

Elbow Grease Pictures - Project information: April 19, 2024

<u>Title</u>	<u>Genre</u>	Brief Description
"CHASING THE COOL"	Drama/Racing Action	In 1970, Steve McQueen, the biggest star in the world, decided to combine his two favorite passions - filmmaking and motor-racing in his Hollywood film, " Le Mans ". This is an incredible <u>true</u> story told through the eyes of an eighteen-year-old English nerd who is sent off to France to serve as an interpreter and production assistant on the film. The craziness of run amok Hollywood production, an out-of-control, gone sour Steve McQueen, the sundry lunacies of filmmaking and 200+ MPH motor-racing all thrown together in a little French town. Our teenager loses his physical, social and intellectual virginity. A boy let into the world of the King of Cool which changes him into a man.
"CAIN: DOMINION"	Action/Mythology Horror/Thriller	A group of Bow Hunters win lottery tickets to take part in a trophy elk hunt in an obscure area of Southern Utah. For decades, this land was off limits to hunters due to sacred Native American sensitivity; however the tribe has now opened it up – why? As each of these hunters is picked off one by one in a predatory fashion, we find out. This is the original land of Nod where Cain remains banished for his sin of Abel's murder. The Tribe has been sacrificing children to the cannibal Cain for centuries when a dying Shaman does the unimaginable – sending this group of white hunters into Cain's realm. What the hunters discover is too shocking for them to imagine. According to scripture and Indian Lore, Cain can't be killed – only contained. If his mythological portal is purged and Cain comes off the mountain – god help us all.
"SOUTHERN HEAT"	Action/Thriller	This is a journey of self-discovery for Bodey Bass, an LAPD Internal Affairs Detective burdened with an intense aversion to dishonest cops. Bodey's father, a rural Louisiana Parrish Sheriff, is killed shortly after daring causeway armored car robbery on Lake Henderson. Having been estranged from his father since he was a boy, Bodey reluctantly goes back to the Bayou for the funeral. Planning to stay only a day or so to deal with some probate issues, he changes his mind when he accidentally discovers evidence that his dad may be a dirty cop. He's paired up with Deputy Sheriff Raimond Thibodeau, his late father's best friend. In the process of solving Bodey's father's murder case, these mismatched lawmen go through hell and back to find the truth about the outlaws and themselves.



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"THE FRANCHISE" Action/Thriller		"Any Given Sunday" meets "Terminator 2". In the world of Professional Football, failure is an expensive habit to break. When billionaire defense contractor, Vincent Flemming, bought the Las Vegas Knights, he didn't plan on them quickly becoming the worst team in the league. Desperate for a winning season, he takes it upon himself to have his brilliant scientists develop a player that has the ability to turn his struggling franchise around. Robert Smith is that player. An outside linebacker, 6'4" 260 pounds, lightning quick and hits like a truck. But what no one knows (not Smith's teammates, not the fans, not the opposing QBs he sacks for lunch) is that Robert Smith is not just an undiscovered walk-on. He is a machine. A Cyborg. He never stops; he cannot feel pain nor comprehend fear. Smith is a prototype of the perfect athlete unleashed onto the football field and then the world perhaps a bit too soon.
"AVENUE OF THE GIANTS" Drama/Thriller		A story of Cyrus Shaw, an unforgiving man who has lived his life on his own terms and given no quarter to any man on this earth. Even when his son was murdered, he refused to grieve and buried his sorrow in a zealous pursuit of the conviction of his son's killer. Thirteen years later, Cyrus learns that the African-American teenage killer who was sentenced to life, is now eligible for parole because of a change in the law. When the young man is released from prison, Cyrus feels betrayed by the system and seeks vengeance, but instead finds himself on a road to his own redemption.
"KIMOSABE"	Action/Adventure	In 1988, when off-beat screenwriter Will Duggan, wonders why Fran Striker, the creator of the Lone Ranger, named the masked man's able Apache sidekick 'Tonto' (the Spanish word for 'fool'), he doesn't realize he's just taken his first steps on the Silver Bullet Trail. He's wandered into those flying-lead days of yesteryearJoaquin Murrieta and his infamous gang of outlaws, blended in with a modern Mexican smuggler on the lam, a crusty old desert rat, a beautiful blond black belt, hi-tech minerals, foreign gangsters, hidden sacks of

the real-life Lone Ranger and Tonto.

