



A More Perfect Union
a political thriller/family drama
by
Ian Mark & Blaize Hall

Logline: NSA whistleblower **Henry Berg** fights government surveillance to get back to his family, while his nonbinary partner **Stella** deals with her recent discovery their 4 year old daughter isn't his.

Synopsis: Amid the chaos of the early COVID-19 pandemic, NSA whistleblower Henry Berg is running out of time. Facing a rigged trial and two decades in prison, he searches desperately for the one explosive truth hidden among the 20,000 files he stole—something powerful enough to save himself.

But while Henry fights to leave his mark on history, his spouse, Stella, is losing the person who shaped hers. As her mother's health deteriorates, Stella grapples with the weight of unresolved wounds, the evolving truth of their own identity, and the loud unraveling of their marriage. When a long-buried secret reveals Henry isn't their child's biological father, Stella drifts toward Avery—their daughter's famous birth father—seeking comfort in the possibility of something new.

As Henry's paranoia escalates and Stella fights for a future where they no longer have to run, both must confront a painful truth: the people who have hurt us most are often the ones we still need to survive. When Henry risks everything to reunite with Stella, their love proves undeniable—but whether love is enough remains an open question.

Technical Specs:

Runtime: 103 minutes

Aspect Ratio: 16:9

Shooting format: 4k

Language: English

Sound Mix: 5.1

Cast/Crew Bios:

Ian Mark is the author of *Love from Amanda to Zoey*, out now from Simon & Schuster. He is an award-winning director, actor, producer, and improviser. He runs Pasadonuts LLC. He wrote, directed, produced, and acted in their last short film *He's That Guy* starring film and television legend George Wyner. The short won Best Comedy at the Independent Short Awards, as well as a number of other selections and awards. He's the president of nonprofit New Hollywood, advocating for better working conditions in the entertainment industry.

Blaize Hall is an award winning actor, writer, producer, director, singer and song-writer. She runs Weeping Willow Wellness, a holistic healing company based in meditation, yoga, reiki healing and radical self love. She wrote, produced and acted in Pasadonuts LLC's last film *He's That Guy* alongside Ian Mark and George Wyner. She also wrote, produced and acted in *Daycare*, *Designer Babies*, and *Empty Space* which won Best Women Short at the Independent

Shorts Awards last summer. Other film acting credits include *Josh Taylor's Prom Date*, *The Art of Adjustment*, *Baby*, and *Back to One*.

Mitchell Straub is a Commercial & Documentary DP based in Los Angeles. His production company Bacon & Eggs has produced visual content for some of the biggest brands in the world including Pepsi, Amazon, Hollywood Records, Jameson Whisky, Ubisoft Paris, Absolut Vodka, and many more. For the past 3 years, he's worked on a feature documentary titled *Godsway, Love* aka *The Garth Movie*. Set in the mountains of Joshua Tree, Garth has lived in a teepee for the past 45 years. Over the course of 4 decades, a small community has formed alongside Garth featuring recovering drug addicts, nature and animal lovers, impoverished people, and some of the kindest people you'll ever meet.

A native of Boston and graduate of Syracuse University, **George Wyner** (Executive Producer, Paul Berg) has worked extensively in TV and film since 1972. Notable film work includes the Coen Brothers' best-picture nominee *A Serious Man* (2009) as Rabbi Nachtner, Mel Brooks' *Spaceballs* (1987) as Colonel Sandurz, and his *To Be or Not to Be* (1983). Among other dozens of film credits are the classic *Fletch* (1985) and *Fletch Lives* (1989), *The Devil's Advocate* (1997), and *Trouble with the Curve* (2012). George has guest starred on over 150 TV shows, and has been a series regular on nine. He is perhaps best known for his six seasons as Deputy D.A. Irwin Bernstein on *Hill Street Blues* (1981).

Born and raised in Atlanta, GA, **Jibre Hordges** (Avery) is an actor and model who's been in the industry since 2015. Although he's in the entertainment industry now, that wasn't always his pursuit. Jibre attended Georgia Southern University and attained a B.S. degree in Biology; he originally planned on pursuing the medical field and becoming a doctor. As his life unfolded, he discovered new passions and talents and shifted gears to something he took more of an interest in: acting. Since changing career paths, he's since been in a multitude of films, TV shows, commercials, etc. Now, his goal is to reach a platform where he can inspire the rest of the world to pursue their dreams with their own passions, no matter their circumstances.

