

YOU, YOUR BRAIN, & YOU

A Scott Bateman Film

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#41 (all Brain Institute employees and clients are referred to by number) is the powerful head of the Brain Institute, a shadowy organization that often uses sketchy means to help people with their brains. Dr. Howard Mackin is the outspoken critic out to expose the Brain Institute.

Meanwhile, we meet several Brain Institute clients: a young woman who wants to use her mind to destroy her high school with a volcano. A man who travels cross-country via power lines. A woman who conquers procrastination by bending space-time, despite its effect on others. A man who can control the weather, using that power to lash out at an ex-girlfriend with a rain of burning toads. A woman who can talk to fish (but sadly, it turns out fish are incredibly dull). And many, many more.

You, Your Brain, & You is a fun ride through the cerebellums of a crazy cross-section of ordinary people who just want to use their brains better, and the man who is profiting from it.

Director Scott Bateman financed You, Your Brain, & You by winning \$100,000 on the game show *Who Wants To Be A Millionaire*.

Watch for homages of many famous experimental filmmakers, from Maya Deren to Stan Brakhage to Hollis Frampton and more.

Director Bio:

Scott Bateman started in animation, creating the PlumTV show *Scott Bateman Presents Scott Bateman Presents* in 2007 and the feature film *Atom Age Vampire* in 2009.

He is also the author of *Disalmanac: A Book of Fact-Like Facts* (Penguin, 2013) and the creator of @Disalmanac, a popular Twitter account that dispenses false facts several times daily.

In early 2014, Scott Bateman won \$100,000 on the game show *Who Wants To Be A Millionaire* and used \$10,000 of that to finance his first live-action movie, *You, Your Brain, & You*. He traveled to 12 US states and two foreign countries for footage.

You, Your Brain, & You is structured as a series of short biographies, much like Peter Greenaway's first feature film, *The Falls*. For a fast-paced, Pythoneque mockumentary there are plenty of homages to experimental film and French New Wave cinema, two areas that fascinate Bateman.

Scott Bateman also composed and performed the original soundtrack for *You, Your Brain, & You* using a minimoog and MIDI technology. The soundtrack album is available on Bandcamp.

Born and raised in Oregon, Scott Bateman lived in New York City for a decade and now resides in Beacon, NY.

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