gold and more dead bodies than he'd ever dare pack into one of his B-movie screenplays. After nearly losing his life several times, at trail's end, Will finds the biggest surprise of all --



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"FRIENDS OF ISCARIOT"	Heist/Thriller	A story of five close friends, disabled vets from the Afghanistan War, who now live below the poverty level in a Las Vegas squalor. A blind priest offers them absolution of their sins if they help him rob a bank. Desperation drives them and betrayal follows. A heist tale with great twists and turns.
"The Perk" Romantic Comedy		Josh and Josie's marriage is thrown into utter chaos after a wild bachelorette party. Riddled with guilt, Josie believes she slept with a male stripper. In an effort to save their marriage, Josie gives Josh a "perk" (permission to have a one-night stand) in Las Vegas with any woman he wishes. Look out!!
"ART OF THE WARRIOR"	Action Adventure	"Imagine what I could do if I did all that I can." This quote from the 6th century icon Sun Tzu, tells you all you need to know about the man. A superior warrior and strategist but also a man fair-minded and principled. Follow the young Sun Tzu through his training with Master Wu to finally become the most feared and revered military man to have ever engaged on the field of battle. His ultimate treatise Art of War has been read throughout millennia by the likes of Napoleon, Genghis Khan, MacArthur and Eisenhower. Sun Tzu's life exemplified the Art of the Warrior.
"FIGHT IN THE SHADE"	Youth Drama / Sports/Action	In the tradition of " <i>Hoosiers</i> ", comes a true story set in a small, Idaho town. An underdog football team, the Washoe Warriors, lose a game 95-0 to the best team in the state. The Warriors don't give up even when they are down 82-0 at halftime. They prevent the more powerful team from getting the current scoring title of Idaho. The experience brings the team and community closer together and for a short time the boys are considered heroes for their tenacity and dedication.



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"WHITE COLLAR"	Drama/Thriller	A thief is caught mid-robbery and forced to witness the suicide of his captor, a wealthy man distraught over his involvement in a big money white collar crime. The confused widow (in great debt financially) lets the thief go, making it appear like a murder, so insurance money can be claimed. This cover-up forces the two back together in a dangerous web of intrigue. Ironically, the thief finds himself stepping into the shoes of the departed husband and ultimately exonerating himself by saving this dysfunctional family from itself; at the same time bringing his own troubled life back together.
"BURIED LIES"	Action/Thriller/Comedy	"The Big Lebowski" meets "Tin Cup". Retired on a Mexican beach, Jack Spence's only worry is his putting. Then, back home in Cypress Point, his Uncle Stuart is brutally attacked and robbed, and the police haven't a clue who done it. Outraged, Jack flies north and with help from friends, sets a trap for the thieves baited with buried treasure. But what Jack sees as a direct path to revenge makes several near fatal detours. Charging headlong down it anyway, the former Stanford tight end then golf magazine publisher finds himself stalking bad guys during The Crosby and pitted against some very strange characters indeed; among them, a cross-dressing ex-cop from Manila, a Korean billionaire, a besotted Southern golf pro, a pot-fuelled caddy, a cute surfer chick and her felonious boyfriend, a hulking gimp biker, and a deadly Asian con-man. He even runs into his great-great grandfather and his friend, Robert Louis Stevenson. But no 19th century novelist could've plotted all the twists this path takes, or where Jack winds up at its end.
"CHOP FALLEN"	Horror/fantasy/comedy	A very hip retelling of " Hamlet" with a fresh new take; where a not-so-young slacker teams up with a foul mouthed teenage girl to solve the mystery of his recently murdered father whom he can summon by ingesting his ashes. Hilarity ensues.



