SAY NOTHING

LIMITED SERIES
BASED ON THE BOOK "SAY NOTHING"
PRODUCED BY FX & COLORFORCE

PERIOD SERIES SET BETWEEN 1958 AND 2014 IN NORTHERN IRELAND, ENGLAND AND IRELAND.

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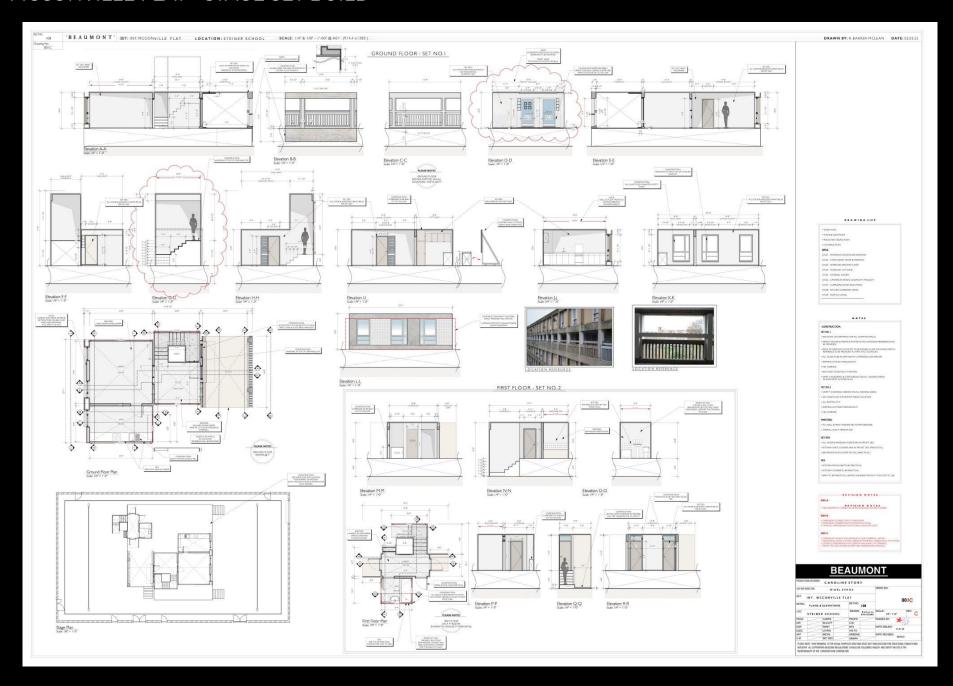
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SUPERVISING ART DIRECTOR: EMMA PAINTER





MCCONVILLE FLAT - STAGE SET BUILD



PRICE HOUSE INT STUDIO SET BUILD - SET PHOTOGRAPHS AND STILLS

I wanted the Price House to feel like a very normal family home, which only served to highlight the extraordinary circumstances of so many people living in this conflict. A favourite image is of Dolours being sworn in with a packed of Sunblest white bread behind her - the clash of domestic life and terrorism.









At the heart of the show was the recreation of Belfast's Lower Falls Road—a historical center of the Troubles - which required an entirely custom-built backlot. After exploring numerous potential sites, we selected a large, open lot and transformed it into an immersive, versatile set capable of supporting the intense action and emotion of the series. The backlot's design included interconnected shop and house interiors that directly opened onto streets and winding alleys, allowing for dynamic, continuous shots through these spaces. This flexibility enabled the camera to follow chase scenes seamlessly and heightened the actors' sense of immersion, grounding them in the tension and atmosphere of Belfast during this pivotal time. The set became a living, breathing recreation of the Lower Falls Road, capturing the spirit and urgency of the story's setting.





BACKLOT - DRONE AND MODEL PHOTOGRAPHS







BACKLOT - COLOUR AND TEXTURE ELEVATIONS.

The backlot needed to be versatile enough that it could sustain several turnarounds and help show the passage of time over 4 decades without becoming repetitious.

We did many incarnations of facades, rooflines, windows. Reworking and reimagining all while working with a tight schedule and limited budget.

