

Going Down - A short film by Simon Mark-Brown - Synopsis.

A short, dark, contained, suspenseful tale of a businessman and a tradesman, trapped in a paranoiac, never-ending journey down, in an elevator.

All be it a pretty elevator.

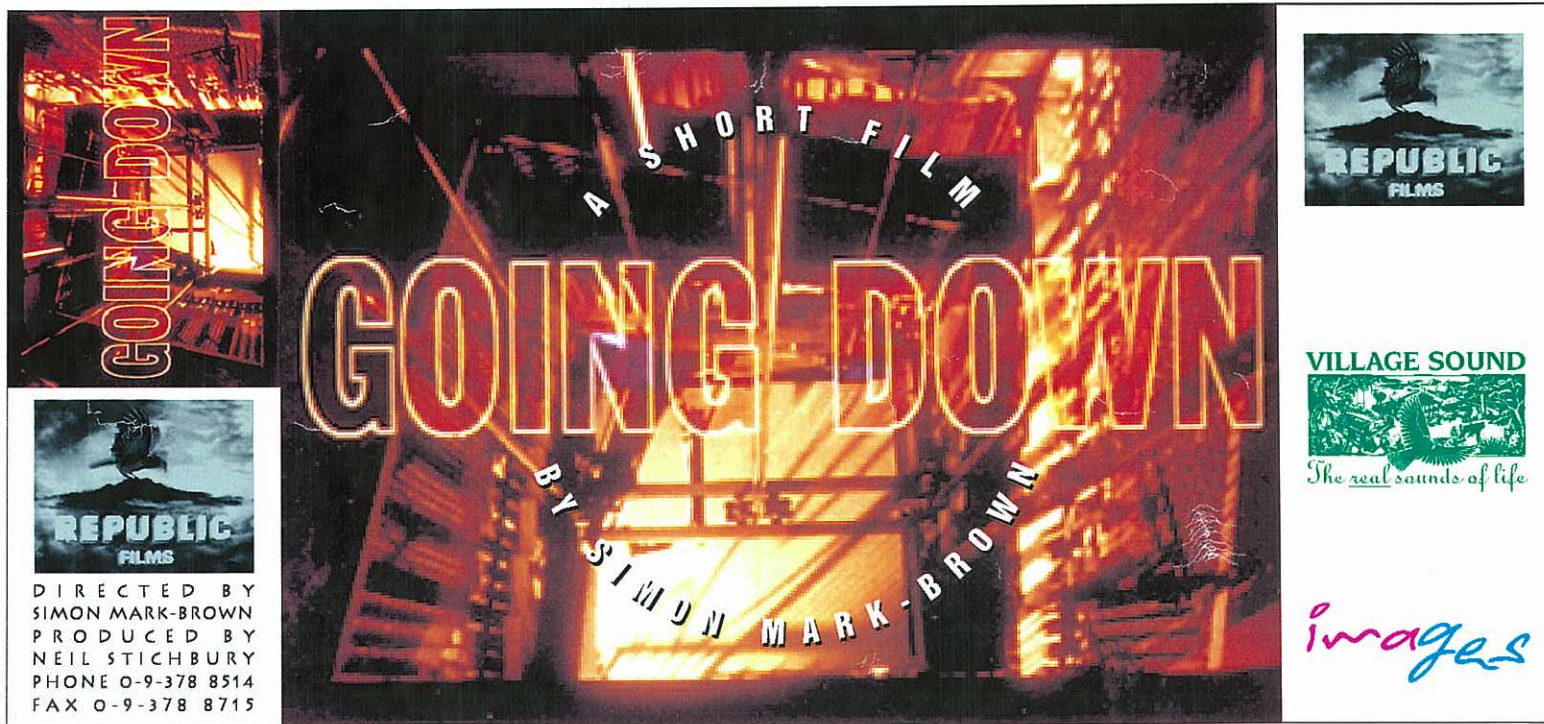
Is one of these two a murderer? Is one of them mad?

Will the elevator ever get to the bottom?

Maybe. Maybe not.

Going Down is simply a wee, gripping yarn with some gentle commentary on social bigotry.

4mins15secs.



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BY SIMON MARK-BROWN

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VILLAGE SOUND
The real sounds of life

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SIMON MARK-BROWN - DIRECTOR

Simon William Mark-Brown, born August 30th 1960, in sunny Auckland. Heavily influenced by father's architecture and mother's love of the arts. Keen musician, restaurateur, golfer.

Keen interest in film making since extended trip to America and the Carribean in 1985.

For several years served faithfully in the art department, and in various other departments, grip, sound, production etc. on hundreds of TVC's and several feature film.

Art directed commercials for a few years after that before turning to directing.

Formed Republic Films in 1993 and have directed half a dozen music clips, over one hundred TV commercials and this short film "Going Down".

NEIL STICHBURY - PRODUCER

Neil was born and bread in Hawke Bay, growing up in small town NZ. Photography was his first passion for the arts. First working in Gisborne at the early age 17. In 1984 Neil attended Wellington Polytech doing the one year photography course. Photography made way for moving images and thru the course of the years Neil work as a TV cameraman, editor, camera facilities co-ordinator. Moving to Auckland in the late 80's Neil started a freelance career in production and for next 4 years production managed, 1st Ad and Line Produced many local and overseas TV commercials. In 1992 Neil started freelance directing for TV3 Sports, 20/20, TVNZ and Communicado. 1993 the formation of Republic with Simon Mark-Brown. We produced "Going Down" for a number of reason one being a simple passion to produce something other than TVC's, to tell a yarn alittle longer than 30sec and with out the hype of agency.

Lead Actors for "Going Down"

JEFF GANE

Jeff was born in Auckland and grew up in the suburb of Howick. Leaving NZ in the early 80's Jeff embarked on an extended OE travelling all over to return in 1988. Upon his return he pursued work as an actor following his love for the performing arts, all the while working as a postie in Auckland. Jeff has been involved in a number of stage productions by the "Stronghold Theatre Company". He has also had various roles in productions of Shakespeares Richard III, Romeo & Juliet and Much Ado about Nothing. You will still find Jeff delivering the mail in Grey Lynn.

MARK CLARE

Mark trained as an actor at The Drama Studio London in 1987/88.

Previous to this Mark was the lead singer for successful pop group The Newmatics recording several well known tunes including the top ten 'Riot Squad'.

Returning to New Zealand in 1990 Mark has been involved in professional theatre, television and film.

Recently he appeared as Tim McQuire in 'Trifecta' directed by Jonathon Cullinane for the Montana Theatre series screened on TV One.

Mark was the bundy jumping fisherman in the Instant Kiwi award winning commercial.

His theatre involvement included work with Stronghold Theatre 'Much Ado About nothing' Shakespeare, 'meeting Place' Robert Lord. Inside Out Theatre 'Holy Sinner' Thomas Mann, 'Threepenny Opera' Brecht. Theatre At Large 'The Car' (street theatre). Centrepoint 'Ladies Night' McCarten-Sinclair.

Mark works regularly for 'The Mask Company' in secondary schools using 1/2 mask to bring Shakespeare and the classics to life for English students. Other TV credits include, Marlin Bay, Shortland Street, Deep Water Haven, and Hercules.

Film credits include 'Angel At My Table' Jane Campion, 'User Friendly' Gregor Nicholas and 'Going Down' - Republic Films.