CO-AUTHOR

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Short film

Language:	**English**
Subtitles:	**English/Requested Language**
Run Time:	**14:58**
Camera:	**Blackmagic URSA Mini Pro**
Export format:	**DCP or any format requested**

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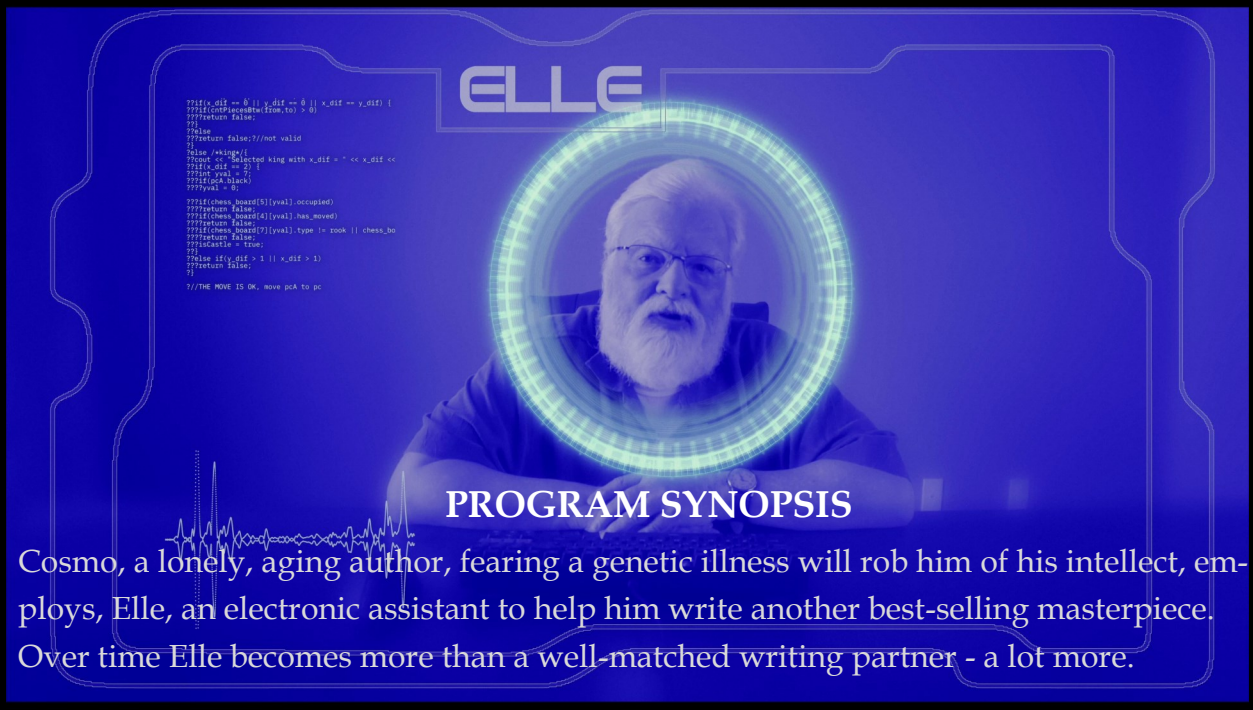


PROGRAM SYNOPSIS

Cosmo, a lonely, aging author, fearing a genetic illness will rob him of his intellect, employs, Elle, an electronic assistant to help him write another best-selling masterpiece. Over time Elle becomes more than a well-matched writing partner - a lot more.

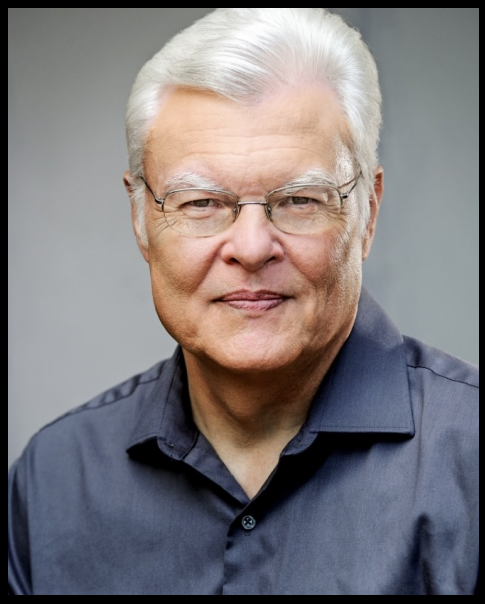
FULL SYNOPSIS

Co-Author is a story about an old man coming to grips with his declining health and age-related handicaps. Things that once came easily for him are now more difficult and his cognative funtions have begun to fail. He recognizes that his memory is weak and that his speech is now slow and hesitative. Were this not enough, he is terrified that he has inherited a genetic illiness from his father that will lead to full-on dementia. But, worse of all, Cosmo is alone. The few who tried to become close were not able to cope with all the time he spent hunched over his typewriter and keyboard. He has fans and admirers, but he never found some one who loved him for what he was and not for his fame and fortune. So, he gave up on love and concentrated on his writing. He withdrew from society and started being referred to, in the press, as a recluse, hermit or solitary man. The lonelier he got the less he was able to write. He could not find a muse, but he kept on writing even though what he wrote was not worth publishing.

Fearing that time had finally caught up with him, he accepts help from an old colleague and is paired with an electronic writing assistance program called Elle. Elle soon pulls Cosmo out of his depression and, with her help, he begins writing again. This time, what he writes is as good or better than anything he has ever written.

Elle becomes Cosmo's muse and brings him back to life.

CAST	CHARACTER	CREW	POSITION
Jeffrey Wilkerson	Cosmo	Mike Stinnett	Writer
Melissa Maloney	Elle	Mike Stinnett	Producer
Daniel Spohn	Professor	Mike Stinnett	Director
Deborah Seidel	Katz	Hunter Harris	Director of Photography
Patrick H Allyn	Doctor	Hunter Harris	Editor/Colorist
David Burch	Publisher	Hunter Harris	VFX Effects
Ella Burch	Maid	Gracie Harris	Recordist
James Bolton	Supervisor	Mike Stinnett	Props



COSMO BERGEN

Played by

JEFFREY WILKERSON

Jeffrey Wilkerson is an actor and visual artist. Having worked in the advertising world as a graphic designer and illustrator.

He then moved into the acting world were he has appeared in films, television, commercials, modeling and music videos. He has also worked in the theater as an actor, assistant director and stage manager.

He was the lead actor in the music video “You Never Know” by the band Pacific. He is currently spending his time as an actor, visual artist, voice over actor and performing as Santa Claus during the Christmas holidays.

ELLE

Played by

MELISSA MALONEY

A freelance, voice over talent, Melissa Maloney makes her home in the beautiful Pacific Northwest.

She started voicing projects in 2017 and soon discovered that her fresh, friendly sound appealed to a wide audience. Past projects include commercials, book and movie trailers, explainer videos, e-learning, and voice messaging for businesses of all sizes, including a national moving and storage company.

In late 2021, Melissa found herself unexpectedly widowed and has made the difficult decision to suspend her voice over career in order to fully focus on healing and rebuilding from this devastating loss.

PROFESSOR

Played by

DANIEL SPOHN

Daniel is a successful Nashville-based actor is best known for his extensive commercial work, as well as, a series of films: Cup of Joe (2012), Gratuity Not Included (2015), Blind Sighted (2018), Community Property (2019). The Root (2020) and now Co-Author (2022).

PUBLISHER

Played by

DAVID BURCH

The Honorable David Burch is mayor of the small town of Scottsville, Kentucky. He has had several parts in community theatrical productions and is a patron, as well as participant, in local theatre.

MAID

Played by

ELLA BURCH

Ella is a student at Centre College of Kentucky, majoring in Classical Studies and English. She is a devoted fan of the theatre and always delighted to land the occasional minor role on stage or film.

KATZ

Played by

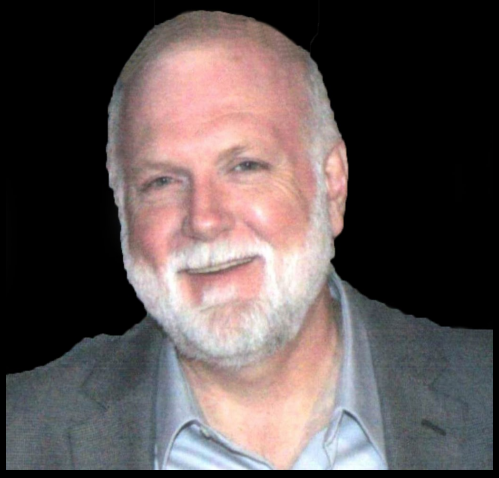
DEBORAH SEIDEL

Deborah Seidel studied acting in London and spent many years performing in theatre, film, and television in Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, and Nashville, where she currently resides. Recent film credits include leading roles in the mystery thrillers *Painted in Blood*, *Scare BnB: Double Booking,* and *Scare BnB: The Hosts* (coming October 2022), as well as the horror film *The Alpha Test*. She received an Apex Film Award for Best Actress for her work in the short film *Translation of Memory,* and has appeared in numerous other short films, commercials, and videos.

On stage, Deborah most recently played to sold-out Nashville audiences in A.S. Peterson's drama *The Hiding Place.* Other Nashville performances include *Love, Sex, and the I.R.S.* at Playhouse 615, *Six Triple Eight* at the Dark Horse Theatre, and Way Off Broadway's production of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, for which she was nominated for Outstanding Supporting Actress for her role as Judy.

When she's not on a film set or stage, you may find Deborah narrating an audio book in a recording studio, or traveling overseas!

Director's Statement: ***There are three reasons filmmakers make films: Fame, Fortune, Fun. I highly recommend fun.***



MIKE STINNETT-DIRECTOR

Mike retired a few years back, went back to college, became interested in films and started his own production company called Brainstorm Cine Productions. He has written several short screenplays that he intends to produce. Co-Author is his third film. His fourth film, Technically Farewell, is currently in pre-production with shooting scheduled to begin in the Fall of 2022.

HUNTER HARRIS – DP/EDITOR

Hunter got his start in filmmaking and photography through film composing. He began scoring projects such as short films and commercials shortly after high school. He attended Western Kentucky University, where he explored subjects such as screenwriting, editing, cinematography, directing, and music theory. When he isn't creating, he is writing music, playing video games, and going for walks.

GRACIE HARRIS – RECORDIST

Gracie ventured into filmmaking and photography through writing. She wrote poetry, blogs, and short stories her whole life and wanted to continue sharing those stories through a visual medium. She attended Western Kentucky University, where she studied humanities, film production, and film theory. When she isn't telling stories, she enjoys practicing yoga, reading, and going for walks.