
PRESS KIT

BASIC

Sci-fi mystery short from McKool Productions. Currently in pre-production.
Principal photography runs June 3 to 6, 2026 in Ellis County, North Texas.
Premiere window Christmas 2026.

LOGLINE

Three high school juniors find a forty-five-year-old IBM in the basement of their library. It turns on without power.

SYNOPSIS

Three juniors find an old IBM computer in the storage basement of their small-town library. The machine runs without being plugged in.

They keep it to themselves. Over the course of a summer, the machine becomes something none of them can quite explain. The short is a small character piece about teenagers and the things they keep from each other.

KEY FACTS

TITLE	BASIC
FORMAT	Short Film
GENRE	Sci-Fi · Mystery
RUNTIME	~15 minutes
LANGUAGE	English
COUNTRY	United States
PRODUCTION	McKool Productions
FILMING	June 3 to 6, 2026
LOCATION	Ellis County, North Texas
PREMIERE	Christmas 2026
STATUS	Pre-production

PRODUCTION COMPANY

McKool Productions

Independent film company in Maypearl, Texas. Founded by writer-director Michael Finn McKool. BASIC is our first short.

CASTING

BASIC is casting non-union and emerging performers for principal roles. Breakdowns go out through representation and casting partners. Direct inquiries to casting@mckoolproductions.com.

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Stills, a downloadable press kit, and trailer will be available after principal photography in June 2026. To get on the press list, email press@mckoolproductions.com.