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**Test a new Abstract Independent short film to play at 18th Annual ARPA Film Festival,  
Los Angeles**



**The Egyptian Theater, Los Angeles, CA- *Test*, award-winning abstract short film from New York to be screened at The 18th Annual ARPA Film Festival on Sunday, November 15th at 5pm.**

*Test*, a short film by veteran composer and first time writer-director Jay Lifton will be playing at **The 18th Annual ARPA Film Festival on November 15 at 5pm.** *Test* is the story of a seemingly unremarkable man who spends one day at a mysterious facility taking a bizarre test. As the test unfolds, he interacts with the odd and detached employees of the facility who guide him between sections, obscuring the intentions and duration of the test. *Test* stars Mickey O'Hagan (*Tangerine*) and Ryan McCarthy (*Elementary*) and features an "eerie soundtrack" (Katrina Smith, *Take One*) by writer and director Jay Lifton.

Director: Jay Lifton

Producer: Blake Ashman-Kipervaser, Jay Lifton

Writer: Jay Lifton, Catherine Ho

*Test* explores existentialist themes, mostly derived from the director's experiences parenting two boys. The production design was inspired by his father's long career with IBM which began in the 60's. Lifton was often brought along to the office as a child to see the vast repository of technology there. The 4:3 framing and general stillness seeks to achieve the feel of cold-war surveillance

*Test* has been screened at film festivals domestically and internationally, and recently won for **Best Short** at the Kingston Film Festival, the **Artistic Achievement Award** at the Milwaukee Short Film Festival, **Best Super Short** at the 2015 Art of Brooklyn Film Festival, and won **Best Experimental Short** at the 2015 Chain NYC Film Festival. It has also screened at the academy-recognized LA Shorts, the BAFTA-recognized Cambridge Film Festival in the UK, and recently premiered at the 35th annual Atlantic Film Festival in Canada.

"*Test* is creepy [and] engaging" - Katrina Smith, (*Take One*)

### **About the Director**

Greek-American musician Jay Lifton has been a composer for the past 15 years, working on a wide variety of projects in the NY area; independent features like Marc Meyer's *How He Fell in Love*, Victor Levin's *5 to 7*, Jay DiPietro's *Peter and Vandy*, and, as well as the emmy-nominated documentary *Egg The Arts Show*, and TV spots for IBM and American Express. *Test* is his directorial debut, written after the birth of his second child, while he slept on his dad's lap.