Language of Film: Special Effects

Timely News:

- Dune VFX Breakdown
- VFX Contenders Break Down Key Elements
- Green Knight VFX
- VFX Team Talks Mulan
- Watchmen VFX
- What 7 Creature Performers Looked Like before VFX
- ILM Reveals Skywalker VFX Reel
- VFX Masters Look Beyond De-aging
- The Lion King VFX Explained
- How Hollywood Special Effects De-Ages Actors (video)
- Why The Irishman De-Aging Process is Better Than Marvel’s
- Gemini Man VFX Team On Creating a Younger Will Smith
- DUMBO VFX Breakdown
- ILM Bird Box VFX
- Star Wars: A look inside Solo’s Visual Effects
- Digital Actors: Are They Ready for Their Close-ups
- Solo’s Visual Effects
- Bad VFX, Overused CGI in Marvel
- VFX Avengers Infinity War Interview
- CGI of Coens’ Ballad of Buster Scruggs
- VFX: Ready Player One
- Behind the Magic: VFX Avengers Infinity War
- VFX Tricks: Black Panther Suit; Car Crash
- Avengers ‘Infinity War’ VFX Video
- VFX Nominees on Their Top Digital Secrets
- Shape of Water’s Visual Effects Techniques
- How Blade Runner Made Sean Young Look Young Again
- Blade Runner 2049 & Practical Effects
- Valerian Special Effects
- ‘War for the Planet of the Apes’ Lifelike Visual Effects
- ‘War for the Planet of the Apes’ Featurette
- Wonder Woman Visual Effects
- David Fincher, Cinematic Magic
- Alien Convenant, Mocap, VFX
- Guardians of The Galaxy Without Special Effects
- Fantastic Beasts
- Rogue One VFX: How To Blow Up A Planet
- VFX/Interview Hacksaw Ridge
- Advanced Imaging/VR Society Awards
- Original Star Wars VFX
- ‘Deathly Hallows’ Special Effects Revealed
- Watch the trailer for “Hollywood’s Greatest Trick”
- Contender: Rogue One
- How 2016s films looked before CGI
- ‘Batman vs Superman’ VFX Breakdown
- ‘Rogue One,’ ‘Jungle Book’ Advance in Oscar VFX Race
- Virtual Reality Impacts Visual Effects Race
- John Knoll (Rogue One); Meet John Knoll
- ‘Arrival’, ‘Kubo’ Among VFX Oscar Contenders
- High Stakes: This Year’s Oscar VFX Race
- Special effects behind Moana
- Jungle Book Claims VFX Trophy
- CGI in Doctor Strange
- 2017 Contenders?
- History of Visual Effects
- VFX in Miss Peregrine
- Special Effects in Deep Water Horizon
- Cpt America: Civil War, Black Panther VFX Breakdown
- Mad Max: Without Special Effects
- Peek Behind SW: The Force Awakens
- Ghostbusters VFX Reel
- ‘The BFG’ Visual Effects Wizard on Mocap
- Warcraft SFX/ Doc on Warcraft & ILM (video)
- How Kubrick’s SFX Expert Aided This Indie Sci-Fi Film
- Wonderful Old School Art of Practial Effects Trumps CGI
- The Art of Visual Effects
- Movie Special Effects: Amazing Before & After Shots

**Recommended resources:**
All About Special Effects (PBS/NOVA)
Avatar Pushes The Limits of Special Effects (video)
A Brief Visual History of Motion Capture Performance on Film
CGI: It’s use in Hollywood films
A cinematic journey through visual effects (Tedtalk)
Empire of Dreams (George Lucas/Star Wars doc) streaming video
20 Movie Scene Special Effects: Before & After
50 greatest matte paintings of all time
Green screen technology powers amazing app
History of Special Effects (streamed video)
History of Special Effects (montage)
History of Visual Effects: Milestones
136 Years Of Visual Effects Evolution In One Video
ILM: Creating the Impossible (stream)
Industrial Light & Magic (ILM)
Industrial Light & Magic’s Greatest Hits (video)
It’s Art Magazine

**Lesson Plans:**
Movie Dinosaurs (Newton’s Apple)
Hollywood Special Effects: How Did They Do That?
Special Effects Teacher’s Guide (NOVA)
Special Effects: Titanic & Beyond
Visual Effects: Seeing Is Believing (AMPAS/Oscar Teacher Guide Series)

Knowing More About SFX
Life After Pi (video)
Making of Jurrasic Park (documentary)
Nova: The Magic of Special Effects
Pan’s Labyrinth – Makeup and Special Effects
Revolution of SFX In Movies
Special Effects
Stash: online video effects magazine
10 Pre-2000 Movies With Special Effects That Still Hold Up
Today
Top 10 Motion Capture Performances (video)
Top 50 Movie SFX Shots
VFX: Going Behind The Magic (video series)
VFX World (Online magazine)
Visual Effects of Iron Man (documentary)
Weta Digital Workshop
Within A Minute (Stars Wars Doc, 3 parts)

Recommended resources:

Awesome Special Effects, Capstone Press (2015)

Recommended periodicals:

Other text/video recommendations: