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World Premiere of The Spirit Machine

San Francisco, Bay Area - The sci-fi adventure *The Spirit Machine* will premiere Friday, August 18th on YouTube and Vimeo. *The Spirit Machine* was the most-funded short on Kickstarter after raising \$96,000 in just 21 days. It was brought to life by 120 accomplished artists already working in the commercial and film industry.

“Our intention was to make a Hollywood-style film on an independent level,” says writer and director Timothy Plain. To pull it off, Plain tapped into a community of professionals he met while producing television commercials.

The story revolves around a device that was first reported in *The Scientific American* on October, 1920. In the article, Thomas Edison claimed to be working on a machine that could communicate with the dead. This machine was again referenced in a 1921 *New York Times* article. However, to this day, the stories of this machine have not been confirmed.

Taking cues from *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, *E.T.* and *Poltergeist*, *The Spirit Machine* pays homage to the films Timothy Plain loved as a kid. “Those movies didn’t use special effects as a replacement for story, they used effects to tap into an emotional truth.”

To achieve a unique look to the film, the effects team employed a combination of old school special effects and CG, drawing from their broad range of experience on films like *The Fly* (1986), *Galaxy Quest* (1999) and *Avatar* (2009).

“We had such a great time making this film and we’re really proud it was made in the Bay Area,” writer/director Timothy Plain says. “We hope you enjoy watching it as much as enjoyed making it.”

Vimeo Link: <https://vimeo.com/229925445> password: spirits

YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/XFoVFU2CCDo> (active beginning Friday 8/18)

PLEASE NOTE: The Vimeo and YouTube links will be made public on Friday 8/18

For poster art and movie stills visit: <http://spindryproductions.com/misc/sm/pr/>

For more info on the project: <https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/12806/the-spirit-machine-a-little-film-with-big-fx>

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