

Call Jane

Call Jane is a 2022 American drama film starring Elizabeth Banks as a suburban housewife in the 1960s who deals with a life-threatening pregnancy and subsequently joins the Jane Collective, an underground network of abortion activists.^[2] The film also stars Sigourney Weaver, Chris Messina, Kate Mara, Wunmi Mosaku, Cory Michael Smith, Grace Edwards, and John Magaro. It is directed by Phyllis Nagy. The screenplay was written by Hayley Schore and Roshan Sethi.

It premiered at the 2022 Sundance Film Festival on January 21, 2022.^[3] It was released in the United States on October 28, 2022, by Roadside Attractions.

Synopsis

Joy, a traditional housewife in the United States in the 1960s, learns that she is pregnant with a second child but that the pregnancy threatens her life. After her hospital's all-male board denies her request for an abortion, she becomes involved with the Jane Collective, a Chicago underground women's network that took risks to help women secure safe, illegal abortions, beginning in the late 1960s and stopping only in 1973 with the Roe v. Wade decision.^{[2][4]}

Cast

- Elizabeth Banks as Joy
- Sigourney Weaver as Virginia
- Chris Messina as Will
- Kate Mara as Lana
- Wunmi Mosaku as Gwen
- Cory Michael Smith as Dean
- Grace Edwards as Charlotte
- John Magaro^[5] as Detective Chilmark
- Aida Turturro as Sister Mike
- Bianca D'Ambrosio as Erin
- Bruce MacVittie as Director Richardson
- Rebecca Henderson^[5] as Edie
- Maia Scalia as Marion
- Sean King as Officer White
- Alison Jaye as Sandra

<i>Call Jane</i>	
 <div>Theatrical release poster</div>	
Directed by	Phyllis Nagy
Screenplay by	Hayley Schore <div></div> Roshan Sethi
Produced by	Robbie Brenner <div></div> David Wulf <div></div> Kevin McKeon
Starring	Elizabeth Banks <div></div> Sigourney Weaver <div></div> Chris Messina <div></div> Kate Mara <div></div> Wunmi Mosaku <div></div> Cory Michael Smith <div></div> Grace Edwards <div></div> John Magaro
Cinematography	Greta Zozula
Edited by	Peter McNulty
Music by	Isabella

- Kristina Harrison as Clare

Production

The script originally appeared on the 2017 Black List, where it received seven votes. Coincidentally, another script based on the same story, titled *This is Jane* by Daniel Loflin, was also featured on the same Black List, with nine votes.

It was announced in October 2020 that Elizabeth Banks, Sigourney Weaver, Kate Mara and Rupert Friend had been cast to star in the film. Elisabeth Moss and Susan Sarandon had been initially cast as Joy and Virginia respectively,^[6] but both had to exit due to scheduling conflicts.^[7] In May 2021, Chris Messina, Cory Michael Smith, Aida Turturro, Wunmi Mosaku, Grace Edwards, and Bianca D'Ambrosio joined the cast of the film, with Friend no longer attached.^{[8][9][10][11]}

The film was shot in West Hartford, Connecticut from May and June 2021, during the COVID-19 pandemic.^{[12][13]}

Release

It premiered at the 2022 Sundance Film Festival on January 21, 2022.^[14] On February 4, 2022, Roadside Attractions acquired the film's distribution rights, with plans to release it theatrically in the fall.^[15] It was released on October 28, 2022.^[16]

The film was released for VOD on December 6, 2022, followed by a Blu-ray and DVD release on December 13, 2022.^[17]

The film partnered with Planned Parenthood and the Abortion Care Network to screen at dozens of American clinics. In a statement by Nagy, the director hoped that screenings would serve as an opportunity to increase awareness around direct abortion care services in the months following the overturning of Roe v. Wade.^[18]

Reception

On the review aggregator website Rotten Tomatoes, 82% of 130 critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of 6.7/10. The website's consensus reads: "Although its focus is somewhat narrow, *Call Jane* is an entertaining and dramatically effective dramatization of a pivotal chapter in American history."^[19] Metacritic, which uses a weighted average, assigned the film a score of 62 out of 100, based on 35 critics, indicating "generally favorable" reviews.^[20]

On its opening weekend, *Call Jane* grossed \$243,922.^[21]

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Distributed by	<u>Roadside Attractions</u>
Release dates	January 21, 2022 (<u>Sundance</u>) <div>October 28, 2022 (<u>United States</u>)</div>
Running time	121 minutes
Country	<u>United States</u>
Language	<u>English</u>
Box office	\$694,787 ^[1]

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