminal would be kept, a Cambodian Alcatraz. But the warehouses presented no existing wall structures for cells, and due to the lack of funding and the incapacity to build a full set from scratch, the location was to be kept for outdoor scenes only.

Later on, Mout found an abandoned school could fit for indoor scenes. It had a prison sort of layout, with long corridors with rooms on both sides. The school had been abandoned for 10 years and the inside while conveying a post colonial look, already had this gritty feeling of desolation. A team of former inmates, were hired to worked on the set design, guiding the visual look of the prison through their personal experiences. They also talked about their stories with the team which inspired the Director and the Producer, and helped everyone understand the conditions of life in a prison.

Major clean ups were required to remove the piles of debris and scraps that filled the location, but with the addition of bars, and the sealing of all windows, the prison was ready. The rooftop had even been designed to become the prison canteen, where the final showdown of the movie was meant to take place. Unfortunately 3 weeks before the start of the shoot, the arrival of the monsoon season in Cambodia led a tornado to blow the roof off from the location, destroying the canteen set and making the top floor unusable. The roof had been thrown 500m from the school. A new location, and former military base camp was then used to replace the lost set.

Sadly this wasn't the only tragedy that happened to the crew. A week before shooting, the outdoor location in Kean Svay was then made unavailable, forcing the script to be re-written in order to remove all outdoor activities in the prison. Due to these unfortunate incidents, the shooting of principal photography actually started while the script was yet to be locked down by the production.





SHOOTING: AN INTENSE MONTH

One of the last persons to join the shoot was Director of Photography Godefroy Ryckewaert. While training for the stunts and fight scene had already began, the Director and the Producer were introduced to Godefroy who had previously worked with Jean Paul Ly and Céline Tran, and expressed his interest in the project. It wasn't too long until the production got him in a plane to come join the trainings and start shooting all previews for the fights. With his experience as a stunt, action director and producer, Godefroy brought great creativity to the table and together with Jimmy and Jean-Paul planned all the camera movements that would make Jailbreak's sequences so unique.

The principal photography started with much excitement, it was the concretization of nearly a year of work and pre-production. But many complications arose, as the team discovered first hand, why action movies are the most difficult productions to pull off.

