

Back on the Strip is a 2023 American comedy film directed and co-written by Chris Spencer in his feature film directorial debut. The film stars Wesley Snipes, J. B. Smoove, Gary Owen, Bill Bellamy, Spence Moore II, Raigan Harris, Faizon Love, and Tiffany Haddish. It was also produced by Snipes and Haddish with Luminosity Entertainment, Franchise Pictures' successor in 14 years. The film marks Snipes and film producer Elie Samaha for the first time since *The Art of War*.

The film was released to theatres in the United States on August 18, 2023.^[2]

Plot

Merlin moved to Las Vegas in the hopes of becoming a famous magician, but gets waylaid by his natural gifts and a place with the Black male strippers The Chocolate Chips.^[3]

Cast

- Wesley Snipes as Luther "Mr. Big"
- Tiffany Haddish as Verna
- JB Smoove as Amos
- Gary Owen as Xander
- Bill Bellamy as Tyriq
- Spence Moore II as Merlin
- Raigan Harris
- Faizon Love as Desmond
- Kevin Hart as Uptight Dad
- Piper Curda as Gia
- Emelina Adams as Bambi
- Colleen Camp as Rita
- Caryn Ward as Eve

Production

Eric Daniel and Chris Spencer co-wrote the film with Spencer also directing. Wesley Snipes and Tiffany Haddish appear in and co-produce the movie. Producers for Luminosity Entertainment are Geno Taylor and Missy Valdez.^[4] Speaking at the Oscar ceremony in 2022, Snipes confirmed that filming had been completed and he played a one-legged member of the strip group

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Theatrical release poster

Directed by	<u>Chris Spencer</u>
Written by	<u>Eric Daniel</u> <u>Chris Spencer</u>
Produced by	<u>Wesley Snipes</u> <u>Tiffany Haddish</u> <u>Geno Taylor</u> <u>Missy Valdez</u> <u>Elie Samaha</u> <u>Donald Kushner</u> <u>Jeru Tillman</u> <u>Chris Spencer</u> <u>Vanessa Rodriguez</u> <u>Spencer</u> <u>Eric Daniel</u>
Starring	<u>Wesley Snipes</u> <u>J. B. Smoove</u> <u>Gary Owen</u> <u>Bill Bellamy</u>

The Chocolate Chips, he also confirmed a role for Kevin Hart in the movie.^[5] In August 2022, Emelina Adams confirmed a role in the film and that she filmed on location in Vegas.^[6]

Reception

Critical response

On the review aggregator website Rotten Tomatoes, 25% of 12 critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of 4.3/10.^[7] Metacritic, which uses a weighted average, assigned the film a score of 48 out of 100, based on five critics, indicating "mixed or average" reviews.^[8]

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	<div>Spence Moore</div> <div>II</div> <div>Raigan Harris</div> <div>Faizon Love</div> <div>Tiffany Haddish</div>
Cinematography	Joshua Reis
Edited by	Maura Corey
Music by	Dontae Winslow
Production companies	Luminosity Entertainment 5120 Entertainment Junction Films Southfield Village Entertainment
Distributed by	GVN Releasing
Release date	August 18, 2023
Running time	112 minutes ^[1]
Country	United States
Language	English

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