

Written and Directed  
by Pierre GREGORY

Produced by Antoine TAPIN, Pierre  
GREGORY and Mike VALIQUETTE

Animation by Junior THOMAS  
Sound by Joel KAZMI

EXOCET PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS...

# NEVER SHAKE THE DEVIL'S HAND

Voiced by Martin YAP  
and Aries CHEUNG

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**BEST SHORT  
ANIMATED CRIME FILM**



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## LOGLINE

Down and out PI Elliot Capwell, is sent on a fool's errand by an unscrupulous crime boss looking to start a war with a rival gang. A visit to Church only makes things worse for himself.



## ABOUT

A tribute to old-fashioned 1940's Film Noir that aims to rekindle the gritty pleasure of placing a down-and-out detective in a precarious situation. Never Shake the Devil's Hand serves to connect classic elements of the genre with a contemporary backdrop of Toronto through it's visual style, original soundtrack & intriguing story.

## SPECS

Runtime: 10m 36s

Genre: Crime/Suspense

Ratio: 16x9/1080p

Country: Canada

Language: English

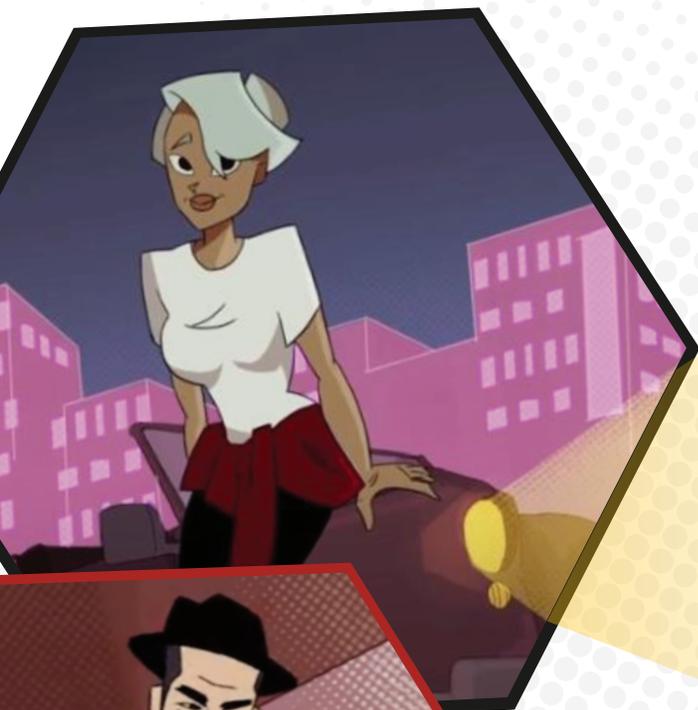
Captions: English/French

Sound: Stereo

Prod. Year: 2022

# CAST & CREW

**VOICES BY.....Martin Yap & Aries Chung**  
**WRITTEN & DIRECTED BY.....Pierre Gregory**  
**EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS.....Pierre Gregory & Antoine Tapin**  
**PRODUCER.....Mike Valiquette**  
**EDITOR.....Junior Thomas**  
**CONCEPT ART & DESIGN.....Mike Valiquette, Nate Carvalho & Nikita Greer**  
**LEAD ANIMATOR.....Junior Thomas**  
**STORYBOARD ARTIST.....Mike Valquette**  
**ANIMATIC EDITORS.....Rohan Conolly & Sam Thompson**  
**SOUND DESIGN & MUSIC.....Joel Kazmi**



## DIRECTOR SPOTLIGHT

Pierre Gregory is a bilingual writer-director and film producer who has created entertaining and thrilling works for both the French and English stages and screens. A recipient of the O'Neill-Karch Award and a fellow of the Ontario Arts Council, Pierre's plays and films have garnered international attention and awards - particularly a 2015 experimental documentary titled 'Human Exposure'.

## WATCH TRAILER

Scan the QR code to watch on IMDb  
or visit [www.exocetproductions.com](http://www.exocetproductions.com)





# ABOUT EXOCET

Exocet Productions is a Toronto-based creative force that established itself in the industry with the release of *Never Shake the Devil's Hand* (2022). Exocet Productions offers a fresh take on cinema and strives to engage broad audiences with enticing content.

Taking no rest from success, the team is hard at work with the production of a not-so-romantic live-action comedy short,

titled 'A Last Push for Love' - written & directed by Pierre Gregory. With an expected 2023 release, this marks the third collaboration between Pierre and industry veteran DOP, Onno Weeda (*In the Dark, Broken Waters & Suits*). Exocet Productions is also proud to feature the talents of David Frisch, Theresa Tova, Kyle McDonald, Alex Clay, Aidan Devine and Leslie Ann Coles, among other up & coming Canadian performers.

Beyond these projects, Exocet Productions is currently developing its first feature-length motion picture, currently in the late stages of writing.

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