



Logline.txt

The comic and relentlessly energetic story of the search for a lost computer -- told on a laptop screen that explodes with chat sessions, virus warnings, and live-video feeds.

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Movie Stills

Soundtrack

# $0s \times 1s$

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The predominant screen of our time sits on our laps and desks, 3 feet away from our eyes.

We spend 1...2...4...10 hours a day on the computer; moving around windows, listening to music, processing opinions, looking at others' adventures, uncovering info, making faraway friends, doing vanity searches, buying stuff, writing messages and entries and documents.

This is our behavior. For better or worse, this is our life. All of it is now natural. No one gets confused as they sit in front of the computer and see and click and process everything, all at once. It becomes intuitive. It becomes a common language.

Why not acknowledge that we are speaking this new lanquage? Why not use this new language to tell a story?

Why not tell the story on that other screen? That 20th century screen, the big silvery one, the one people go to and get their stories in one epic serving.

Os & 1s is the new way to tell that story. Os & 1s is the story that's going up on that big silvery screen.

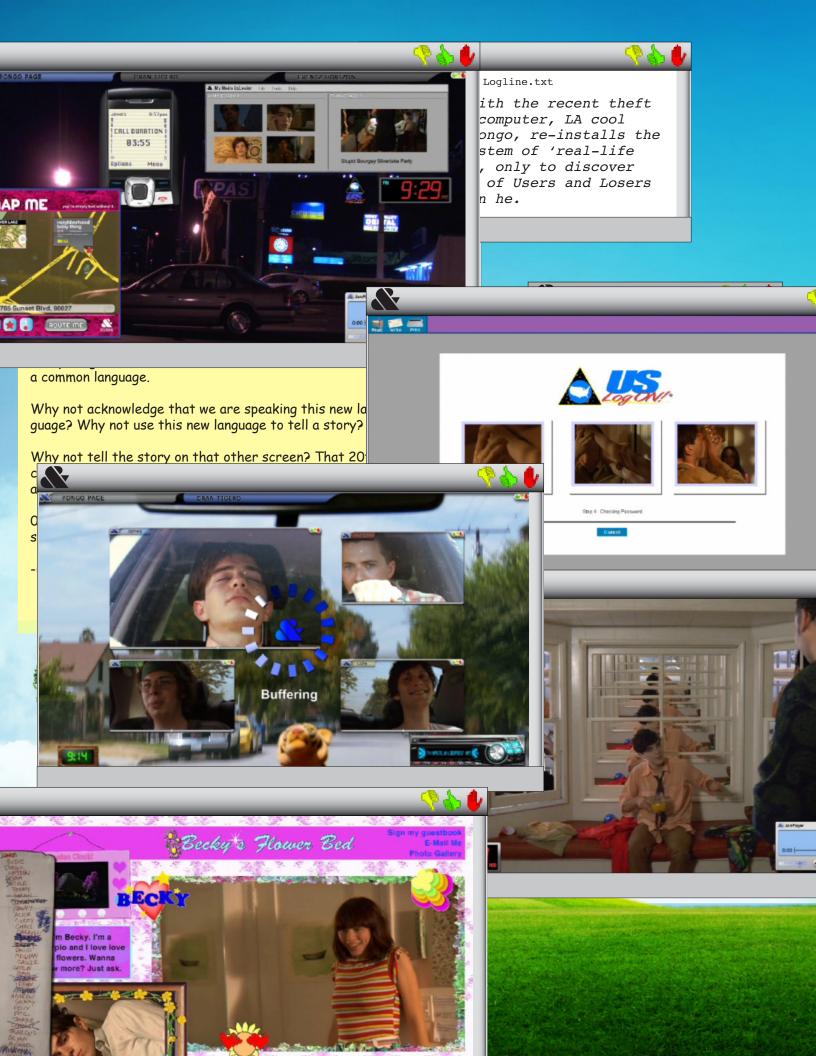
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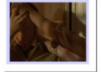
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#### **POST-PRODUCTION**

All along we intended the style and computer language of 0s & 1s to make for an unprecedented sort of film, but only in post did we realize how truly unique things would get.