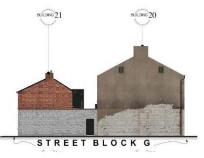








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BACKLOT - CONCEPTS'





BACKLOT - SET PHOTOGRAPHS







BACKLOT - SET PHOTOGRAPHS AND GRAPHICS



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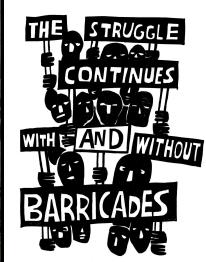
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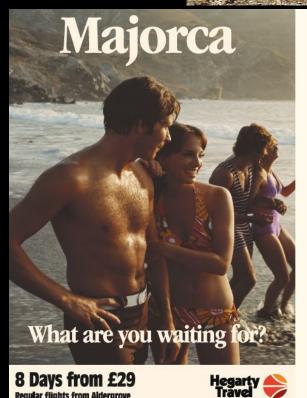
BACKLOT - GRAPHICS

I found the contrast between 70's advertising and the graffiti of the Troubles to be arresting. Commerce still trying to use aspiration to appeal to the consumer, while the IRA delivered warnings or created memorials on the same walls.

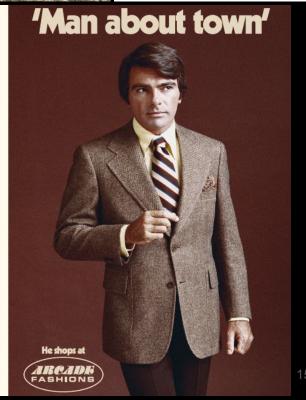
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BACKLOT - SET PHOTOGRAPHS











BACKLOT - SET PHOTOGRAPHS





BACKLOT INTERIOR SETS - SET PHOTOGRAPHS



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BACKLOT - SET PHOTOGRAPHS An astonishing amount of Belfast centre was bombed or burnt during The Troubles entire streets were burnt down in sectarian violence and hundreds of familys displa in the process.

Portraying the violence and the human impact of the constant bombing was extremely important - from the bombed buildings themselves to the broken windo lining street after street.



BACKLOT - THE HAWAIIAN CONCEPT



BACKLOT - THE HAWAIIAN - SET PHOTOGRAPHS



BACKLOT - THE HAWAIIAN DRAWING



BACKLOT - SET PHOTOGRAPHS

During the Troubles, illegal bars - called Shebeens - were hidden above shops, in back rooms, and anywhere really that presented itself. We built entrances to two of our bars on the backlot. We always endeavoured to create a heightened and highly realised world by using intense colour and texture.







The Cracked Cup was a Shebeen in the storeroom of a little shop. This set was a partial build in a building on our multipurpose site. We dressed the set with groceries and stores for the shop - endless little details to really bring this





NAILBOMB PUB - SET PHOTOGRAPHS

The Nailbomb Pub was a Shebeen hidden above a bombed out mattress shop. Our graphics team created beautiful layers of dressing (business cards, invoices, tickets) to fully realise the history and opportunistic aspects of these hidden bars.











