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***Last Flight* - written and directed by Damon Keen**

Running time: 14 min 59 secs

Genre: Drama / Science fiction

Format: Pal HD

Completed: March 2011

Synopsis

Short synopsis

200 million kilometers from home, her base in flames and her oxygen supply dwindling, a lone astronaut begins a final, perilous journey to the end of the world.

Long synopsis

200 million kilometers from Earth, her base destroyed and her oxygen supply running out, a lone astronaut begins a perilous trek across the windswept deserts of Mars.

Her only company are the sporadic transmissions she receives from Earth; radio reports counting down the minutes to global war.

As her difficulties increase, the astronaut is forced to search for a way to come to terms with her circumstances - for herself and for the future of life in the universe.

Shot amidst the volcanic mountains of New Zealand, this short film explores one woman's journey to take charge of her own destiny, in the face of seemingly overwhelming hopelessness and isolation.

Last Flight was completed on a \$17,000 budget.



Director biography - Damon Keen

Damon Keen is currently working as a Designer at the Auckland Council and studied Fine Arts at Elam. He has worked on numerous multimedia projects over the last 30 years - creating his first short film at age 11, and directing a series of interstitials for TV2 in 2001, for Satellite Group.

Last Flight sprang from Damon's long interest in science, and his passion for story-based science fiction. *Last Flight* is based on a comic he created for *New Ground* magazine and is the culmination of more than two and a half years of work in his spare time.



Actress biography - Kassie Watson

Kassie Watson has worked as an actor since 1994, appearing in commercials, TV shows (such as *Hercules*, *Xena* and *Jack Of All Trades*) and numerous short films, music videos and local feature films.

To *Last Flight* she brought an incredible grace and resilience, persevering through strenuous mountain hikes, noxious volcanic fumes, burns, and a suffocating spacesuit. Though often exhausted and freezing, she still managed to realize the sensitivity and humanity of a character who barely delivers more than a few words of dialogue, and is completely alone for the duration of the film.



DoP biography - Lance Wordsworth

Lance Wordsworth is a freelance lighting cameraman and photographer. His work has taken him to Iraq, Oman, Egypt and Panama and from the USA to Tonga. He has been DOP on two independent feature films, *Five* and *Memories of tomorrow*, as well as working for TVNZ on *Studio 2* and TV3 on *The Jaquie Brown Diaries*. His love for the outdoors and passion for film making brought unique vision and depth to the production of *Last Flight*.

Festival availability

Rendered at a 16:9 aspect ratio and High Definition resolution, the film is currently available to festivals on HDCAM, Digital Betacam and DVD formats.

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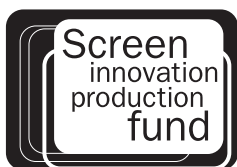
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Last Flight credits

Astronaut.....	Kassie Watson
Newsreaders.....	Chad Rowe Lutz Halbhubner Bevan Chuang
Producer.....	Sarah Butler
Executive producers.....	Amie Maxwell Kiri Maxwell
Written, directed and edited by.....	Damon Keen
Director of photography and Camera operator.....	Lance Wordsworth
Camera op/2nd unit.....	Zane Egginton
Lighting.....	Richard Elworthy
Location sound.....	David Hogg
Jib and dolly operator.....	Heath King
Continuity.....	Elizabeth McGlinn, Adam Sheffield, Andrew McKee
Sound design.....	Kahra Scott-James, Entirely Sound
Original music.....	Peter Hobbs, Harmonic Studios
Costume design.....	Meghan Visser
Props.....	Kevin Jang, Steven Brookbanks, Dave Hallet
Make up design.....	Chevron Tepu, Phoenix Renata, Phoenix Cosmetics
Make up artist.....	Sarah Butler, Phoenix Renata
Compositing.....	Paul Jones, Damon Keen
Concept art.....	Felicity Moore, SauceFX
Wrist video display animation.....	Adam Sheffield
Future language advisor.....	David Parke
Colour grading.....	Zane Egginton, Sunset Studios
Special Thanks.....	Jim and Anna Wheeler, Simon and John Wheeler Kim Turia, Department of Conservation, White Island Tours, Chris Sheehan Dylan Wood, Oana Croitoru, Fan Zhang Edith Mercier, Fern Mercier Sunset Studios, Jeremy Bishop, Gotham Comics Ann and David Butler, Jo Lees, Treve Clayton The Crossing Backpackers Auckland Regional Council

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