Sarah Ann Masse is a writer, producer, actor, and co-director for countless projects. Some of these are the award-winning, female-driven web series "Reckless Juliets"; the voice of the audiobook series "The Chronicles of Kerrigan"; the award-winning short film "Tristan & Kelly"; and a love triangle rom-com web series "S'N'M". Sarah makes up half of the hit British American comedy duo *We Are Thomasse*. She runs *Hire Survivors Hollywood*, an organization devoted to creating opportunities in the entertainment industry for survivors of sexual violence.

Quei Tann (Caroline Lewis) is a Los Angeles based actress, known for her roles as Peyton Osborne on *How to Get Away With Murder* and Genifer/Marie Antonnasty on *Dear White People*, and her role as LuckDuck in the feature film, *Cam*. Quei also competed in the *Transition Queen USA* pageant in 2016. She is an accomplished writer and vocal trans activist in the Hollywood community.

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public voice and seek to impact communications policy especially at the intersections of class, race and marginalized communities. Media Alliance has offered fiscal sponsorship to new not-for-profit organizations and temporary media projects that are compatible with their values for more than twenty five years: <https://media-alliance.org/>

Our corporate partners include **Blackmagic Design, DZO Films, Letterblue Productions, & Trader Joe's.**

Directors' statement: Passionate and unrelenting... that's what we've been throughout our time working together. From our first meeting on the set of Rena's Coming to Dinner through the formation of our writing and producing partnership on the award-winning short He's That Guy starring ourselves and George Wyner, we've never ceased pushing each other to be the best creators and humans we can be.

When the lockdown started, we looked at our friends and colleagues creating short films and online content, and we asked each other, can we do more? From there, A More Perfect Union was born. Born out of a desire to keep working no matter what the world threw at us, and with the knowledge that sitting in a room together we had two actors, writers, producers, and directors who would never stop until we'd made something beautiful out of this chaos.

Confined to our two residences, we wrote a script that only needed those two residences to exist. Through months of development and pre-production we crafted a story that tells a macro story through a micro lens. By telling the story of one family, the Bergs, we could spark a discussion of issues affecting the whole country. The pandemic represents the first time in the last hundred years that every person alive went through the same thing. We were not content to tell that story without looking backwards, at how we got here, and looking forwards, at where we could go if we all shift our thinking incrementally.

We found a nonprofit that believed in our message, and corporate partners that saw the value in the story we're telling. Donations from our friends, families, and complete strangers got us here. Some believed in us because of our past work, or because they know our work ethic, or our talent, or just the ideas and ideals that we strive for every day as creators. And some believed simply because they saw our plan and our vision and knew both were achievable. We refused to stop until we crossed the finish line, and we're ecstatic to finally share our film with the world.

Credits: Directed by Ian Mark & Blaize Hall
Written & produced by Ian Mark & Blaize Hall

Music by Jason Kutchma

Character	Actor:
Stella Berg	Blaize Hall
Henry & Mark Berg	Ian Mark
Haley Berg	Calinda Jade
Rosemary Sentelio	Elise Myrto
Michelle Edelman	Sarah Ann Masse

Senator Inez Jenkins	Nina Turner
Dr. Camika Lewis	Michelle Bonebright-Carter
Avery	Jibre Hordges
Caroline Lewis	Quei Tann
Paul Berg	George Wyner
Paulette Berg	Maggie Wagner
Martin Sentelio	Glenn Ratcliffe
Judge Shamitsa	John Fisher
Bailiff Curtz	Monnie Aleahmad
DDA Scour	Jonathan Kehoe
Dr. Smythe	Barbara Howlin
Frank Driver	Nirvan Patnaik
Scribe Ritterson	Sarah Villacarrillo
WP Receptionist	Sarah Scarboro
Maria	Maria De Lourdes
Jasmine	Arielle Beth Klein
Bobby	Jalen Eason
Becky	Cori Munro
Franny	Fransua Durazo
Grandma Berg	Helene Frances
Yoga Teacher	Tiffany Hamilton-Atkins

Cinematographer Mitch Straub
Production Sound Mixer Jasmine Sankaran
First AC Fransua Durazo
Associate Producer Fransua Durazo
Associate Producer Monnie Aleahmad
Special Effects Makeup Anna and Oliver Poser

Post production:

Edited by Ian Mark

Sound design by Josh Allen

Assistant Editor: Lea Vrabelova

Assistant Editor: Karina Gomez

Assistant Editor: Jannette Gomez

Visual Effects by Heartly Creations

VFX Artist: Kevin Rome

VFX Artist: Rene Lyle

Colorist: Rene Lyle

Title Design by Heartly Creations

Studio Teachers:

Maria Torres

Trinity Brown

Sarah Scarboro

Alisa Bargeski

“Perfect Storm” Original song by Blaize Hall

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