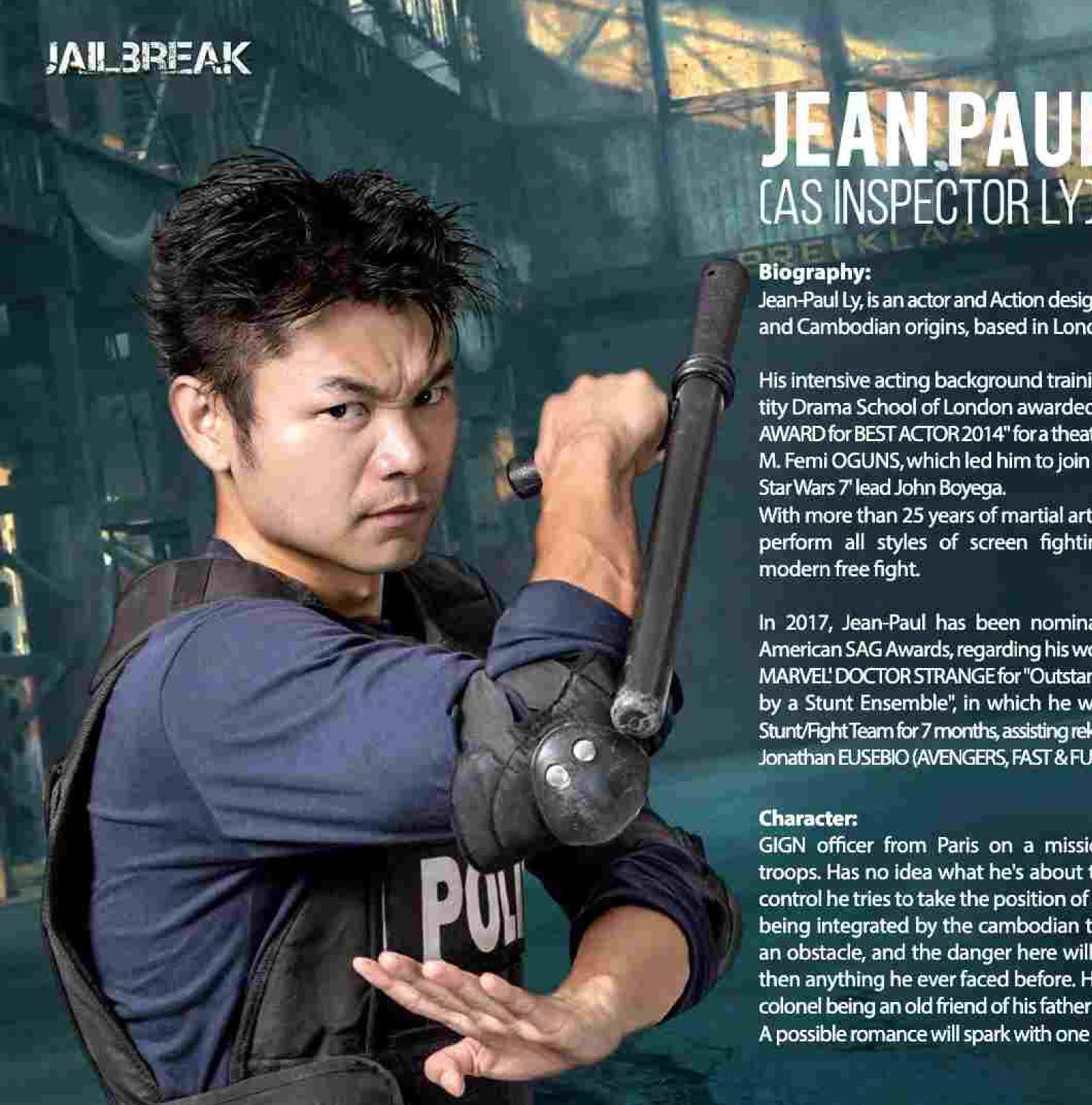
Because of limited time, and it meant having to lock the picture for each fight in only one day, no matter what. It took 12 hours of shoot to film the first fight scene where Jean Paul Ly fights 5 prisoners in the restroom. This was the first moments of realization for everyone that this was going to be a very complicated and long shoot. Things only got harder as they started filming in the prison location. The building had no aeration as all windows had been blocked to seal the light from outside. 60 guys running around and fighting in one corridor, add to that the dust accumulated on the floor from 10 years of being abandoned, and throw in some incent to fake smoke, and the place becomes un-breathable. In an actual filming studio, the place would have been equipped with air cons, and air vents, but because of the lack of such facilities in Cambodia, it leads to very difficult filming conditions. The Production assistants were running around in between takes to turn on fans and try to dry talents costumes, while the make up artist was desperately fighting against sweat washing off everything. And so it went on for over a month of shoot.

Countless weapon props were broken, as well as body protection parts, having to on a daily basis produce more props and improvise protection pads out of pieces of rubber mats and string.

A few injuries happened on the set, but one of the most critical was when the lead actresses, Céline Tran twisted her ankle during training a few days before the shoot of her fight scene. It affected the whole schedule to be shifted around, logistics and scenarios were re-planed, on the thin hope that by delaying the shoot the injury would have time to recover. Until the last minute, the production wasn't sure if they were going to be able to shoot the final fight with Céline. The choreography was simplified, and only the fight, with Tharoth was kept. Céline was able to pull off her fight scene.

