

# LIGHTNING'S ECHO

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## LOGLINE

In an act of desperation, a grief-stricken man captures lightning in a jar, and by doing so, locks away his past with it.



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## SYNOPSIS

Ben has done it: he has captured lightning in a jar. After having disappeared for some time, Ben describes to his friend Elena what it took for him to accomplish this—that the act forced him to lock away a part of himself in the jar with the lightning. Elena sees that due to the trauma of his father's death, Ben is living an alternative reality, that he's abandoned himself as a result of his profound grief. For every time Elena touches the lightning, she gets a glimpse of Ben's past. Elena is faced with a decision to either allow Ben to continue being consumed by his emotional distress or to help rid him of this escapism.





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## DIRECTOR BIO

Demetrios Cokinos is currently based in Brooklyn, NY, working as a script coordinator in TV and film production. He graduated from Northwestern University's RTVF program in 2014 to work for Tina Fey and Robert Carlock's UNBREAKABLE KIMMY SCHMIDT (Netflix). His most recent credits include DICKINSON (Apple TV+), LITTLE VOICE (Apple TV+), and INVASION (Apple TV+). For the past nine years, Demetrios has been grateful for the opportunity to work professionally for and to learn from many talented creators and producers in the TV industry.

[Demetrios Cokinos IMDb](#)

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## DIRECTOR STATEMENT

I've always been obsessed with lightning storms and the idea of fictionally harnessing their incredible power in a story. I wondered what it would actually take to complete such a sublime feat; I came to the personal conclusion that in order to catch a bolt of lightning, you'd have to tie a piece of yourself to it. LIGHTNING'S ECHO is about the hidden pieces of our lives that we choose not to share with people; how grief or depression or anxiety can manifest itself in so many potentially destructive ways. That we're all facing our own challenges with a need to be held and understood. In the short, we find Ben has done this...locked away any kind of grief, to completely escape the cold and isolation he felt that came with it. When I started pitching the short to my different crew members, the idea of concealment resonated with many of them. I feel that most human beings are always concealing something, and this is my attempt to artistically depict that concealment. I hope you enjoy the short!

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# TECHNICAL SPECS

## TITLE

Lightning's Echo

## DURATION

7:23 mins

## COMPLETION

February 2021

## COUNTRY OF PRODUCTION

USA

## LANGUAGE

English

## GENRE

Drama/Sci-Fi

## SHOOTING FORMAT

ArriRaw

## FINISH FORMATS

2K DCP, 2K ProRes,  
2K & 1080p H.264

## ASPECT RATIO

2.39:1

## SOUND FORMAT

Stereo mix

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## FEATURED CREW

### **Kristyn Macready**

Executive Producer/  
Producer

Kristyn Macready is a New York-based producer, a member of the Producers Guild of America, and founder of KLM Pictures. Her most recent credits include production managing SEVERANCE (Apple TV+), LITTLE VOICE (Apple TV+), and the Peabody Award-winning series DICKINSON (Apple TV+).

### **Josh Kraszewski**

Director of  
Photography

Josh Kraszewski is a New York-based cinematographer with experience shooting commercial, narrative, music video, and documentary projects. Josh has worked all over the US and in Mexico, Canada, France, Italy, and Indonesia.

[www.joshkdp.com](http://www.joshkdp.com)

### **Jon Denton**

VFX Artist and  
Supervisor

Jon Denton is a New York-based computer graphics designer working in VFX and motion design. As a freelance animator, Jon has worked locally and internationally to bring new-media and abstract design to a variety of projects, ranging from music video, commercial, and nonprofit.

[www.jondenton.net](http://www.jondenton.net)



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## CAST



### Jack Ball

Ben

Jack Ball is an actor from Chicago. He has been seen on television in CHICAGO FIRE, CHICAGO P.D., CHICAGO JUSTICE (NBC), SIRENS (USA), and the upcoming HBO pilot-called-to-series, SOMEBODY, SOMEWHERE. Film credits: HENRY GAMBLE'S BIRTHDAY PARTY (Criterion Channel/Hulu), KILL THE MONSTERS (Amazon Prime Video/Apple TV) and AN ACCEPTABLE LOSS (Amazon Prime Video).

[Jack Ball Reel](#)



### Elena Besser

Elena

Elena is a chef and TV host from Chicago. She is the star and creator of [Breakfast with Besser](#) on Food Network Kitchen and is a personality on BEST THING I EVER ATE on Cooking Channel/Food Network. Elena is a culinary contributor for THE TODAY SHOW, and does weekly cooking demonstrations on FOOD NETWORK KITCHEN. She hopes to inspire young people to cook for themselves rather than ordering takeout. Prior to her career in culinary, Elena studied theatre and film at Northwestern University.



### Amanda LaMotte

Alex, Ben's sister

Amanda LaMotte is a Broadway actress and dancer originally from Orlando, FL. Her favorite credits include JOHN OLIVER: LAST WEEK TONIGHT, THE TONY AWARDS, MATILDA (Broadway), KISS ME KATE (Broadway), and HELLO, DOLLY (Broadway) with Bette Midler.



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## LINKS

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### PHOTOS

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