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"S.N.A.F.U."	Action/Adventure	"Die Hard" in the jungle meets "Romancing the Stone". A disgraced Navy Seal/Pilot named Grady is forced to work in Colombia because his US license has been revoked. He's blamed for a murder and sentenced to die. The day of his execution, a mysterious woman claiming to be his fiancée visits him. She tells of a plot to rescue him so he can fly her and her father (a recent government prisoner) out of the country. Grady goes along with the plan, but the plan always changes and keeps putting him deeper and deeper into trouble. A romance sparks as the rescue mission evolves into a large-scale gold heist against Colombia's most feared drug lords.
"A WORLD APART"	Action/Thriller	Phil Dyson, an obsessively driven tech entrepreneur lands the deal of a lifetime but learns the unintended consequence of single-minded ambition is a neglected family on the brink. In order to re-connect with his wife and teenage children, he takes them on a sailing vacation. Onboard, he realizes just how much rebuilding he has to do. As he begins to regain their trust, their world changes forever as the ship is boarded by pirates, and the family is terrorized and held for ransom. Dyson and Albert, the main pirate, realize they have been brought together in an ironic twist of fate, each protecting his family the best way he knows how.
"TARAS BULBA"	Drama/Romance War/Action	Ernest Hemingway called <i>Taras Bulba</i> by Nikolai Gogol, "One of the ten greatest books of all time". A "Romeo and Juliet" story takes place in the late 16c. Ukraine. Taras has settled into comfortable farm life after years of adventures and swashbuckling with his Cossack companions. Though not wealthy, he is able to send his sons away to a Polish school in Warsaw. At this time, the Poles are overlords of Ukraine forcing the Cossacks (now Ukrainian serfs) to struggle to free themselves and their land (The Steppes) of Polish domination. Taras hopes the boys will be educated in the ways of the enemy. Instead, his eldest, Andrei, falls in love with the daughter of a Polish nobleman, setting the stage for a clash between love, family honor, and a struggle for national identity. In the end, it's Father against Son in an epic battle between thousands of reunited Cossack Tribesmen and the advancing Polish Armies near the Dubno Castle. A remake of the 1962 Yul Brynner/Tony Curtis movie.



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"HELL'S ACRE"	Horror/Western	In the vein of "Texas Chainsaw Massacre" and "Halloween" with a dash of "The Good, The Bad and The Ugly" spins the true story of America's first serial killers, "The Bloody Benders" – a family of twisted and perverse German immigrants who confined and butchered nearly two dozen people over three months in their roadside cabin's lair just outside of Cherryvale, Kansas, in 1872. The family mysteriously disappeared.
"SHERLOCK CHRONICLES" Horror/Vampire *Curse of the Five Pashas		Sherlock Holmes battles both his inner demons addiction brought on by severe depression and his greatest adversary to date Dracula, in exotic Istanbul. Holmes' elder brother, Mycroft, an agent in Her Majesty's Secret Service, summons Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson to Istanbul. Therein begins the battle of wills and wits between two titans of the Victorian Age Sherlock Holmes and Count Dracula.
"CITY OF SPIES"	War/Action/Thriller	CITY OF SPIES is a "Casablanca"-esque, taut WWII spy thriller inspired by the true story of how the Haganah, a clandestine military wing of the Jewish leadership, smuggled Jews out of Europe via Istanbul (known then as the "City of Spies") to Palestine against conspired resistance from Germany, England, Russia and even Turkey; told through a cynical, hard drinking American war correspondent, Jack, who, like the U.S., was literally neutral in early 1941. The attack on Pearl Harbor along with Jack's love affair with Ilona, a beautiful Hungarian cabaret singer/spy, changed all of that. With the world at war, who can you trust in a city full of spies?
"TROPHIES"	Revenge Thriller	An abused wife lures her husband into a game of cat and mouse that only one of them will survive. She was always his preyuntil she wasn't. <i>Trophies</i> is a taut, psychologically acute thriller with a premise that is timely and evocative. It unfolds with a brutal precision to a shocking ending that is morally ambiguous and hauntingly memorable. With a rejection of sensationalism, and a tone that is grounded in a rigorous naturalism, it is the kind of genuine thematic study that most faux-high-minded genre exercises only pretend to be.



