

Author to donate proceeds from film adaptation to Alzheimer's research

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An LSU Health Sciences Center doctor who wrote a novel about a New Orleans street musician suffering from memory loss and a neuroscientist intent on helping her is donating 70 percent of the money he makes from a movie based on the book to Alzheimer's research.

"I am rewarded because my efforts to bring to the community the magnitude of the problem of Alzheimer's and dementia will reach a wider audience," said Dr. Nicolas Bazan, professor and director of the Neuroscience Center of Excellence at LSU Health New Orleans.

As part of a national art house theater tour, the movie "Of Mind and Music" has a special run through Thursday, at the Zeitgeist Multi-Disciplinary Arts Center, 1618 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd. It will screen at 6 p.m.

The film has won more than 12 awards on the festival circuit, including five audience awards, three best actress awards for Aunjanue Ellis, two jury awards for best director and several jury awards for best feature film.

"Of Mind and Music" stars Ellis ("Quantico," "The Book of Negroes," "Men of Honor," "The Help," "Ray"), Joaquim de Almeida ("Our Brand Is Crisis," "Desperado," "Fast Five," "Clear and Present Danger"), Bill Cobbs ("Night at the Museum," "Oz the Great and Powerful," "The Bodyguard"), Sharon Lawrence ("NYPD Blue," "Grey's Anatomy") and Ruth Negga ("Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.," "World War Z," "The Samaritan").



For information about the screenings, visit zeitgeistnola.org/.

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Photo provided by LSU Health Sciences Center – Actors Aunjanue Ellis, left, and Bill Cobbs in a scene from 'Of Mind and Music'.