

**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  
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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

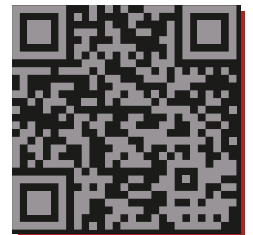
**VOICES BY.....**Martin Yap & Aries Chung  
**WRITTEN & DIRECTED BY.....**Pierre Gregory  
**EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS.....**Pierre Gregory & Antoine Tapin  
**PRODUCER.....**Mike Valiquette  
**EDITOR.....**Junior Thomas  
**CONCEPT ART & DESIGN.....**Mike Valiquette, Nate Carvalho & Nikita Greer  
**LEAD ANIMATOR.....**Junior Thomas  
**STORYBOARD ARTIST.....**Mike Valiquette  
**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 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-vetran DOP, Onno Weeda (*In the Dark, Broken Waters & Suits*). Exocet 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 it's first feature-length motion picture, currently in the late stages of writing.

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