



# SKETCHCETERA

A SHORT FILM FROM  
**SONNYBOO PRODUCTIONS**

WRITTEN & DIRECTED BY PETER JOHN ROSS

**15 MINUTE RUN TIME**

AND FEATURING ACTORS FROM

*The Second City*

and



**sonnyboo productions**

2663 Indianola Ave, STE 23  
Columbus, OH 43202  
(614) 261-6070 / ross@sonnyboo.com

Synopsis:

**sketchcetera**, (COMEDY) 15 minutes – A collection of sketches, done in the style of Saturday Night Live/Kids in the Hall, and featuring several alumni from the mainstage cast of the Second City (the place where John Belushi, Chris Farley, Bill Murray, Martin Short, and Mike Myers all got their start). Several of the bits were entirely improvised by the actors. Shot in a variety of formats including Super 8 film, 16mm film, and Digital Video, Sketchcetera is a collective of shorts that are all about the laughs.



**SKETCHCETERA**, made up of 8 sketches that are woven together, make for one hilarious romp. Starting with the spoof of Quentin Tarantino's masterpiece, PULP DICTION, sets the tone for the rest of the piece. Quickly moving into LICENSE EXAM, which takes place 2 minutes until 5:00 P.M. at the Department of Motor Vehicles. SIMULACRUM looks into the concept of originality, while mocking indie favorite Kevin Smith and Clerks. From there, a serious political statement gets made with VOTE NO TO MAYOR McCHEESE. ELEVATOR takes a silent approach to comedy. Women with low self esteem at THERAPY GROUPS get sent up. Women analyze men... with visual aides in LINE OF MASCULINITY. The piece ends with a glimpse into an office place nightmare with THE MANHATTAN PROJECT. **WARNING!** The Manhattan Project is not for the feint of heart, and may be considered optional for some presentations.

BEHIND THE SCENES

Several segments were shot at the SECOND CITY THEATRE in Cleveland in a single marathon shooting session. At 5:45 AM, the crew fell asleep on the floor of the theatre and in the bar. Another segment, the Manhattan Project, was shot on location in a real office, and cost writer/director Peter John Ross his brokerage job, as he was fired shortly thereafter for his filmmaking endeavors. Simulacrum was shot on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001 en route to the New York Independent Film Festival at the actual Quickstop in Leonardo, NJ.

TECHNICAL INFO

Sketchcetera is shot on a variety of formats including Mini DV, 16mm film, Super 8 film, and Digital Video. The presentation format can be Mini DV, ¾" tape, Beta SP, VHS, S-VHS, DVCAM, DVCPRO, and DVD.

**Aspect Ratio** – 4:3, some segments are 16:9 (1.78) letterbox

**Original Formats** – 16mm film, Super 8 film, and Mini DV

**Sound** - Stereo

**Genre** – Comedy

**Country** - United States

**Language** – English

**Year of Completion** – 2003, 2004

**Exact Run Time** – 0:14:56:12

## CREDITS

Written & Directed by Peter John Ross (*although some sections are improvised, and writing credit belongs to all*)

Produced by Peter John Ross, George Caleodis, & Sonny Boo

Cinematography by Miguel Baldoni-Olivencia & John Fromes

First Asst. Director – Derek Rimelspach

## BIO's of the CAST & CREW

**Peter John Ross** (*writer/director/producer*) - After being fired from a brokerage job for his film endeavors, Ross has made over 30 movies since 1999, and has been featured in **FILM THREAT**, **RES Magazine**, **Ain't It Cool News**, **Camcorder & Computer Video magazine**, **Film & Video Magazine**, **Filmson.com**, **LA Weekly**, **the Village Voice**, **Dynamic Graphics Magazine**, **Internet Video Magazine**, the **Short Film Insider**, **Filmwatcher.com**, **Rewind Video Magazine**, and on **TECH TV**. PJR also contributes to several respected Filmmaking sites as a writer. More info is available at his Official site: [www.sonnyboo.com](http://www.sonnyboo.com)

**George Caleodis** (*actor/producer*) was born and reared in Steubenville, Ohio (home of Traci Lords), and earned a Master of Science degree in Mathematics from The Ohio State. Caleodis made his improvisation and comedy debut in Columbus, Ohio and has performed with Cabaret Dada, Midwest Comedy Tool & Die and The Slipshod Theatre Company. His stand-up credits include opening for Rita Rudner, Larry 'Uncle Lar' Reeb, and The Righteous Brothers. George was with **the Second City** cast and was also an instructor in the Second City training center.