The shooting took 35 days with minimum rest and an average of 18 hours of shoot per day. While most action films spend up to 2 weeks to shoot a 4 minute fight scenes, the production was limited to 1 or 2 days only to pull off fight scenes involving up to 60 stunts with takes shoot back to back. The shoot went 6 days over the actual shooting schedule. The shoot ended on August 4th, with a very intense shoot, filming the fight scene between Dara Our, Tara Vy, and Eh Phutong playing the role of the Cannibal. Half the crew had left the production already, the Director of Photography had to leave back to France as well, and it is Director Jimmy Henderson who had to endorse the role of Camera Operator for this huge fight scene. The shoot ended late in the night, but for the crew that had stayed till the end, and the cast present on set to support their comrades, the final "Wrap" call was greeted to loud applauses and cheers of joy. Through all the difficulties that had arose, the team had pulled it off. It had just finished filming what would become Cambodia's first major Action film.





JEAN PAUL LY CAS INSPECTOR LY)

Jean-Paul Ly, is an actor and Action designer/performer, of Chinese and Cambodian origins, based in London.

His intensive acting background training at the reknown Identity Drama School of London awarded him the "CLIVE DAILEY AWARD for BEST ACTOR 2014" for a theater performance, given by M. Femi OGUNS, which led him to join the IAG agency, alongside

With more than 25 years of martial arts practice, Jean-Paul can perform all styles of screen fighting, from traditional to

In 2017, Jean-Paul has been nominated for the prestigious American SAG Awards, regarding his work on critically acclaimed MARVEL' DOCTOR STRANGE for "Outstanding Action Performance by a Stunt Ensemble", in which he was involved as the Core Stunt/Fight Team for 7 months, assisting reknown fight choreographer Jonathan EUSEBIO (AVENGERS, FAST & FURIOUS 8, IRON MAN 2, etc).

GIGN officer from Paris on a mission to train Cambodian troops. Has no idea what he's about to face. Used to being in control he tries to take the position of alpha but faces difficulty being integrated by the cambodian team. Language prooves an obstacle, and the danger here will turn out to be different then anything he ever faced before. His visit is partly due to the colonel being an old friend of his father from before the war. A possible romance will spark with one of the female officers