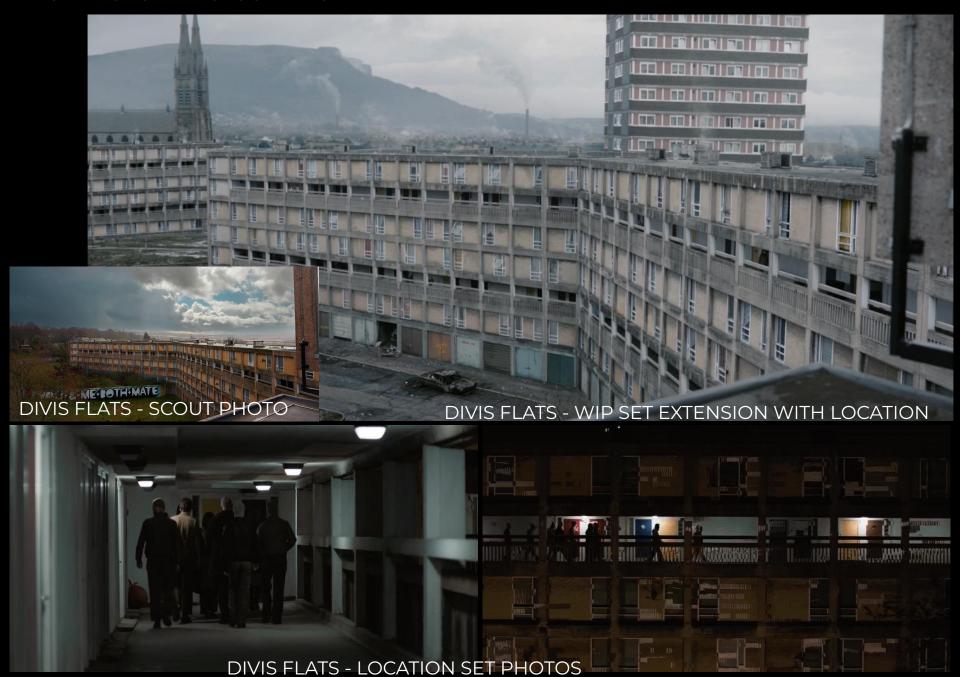
DIVIS FLATS - SET PHOTOGRAPHS







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BRENDAN HUGHES FLAT INT - DIVIS TOWER - STUDIO SET BUILD - SET PHOTOGRAPHS





PRISON - SET PHOTOGRAPHS AND STILLS







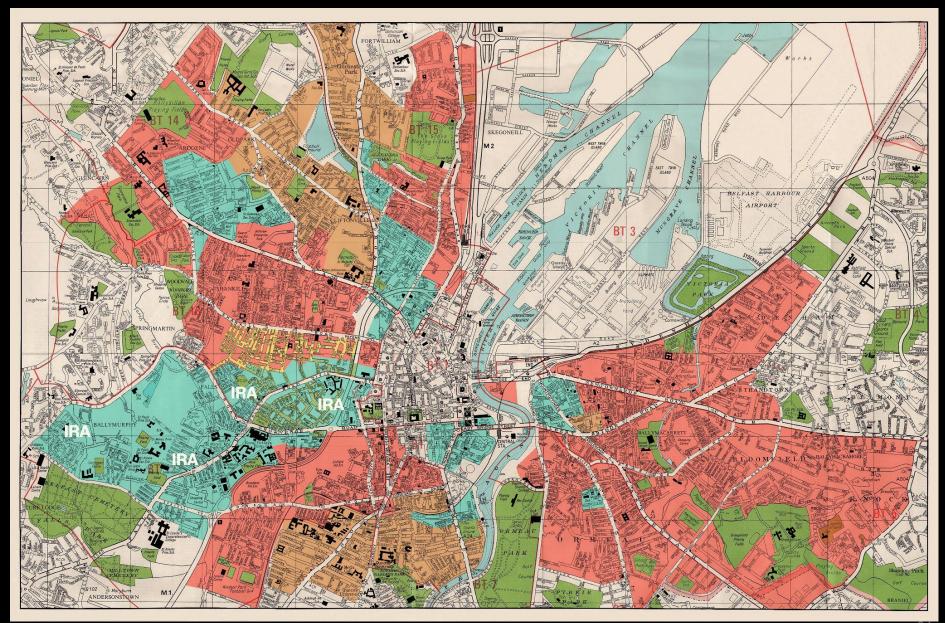






BRITISH ARMY BASE - SET PHOTOGRAPHS AND STILLS





BANK ROBBERY, PARTIAL BUILD ON LOCATION - STILL PHOTOS
Our design approach was rooted in
authenticity, but more than that, it was
about emotional truth. We wanted to
give the cast an environment that
allowed them to step fully into the lives
they were portraying, to feel the
weight of history and the pulse of life
in every scene. In recreating the past,
we aimed not just to reflect it, but to
honor the complex human stories
within it. Through every detail, we
sought to give Say Nothing a sense of
immediacy, power, and deep respect
for the people who lived through this

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