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The debut of Dozo, the world's first computer-generated pop star, was warmly received by audiences of the 1989 ACM SIGGRAPH Film and Video Show in Boston last July. The three minute music video, "Don't Touch Me", was directed and produced by Jeff Kleiser and Diana Walczak. It is a plea for mankind to stop mistreating the fragile environment.

The lyrics of the song were written by Jeff Kleiser and Diana Walczak, with music by Frank Serafine. The melody of the song was created and performed by Perla Batalla.

A library of Dozo's facial expressions and phonemes was sculpted in clay by Diana Walczak and digitized to create key frames for Dozo's facial animation. Interpolation between these frames was achieved using software written by Larry Weinberg.

Dozo's body was also sculpted in clay and encoded into a database. Motion Analysis data acquired from Perla Batalla's dancing was then applied to the database using body moving and flexing software by Frank Vitz.

This project was made possible by the generous support of Hewlett-Packard and Wavefront Technologies who provided hardware and production software respectively. The film was recorded using the Gemini Process, a coventure between the Post Group and Pacific Title & Art. Other credits include database encoding by Erika Walczak, modeling consulting by Eduardo Batres and software consulting by DeGraf-Wahrman.

Dozo is the second of Kleiser-Walczak's new "Synthespians". The first, Nestor Sextone, is a male character of superhero proportions featured in a 30 second film campaigning for presidency of the Synthetic Actors' Guild. Future characters are currently on the drawing board. Kleiser-Walczak is at present negotiating feature film contracts which could introduce its new Synthespians to a much wider viewing audience.

You have the power to make me feel
Your microchips can make it real
Electric feelings burn so much
A simulated sense of touch

Don't touch me with your love
Don't touch me with your love

The ecstasy drives me insane
Collapsing in exquisite pain
The vibrant dreams of Nature's way
Lie smoldering in ashen gray

Don't touch me with your love
Don't touch me with your love

Burning rainforest, choking sky
Don't make me feel if you can't cry
Gaia's dying, can't you see?
While you're wasting time on me...

Don't touch me with your love
Don't touch me with your love

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