FILMOGRAPHY

MARVEL'S: DR STRANGE - feature - 2016 Stunt Performer

NOW YOU SEE ME 2 - feature - 2016 Stunt Performer

SAPPHIRE - shortfilm - 2016 Actor - Fight Choreographer

GRIMSBY - feature - 2016 **Action Performer**

CUCKOO (Season 3)-TV Series - 2016 **Action Performer**

LUCY - feature - 2016 **Action Performer**

24: LIVE ANOTHER DAY - feature - 2015 **Action Performer**

STREET FIGHTER ASSAIN'S FIST - 2015 **Action Performer**

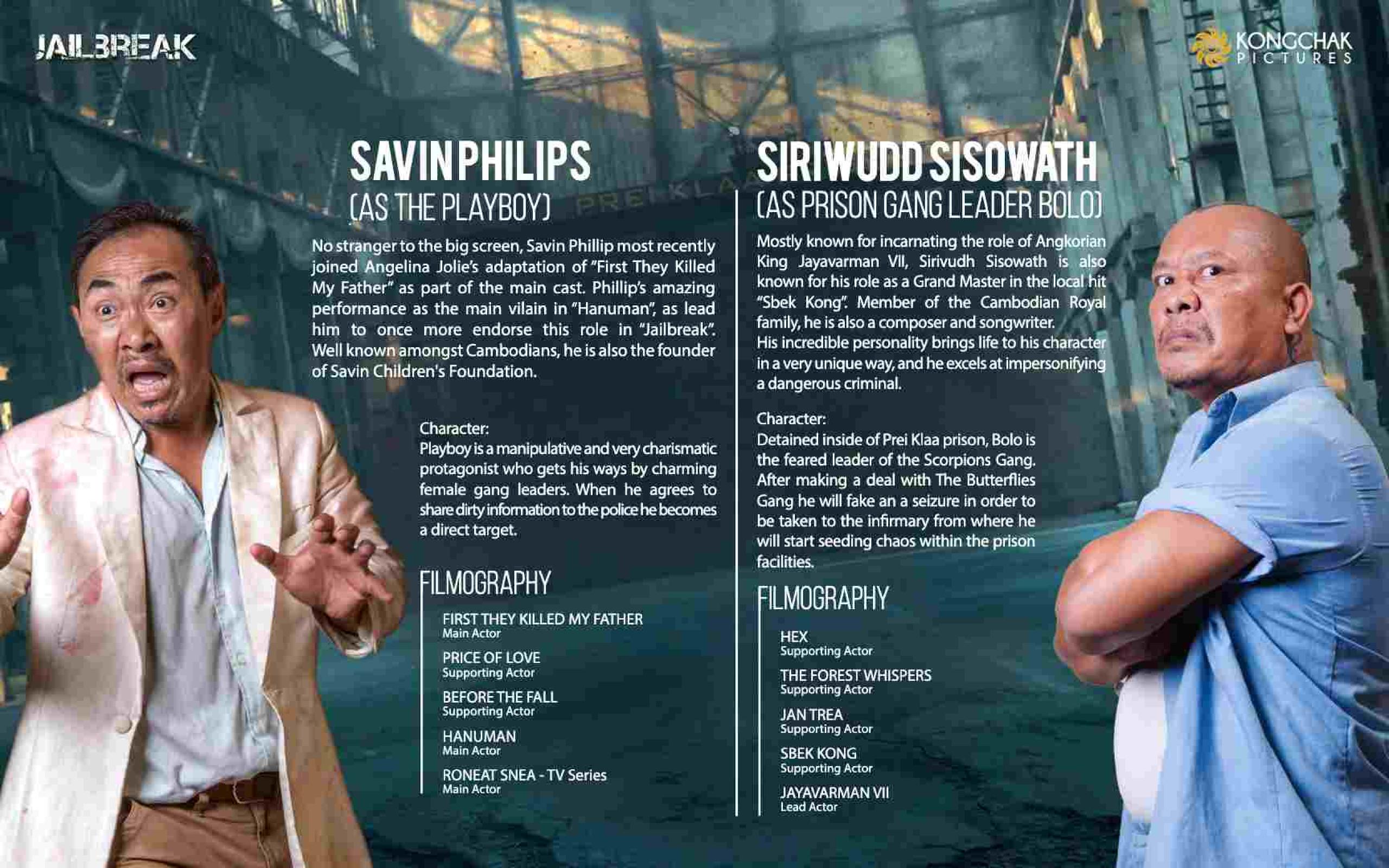
DEEP PAN FURY - short film - 2016 Action Designer - Fight Choreographer - Action Scenes Post-Editing - Action Casting Director AWARD WINNER

"CLIVE DAILEY AWARD for BEST ACTOR 2014" theater play "CONSTELLATIONS" written by Nick Payne, directed by Tiziana Sylvestre. Award given by M. FEMI OGUNS (IAG' CEO)



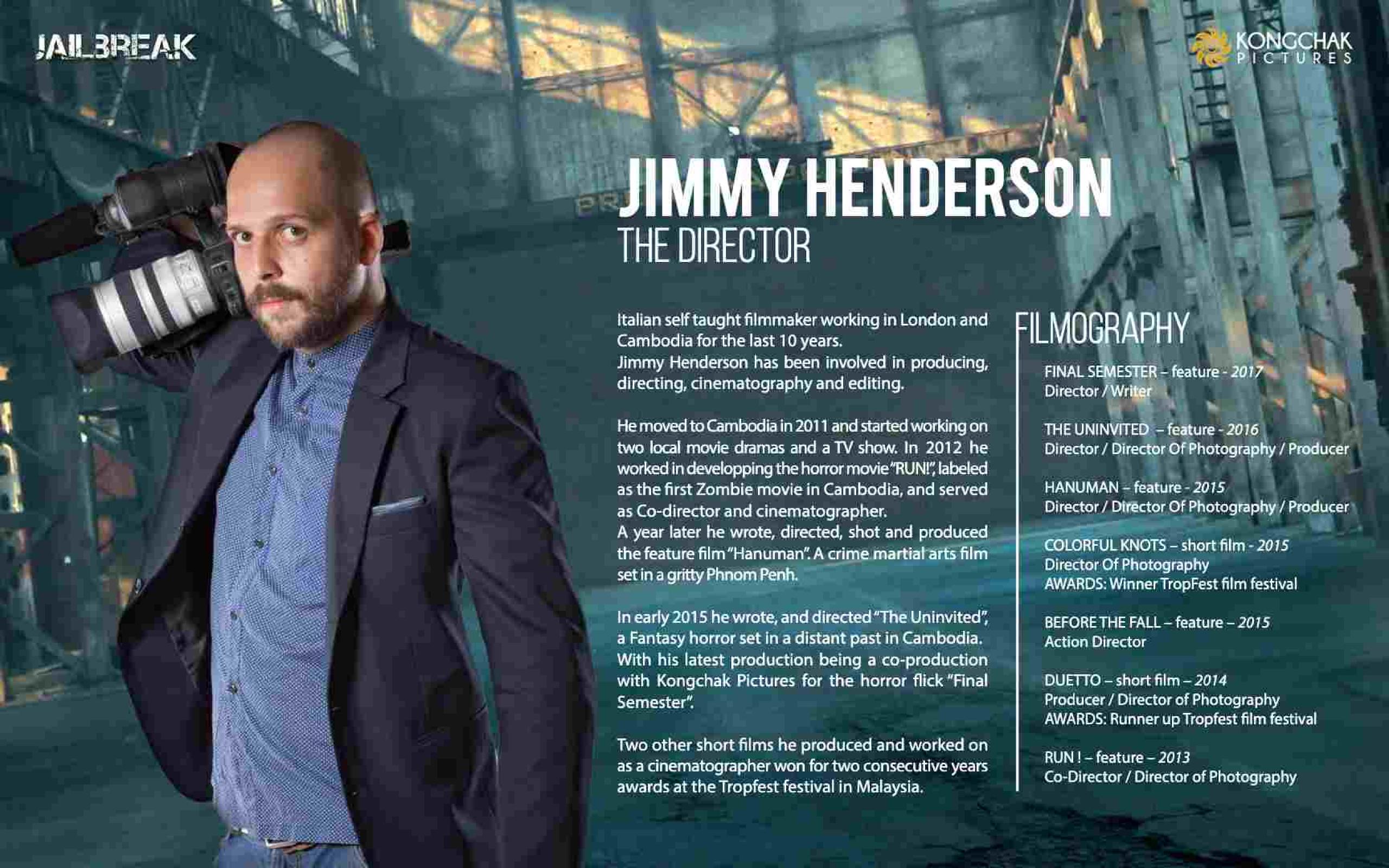


















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Ambush Butterfly Girl #2 ENNA SO Sniper Butterly Girl THAVY KOL Chicken Gang Survivor#1 PEK MI Chicken Gang Survivor#2 NEAY KROUGH Pockmark Prisoner KOSAL SEM Trendy Prisoner #1 SOCHEAT CHEA Trandy Prisoner #2 PUNLOEUR KOA Running Prisoner SOPHAL NUT

Escol Butterly Girl #1 TIROTIJOY SOU Escon Burerly Girl #2 CHIVA PECH Balos Wife MEAS MOROKOT News TV Announce: LILLIAN PONNAKA

Butterfly Lieutenant 2 SONITA DY

Ambash Butterfly Girl #1 KONGKA CHAN

Heavy Prison Guard SURYATAN Scared Prisoner PILY WONG Business Man LIANGZ HO Butterfly Giff #1 GEORGINA TAN Butterfly Girt #2 CHHORVIKA KUY

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