### CAST:

**Jack Hourigan** (*Actor*) The youngest of nine children, Jack Hourigan grew up just outside Toronto, Ontario, in Canada. A graduate of McGill University in Montreal and the famed Second City Conservatory, she has written and performed three shows with **The Second City** Cleveland. In her spare time she co-hosts *The Block* on UPN and reports mildly amusing stories for CBS 19-Action News in Cleveland. Her favorite job is being Mom to her son Spencer, with whom she shares a love for horses, hockey, and chocolate. Jack can be seen in **AMERICAN SPLENDOR** and currently is a host on the **Food Network!**

**Harely Kaplan** (*actor*) was born in Glasgow, Scotland, Harley moved to the United States as a child and grew up in Columbus, Ohio. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a BA in English and Communication Art-Radio-TV-Film and moved to New York City in 1990 where he began working for Fox Television. While in New York he worked in almost all areas of television and film production including work in Creative Development, Publicity and Distribution of such films as **The Player** and **Freddy's Dead: The Final Nightmare**. Harley spent a season casting HBO's **Sex and the City** and such films as **Cider House Rules**, **54**, **Boy's Don't Cry** and **Any Given Sunday**. He is one of the founding members of Do Gooder Productions, New York's first not-for-profit Equity Off-Broadway Theater Company. Since returning to Columbus in 2000, Harley has acted in many films as he continued his involvement in production. He was recently the Executive Producer for the feature, **Temptation**, accepted to the 2003 Cannes Film Festival. Harley has a featured role in **Simply Irresistible** with Sarah Michelle Gellar.

**Holly Magnani** (*actor*) has appeared in 9 short films, most of which have either never been finished or abandoned. Not to be constrained by the penile entitlement of male filmmakers, Holly is making waves a producer. Her next appearance will be in a co-production between Sonnyboo Productions and Sick Little Monkey Films. We hope to see more of Holly's previous acting endeavors as soon as laziness and poverty under the tyranny of George W. Bush ends, sometime in 2008.

**Jon Osbeck** (*actor*) - An accomplished voice, screen and television actor, Jon has recently appeared in several independent feature films, including **The Calling** (starring Faye Dunaway), **Green Card Fever** and **Going Corporate**. Jon has also appeared in numerous short films and television commercials, including **SAFE AUTO**. His latest project, an episodic film series entitled **MANN**, is currently being featured with the Improv Troupe **OUT OF OUR HEADS**.

## FILM FESTIVALS

Official Selection of the "2003 EAT MY SHORTS" comedy shorts festival in Montreal, Canada - July 10-20th, 2003

Official Selection the Drop Your Shorts Film Festival - Feb 2003

Official Selection at the FOXGRAPE FILM SERIES - May 2003

Official Selection at the Freight Film Salon in New York City - June 9th, 2003

Official Selection to the GIGGLESHORTS International Comedy Short Film Festival - Sept 2003

Official Selection at the Ohio Independent Film Festival in Cleveland, Ohio - November 6th, 2003

Official Selection at the Queen City Film Festival in Cincinnati, Ohio - September 13th, 2003

Official Selection of the SECOND CINE film festival at the Second City Toronto, Canada - April 2003

Official Selection at the Sivad Festival of Independent Films - April 25th, 2003

Official Selection at the ZENGENIUS monthly Short Film Screenings - April 21st, 2003

Official Selection to the Wreck-Beach Film Festival Ontario Canada - June 2004

---

Mentioned on AIN'T IT COOL NEWS

Mentioned in FILM THREAT

"BEST VIDEO OF THE WEEK" from Internet Video Magazine



Internet VIDEO Magazine [www.internetvideomag.com](http://www.internetvideomag.com)

### Best Videos of the Week

It's the latest thing in reality TV game shows - no its not sleeping overnight at Wonderland - we are talking about "License Exam" - the TV Game Show that happens at the Department of Motor Vehicles. According to director and producer, Peter John Ross, this is his last short film and is moving on to feature films only. It stars Jon Osbeck (Out of Our Heads), George Caleodis (SECOND CITY, Out of Our Heads), Harley Kaplan (uncredited), and Holly Magnani plus the Voice Talents of Nate Hodges of the Millstone Movie clan, and a special appearance by Brandy Seymour. Cinematography by Miguel Baldoni-Olivencia (Out of Our Heads).

SIMULACRUM was commented on by Kevin Smith himself on his VIEWASKEW.COM message board!



REWINDVIDEO.COM **Rewind Video Magazine**

### Sonnyboo's Ode

In Sonnyboo's *Simulacrum*, two wannabe filmmakers go on a quest to some familiar locations to find inspiration. This short film was directed by Peter John Ross, features Kevin Carr and Dan "ROCK" Peterson, and can be seen on-line here. Hey, Kevin Smith said it was "very cute," and it's only one minute long - go check it out, and then discuss it in our Forums.