After seeing a spatially enveloping 3D-projection performance by Andrew Schwartz and his battalion of adventurous artists, we proposed our idea of making a movie that was perpetually overwhelming, that gave the audience "too much, non-stop," and that really looked like a

computer operating system. Andrew and his team took on the challenge, working around our limitations of time and budget, to help us independently produce an animated feature film.

A mix of live action and animation, "0s & 1s" might best be described as "Who Framed Roger Rabbit" with the Toons replaced by an Operating System. While being technically innovative it also conjures up the creative spirit of animation milestones like Fritz the Cat, Toy Story and Waking Life - movies intended for the curious souls out there, the adventurous kid

in all of us; perfect for someone who likes the endless creativity in a Pixar film but can also dig Cassavetes or Jarmusch.

Looking at it in the context of today, more than three years after we began the project, our language and subject matter are more topical than ever, where anyone with a smartphone or a laptop and a facebook page, has all the knowledge they need to enter our world, understand our new language, and walk away from 0s & 1s with their mind successfully blown.



Morgan Krantz is an actor and writer based in Echo Park, CA. He began practicing professionally at the age of 16, after a two-year stint of reformative boarding school in New Mexico. Besides starring in *0s & 1s*, you can see him in the 2010 release "Expecting Mary," with Elliot Gould. His recent short film, "Middle Man," won first place at the Letter Underground Short Film Festival. He is a proud member of the Moving Arts Theater Company in Silverlake and currently studies with Lesly Kahn.



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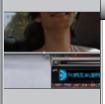
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Ahna O'Reilly recently appeared alongside Beth Grant and Octavia Spencer in the award-winning comedy "Herpes Boy," (Comedy Vanguard Audience Award - Austin Film Festival, Official Selection - ComicCon Film Festival-Tallahassee Film Festival-Nashville Film Festival). She is featured in "Forgetting Sarah Marshall", produced by Judd Apatow. In addition to "0s & 1s", Ahna can be seen in three other features being released this year, "The Help," based on the bestselling novel by Kathryn Stocket, "From the Head," and "I Am Ben."



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### **BANDS**

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It's uncommon to find someone using a computer without the sound of music emanating from their system. Appropriately then, the tunes of *Os & 1s* are as essential to our language as any game or application in the movie. With a non-stop playlist of Los Angeles' best bands, the music doesn't just serve to accentuate the story's rhythms but also gives a sense of location and identity; imbuing the LA setting with the sounds and songs that get their inspiration from life in Los Angeles.

Featuring:
No Age
Ariel Pink's Haunted Graffiti
Abe Vigoda
Wavves
Mika Miko
The Chapin Sisters
Jeremy Jay
The Mae Shi
Whispering Pines
Graham Forest
and many more...

East Coast-born **Matthew Cardarople** came west to study acting, filmmaking, and screenwriting. He has appeared in several short films, including the lead role in a USC Graduate Film production, "The Only Girl." Actors Owen and Luke Wilson supported Matthew's acting by casting him in *Blonde Ambition* and the hit comedy "*Drill-bit Taylor*. He has studied at the Beverly Hills Playhouse and is currently studying at Lesly Kahn & Company. Matthew can be seen as a stand-up comic at "The Shenk Flo Experimental Comedy Show" and on several national television commercials.



