

Freedom's Path

Freedom's Path is a 2022 historical war drama film written, directed and produced by Brett Smith in his feature length debut. It stars Gerran Howell, RJ Cyler, and Ewen Bremner. Based on the American Civil War, it won multiple film festival awards in 2022 and had a limited theatrical run from February 3, 2023.

Synopsis

A Union soldier is rescued by a free Black man and his friends, who run a portion of the Underground Railroad. Meanwhile, a ruthless slave catcher is looking to bring them down. [2]

Cast

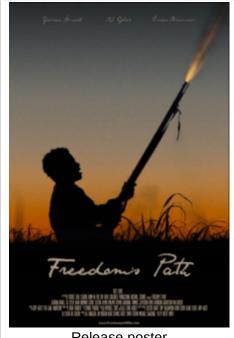
- Gerran Howell as William
- RJ Cyler as Kitch
- Ewen Bremner as Silas
- Harrison Gilbertson as Lewis
- Mia Tucker as Nora
- Carol Sutton as Caddy
- Afemo Omilami as Ellis Freeman
- Steven Swadling as Jake Nilsson
- Thomas Jefferson Byrd as Abner

Production

The film is based on a short of the same name that Brett Smith released in 2015. The feature length film was produced by Rocket Soul Studios and 1812 Films, with Soulidifly Productions, Rock Hill Studios, Room In The Sky Films and Chicago Media Angels. Producers were AJ Winslow, Jim Pidgeon, Neko Sparks and Steven Swadling. The film has a promotional partnership with Allen Media Group. [3]

Filming

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Release poster		
Directed by	Brett Smith	
Screenplay by	Brett Smith	
Produced by	AJ Winslow	
	Jim Pidgeon	
	Neko Sparks	
	Steven Swadling	
	Brett Smith	
	Manish Majithia	
Starring	Gerran Howell	
	RJ Cyler	
	Ewen Bremner	
Production	Rocket Soul	
companies	Studios	
	1812 Films	
	Soulidifly	
	Productions	
	Rock Hill Studios	
	Room In The Sky	

Films

Principal photography took place in October 2019. [4] It was largely filmed in and around <u>Fayetteville</u> with filming locations including <u>Prairie Grove Battlefield Park</u>, <u>War Eagle Mill</u>, <u>Lincoln</u>, and <u>Cane Hill</u>. [5]

Release

The film premiered at the <u>Cinequest Film & Creativity Festival</u> on April 15, 2022. [6] The film was distributed by <u>Xenon Pictures</u> in 128 <u>AMC</u> and <u>Regal Cinemas</u> theaters on February 3, 2023 with part of ticket sales be donated to Historically Black Colleges and Universities. [7]

	Chicago Media Angels
Distributed by	Xenon Pictures
Release dates	April 15, 2022 (Cinequest) July 2, Cinequest (3) United States
Running time	131 minutes ^[1]
Country	United States
Language	English

Reception

In September 2022 the film won the Director's Choice award at the Gig Harbor Film Festival in Washington State. [8] It also received the Audience Award at both the Cinequest San Jose Festival and Fayetteville Film Festival in 2022. It won the 'Best of Fest' award at the Lone Star Film Festival, along with the 'Festival Award' at the San Diego International Film Festival and the Special Jury Prize at the St. Louis International Film Festival, all also in 2022. [9]

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