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"MATA HARI"	Historical Drama	A re-imagining of Margaretha Geertruida MacLeod's life story; better known by her stage name, Mata Hari. She was a Dutch exotic dancer and courtesan who was convicted of being a German spy during World War I. Many people still believe she was innocent because the French Army needed a scapegoat. She was executed by firing squad October 15, 1917 in Vincennes, France.
"THE HUSBAND"	Drama/Thriller	A dead enemy is good, but a living one is better. Dostoevsky, The Eternal Husband
		A taut thriller in the vein of " Fatal Attraction " inspired by Dostoevsky's The Eternal Husband . When a married man discovers that he has a child by a woman he had an affair with years ago, his life is turned upside down as he is tormented by her deeply disturbed husband who he begins to suspect had murdered her.
"JOINT JUNCTION"	Drama/Comedy	Laughter and tears ensue when three New Orleans misfits - a down and out gambler, an eleven-year old orphaned girl and a depressed, eccentric eighty-year war vet - go on a quirky journey of self-discovery.
"IN THE CLEAR"	Drama	In a small town in rural Pennsylvania, a courageous ten-year old girl befriends two outcasts in her community, a crotchety old man (rumored to have killed his wife) and an eleven-year old black kid. They help her raise money to buy a car for her mom, so they can escape her abusive father.
"PINE CONE"	Psychological Thriller	After losing her young daughter in a school shooting, a troubled woman relocates to Louisiana to start over, but finds her fixer-upper house haunted by a restless spirit, who drives her to unlock dark secrets about her new not so quaint town.



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"BLUE"	Baseball Comedy	A funny tale about a down and out New York deli worker, a rabid Mets fan who's obsessed with becoming a Major League umpire. He risks everything, including his relationship with his fiancée, to go to umpire school in Arizona. Eventually realizing his dream, along the way an old umpire "has been" teaches him more about life than calling balls and strikes.	
"SYBIL"	Drama/Action/Historical	Sixteen-year-old, Sybil Ludington, historically regarded as the female Paul Revere, confronts the hardships of many women during the Revolutionary War. While taking care of the farm and helping to raise her siblings, she also played a more direct role in the war. Serving as sentry for her father who was wanted by the British, she too risked capture as a spy, delivering secret messages for the patriots, while evading British and the outlaws who ransacked the countryside. Most importantly, she earned a place in history when she rode solo forty miles on a dark, rainy night to muster the troops that the British were burning Danbury.	
"D.T."	Police Thriller	Veteran N.Y.P.D. Detective LENA ASHBURG has buried one child, been divorced twice and now barren. Lena has been unexpectedly diagnosed with terminal breast cancer. When her partner DETECTIVE PAZ MELENDEZ is mercilessly gunned down, Lena's devastation is increased tenfold. Lena' decides not to let cancer or police brass dictate how she will spend her last days in a ruthless pursuit of justice for her partner.	
"A STORY OF	"A STORY OF THE LONDON FOG" Thriller/Horror Young Alfred Hitchcock's chance meeting in 1926 with an eccentric artist leads to the making of his first thriller film, but life begins to imitate art as he suspects the artist is Jack the Ripper.		



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"ADULTHOOD"	Comedy/Drama	When a lonely old man with no family, fearful of dying alone, puts himself up for adoption, it gets the attention of Ziggy, a skateboarding free spirit who has discovered he won't receive his inheritance unless he starts behaving like an "adult." By adopting this old man, Ziggy and his girlfriend hope they can prove their maturity without giving up their freedom, but discover that becoming "parents," even to a fully mature adult, is a little more complicated than they thought.
"MAN UNDER"	Psychological Thriller	When a train operator witnesses the death of a jumper in front of his subway train, it triggers something in him that has terrifying implications: tormented by nightmares, voices, and waking visions, he comes to suspect that the jumper's death wasn't simply a suicide, and that his own life may be in danger. A psychological horror/thriller in the vein of The Machinist , or Jacob's Ladder .
"CANNIBAL CRUI	SE " Horror Thriller	A passenger finds a Caribbean cruise, a relaxing, welcomed change from his hectic lifestyle until he winds up fighting for his life when cannibals take over the ship, and its passengers become the buffet. <i>Cannibal Cruise</i> is a smart, character driven horror/love story with an underlying satirical look at conservative and liberal ideologies.

