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The Return (2024 film)

***The Return*** is an upcoming historical drama film directed by Uberto Pasolini and starring Ralph Fiennes and Juliette Binoche. The film is a retelling of Homer's *Odyssey* by Edward Bond, John Collee and Pasolini.

It is scheduled to be released on September 27, 2024 in the United States by Bleecker Street.

Synopsis

Odysseus (Fiennes) washes up on the shores of his home island Ithaca after twenty years fighting in and returning from the Trojan War. Scarred by his experiences he is unrecognisable from the mighty warrior king that left, 20 years before. His wife Penelope (Binoche) is now a prisoner in her own home, hounded by many suitors to choose a new husband that would take the throne. Odysseus and Penelope's son Telemachus (Plummer) is facing death at the hands of those who see him as a threat to their ambitions. Odysseus is forced to face his past in order to save his family and win back that which he has lost.<sup>[1]</sup>

Cast

- Ralph Fiennes as Odysseus
- Juliette Binoche as Penelope
- Charlie Plummer as Telemachus
- Marwan Kenzari as Antinous
- Claudio Santamaria as Eumaeus
- Ayman Al Aboud as Indius
- Amir Wilson as Philoetius
- Francesco Bianchi as Amphimedon
- Bruno Cassandra as Promachus
- Cosimo Desii as Eurydamus

Production

Development

The project was announced in April 2022. The script for the film was written by John Collee and Edward Bond. The film's director, Uberto Pasolini, and James Clayton produced the film.

The Return	
Directed by	<span>Uberto Pasolini</span>
Screenplay by	<span>John Collee</span> <div><span>Edward Bond</span></div> <span>Uberto Pasolini</span>
Based on	<span><i>The Odyssey</i></span> <div>by <span>Homer</span></div>
Produced by	<span>Uberto Pasolini</span> <div><span>Roberto Sesso</span><span>Giorgos Karnavas</span><span>Konstantinos Kontovravkis</span><span>Stéphane Moatti</span><span>Romain Le Grand</span><span>Vivien Aslanian</span><span>Marco Pacchioni</span></div>
Starring	<span>Ralph Fiennes</span> <div><span>Juliette Binoche</span><span>Charlie Plummer</span></div>
Production companies	<span>Bleecker Street</span> <div><span>Red Wave Films</span><span>HanWay Films</span><span>Heretic</span><span>Picomedia</span><span>Rai Cinema</span><span>Kabo Films</span><span>Marvelous Production</span></div>
Distributed by	<span>01 Distribution</span> <div><span>(Italy)</span><span>Bleecker Street</span><span>(United States)</span></div>
Release date	September 27, 2024 <div><span>(United States)</span></div>

HanWay Films began handling international sales and took the project to the 2022 Cannes Film Festival.<sup>[2]</sup> In February 2023 Bleecker Street were announced to have picked up North American rights and have Andrew Karpen and Kent Sanderson executive producing on the project. Roberto Sessa for Picomedia with Rai Cinema, Giorgos Karnavas and Konstantinos Kontovrakis for Heretic and Stéphane Moatti, Romain Le Grand, Vivien Aslanian and Marco Pacchioni for Kabo Films and Marvelous Production were also revealed as producers on the Italy-U.S.-Greece-U.K.-France co-production.<sup>[3]</sup>

<b>Countries</b>	Italy
	Greece
	United Kingdom
	United States
	France
<b>Language</b>	English

## Casting

The film marks the first time Ralph Fiennes and Juliette Binoche appear in the same project since the 1996 Oscar winner The English Patient.<sup>[4]</sup> In February 2023, Charlie Plummer and Marwan Kenzari were added to the cast.<sup>[5][6]</sup>

## Filming

The film began production in Greece in the spring of 2023, with principal photography in the regions of Corfu and the Peloponnese, before continuing on to locations in Italy.<sup>[7]</sup> Filming had wrapped in Corfu by June 2023.<sup>[8]</sup>

## Release

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