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Murder and Cocktails

Murder and Cocktails, also known as ***Cocktails with Nick and Lana***, is a 2024 American murder mystery film directed by Henry Barrial and written by Ron Jackson. The film stars Jason Bernardo, Jessica Neufeld, Colleen O'Shaughnessey, Ricardo Molina and Lucy Boryer.

Plot

A couple hosts cocktail parties to find out who murdered one of their neighbors.

Cast

- Jason Bernardo as Nick
- Jessica Neufeld as Lana
- Colleen O'Shaughnessey as Sarah
- Ricardo Molina as Esteban
- Lucy Boryer as Rose
- Brian Lally as Sargent Russell
- Nerissa Tedesco as Bernice
- Caroline Amiguet as Maizie
- Jeff Nimoy as Peter Westbay
- Patrick Wolff as Sam Jones
- Thurman Dalrymple as Detective Barrett
- Alex Kip as William
- Mike Sears
- Christopher Botiller as Carl
- Jasmine M. Garcia as Fedlia

Production

Jackson was inspired by Nick and Nora Charles in *The Thin Man*. Principal photography took place in Jackson's Little Italy, San Diego condominium. The film was made for \$75,000.^[1]

Release

The film was released on January 23, 2024 and was distributed by Vision Films.^[2]

Reception

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Release poster

Directed by	Henry Barrial
Written by	Ron Jackson
Produced by	Ron Jackson
Starring	Jason Bernardo Jessica Neufeld Colleen O'Shaughnessey Ricardo Molina Lucy Boryer Brian Lally Nerissa Tedesco Caroline Amiguet Jeff Nimoy
Cinematography	John Paul DeFazio
Edited by	Jill D'Agnenica
Music by	Archie Thompson
Production company	905 Productions

Bobby LePire at [Film Threat](#) scored the film a 9.5 out of 10.^[3] Mike Habermelner at (Re)search My Trash said it is "a great watch, not only for whodunit fans."^[4] Rebecca Cherry at Film Carnage scored it 5 out of 10 and said the film "had a good idea but the execution lacks style."^[5]

Distributed by	Vision Films
Release date	January 23, 2024 (VOD)
Country	United States
Language	English
Budget	\$75,000

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- *Murder and Cocktails* (https://www.rottentomatoes.com/m/murder_and_cocktails) at Rotten Tomatoes

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