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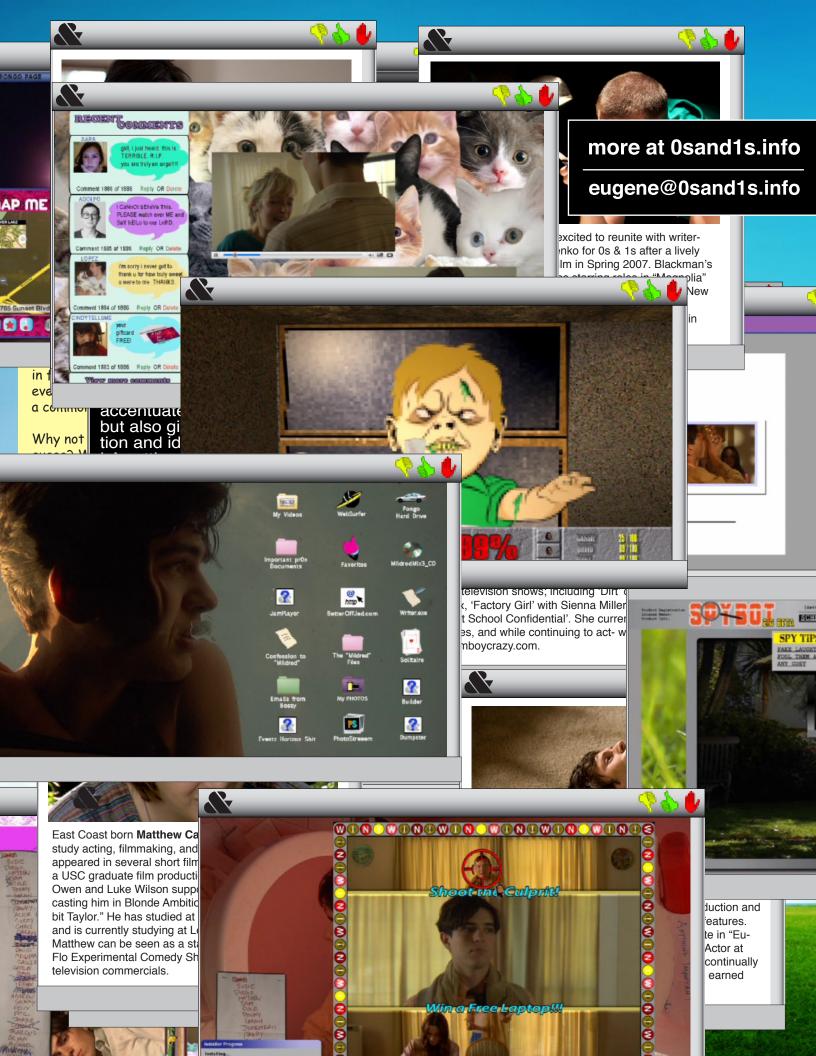


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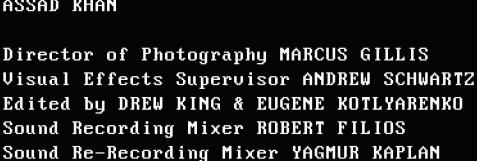
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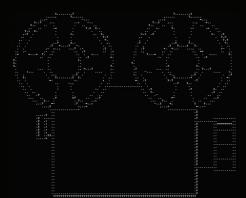


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Produced by MICHAEL SHIFFLETT

Executive Producers ALEX WEISS ANDREW SCHWARTZ SHAHROOK OOMER ASSAD KHAN





## CAST - Main Players

James Pongo MORGAN KRANTZ
Cole RYAN REYES
Donny MATTHEW CARDAROPLE
Bossy ROMY WALTHALL
Brad ERIC SWEENEY
Bucky TYSEN FRAKER
Diego DAVE TREJO
Bryan ANDREW KOZEL
Sarah SARAH BLAKELY-CARTWRIGHT
Kasey SARA SWAIN
Sly Phone Thief PAUL GELLMAN

Sound Designer DANIEL DOUGLASS

Sam JEREMY BLACKMAN
Becky ALEXI WASSER
Caitlin AHNA O'REILLY
Cassie HANNAH HUNT
Meghan MIA TRAMZ
Dean BRANDIN HALPIN
Sammy MARA LAFONTAINE
Norm NICHOLAS MONGIARDO-COOPER
Grandpa MARCUS DEMIAN
Fake Jed ADAM VILLACIN
Real Jed JED OCHMANEK

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