

# The Listener (film)

***The Listener*** is a 2022 American drama film directed by Steve Buscemi and written by Alessandro Camon. It stars Tessa Thompson in the film's only on-screen role as a helpline volunteer.

The film premiered at the 2022 Venice International Film Festival, and was released in the United States by Vertical Entertainment on March 29, 2024.

## Plot

## Cast

- Tessa Thompson as Beth

### Voice cast

- Margaret Cho as Corinne
- Rebecca Hall as Laura
- Alia Shawkat as Sharon
- Logan Marshall-Green as Michael
- Derek Cecil as Andy
- Blu del Barrio as Jinx
- Ricky Velez as Ellis
- Jamie Hector as Ray
- Casey Wilson as Ruby
- Bobby Soto as Chris

## Production

*The Listener* was directed by Buscemi from a script by Alessandro Camon. It is an American co-production between Olive Productions, Sight Unseen Pictures, and Hantz Motion Pictures.

Principal photography took place in Los Angeles between August and September 2021.<sup>[2]</sup>

## Release

### *The Listener*



Theatrical release poster

<b>Directed by</b>	<span><span>Steve Buscemi</span></span>
<b>Written by</b>	<span><span>Alessandro Camon</span></span>
<b>Produced by</b>	<div><span><span>Wren Arthur</span></span><div><span></span></div><span><span>Steve Buscemi</span></span><div><span></span></div><span><span>Oren Moverman</span></span><div><span></span></div><span><span>Lauren Hantz</span></span><div><span></span></div><span><span>Tessa Thompson</span></span><div><span></span></div></div>
<b>Starring</b>	<span><span>Tessa Thompson</span></span>
<b>Cinematography</b>	<span><span>Anka Malatynska</span></span>
<b>Edited by</b>	<span><span>Kate Williams</span></span>
<b>Music by</b>	<span><span>Aska Matsumiya</span></span>
<b>Production companies</b>	<div><span><span>Hantz Motion Pictures</span></span><div><span></span></div><span><span>Olive Productions</span></span><div><span></span></div><span><span>Sight Unseen Pictures</span></span><div><span></span></div></div>
<b>Distributed by</b>	<span><span>Vertical Entertainment</span></span>

*The Listener* premiered as the closing film of the Giornate Degli Autori section of the 2022 Venice International Film Festival on September 9, 2022.<sup>[3][4]</sup> It also screened in Industry Selects section of the 2022 Toronto International Film Festival.<sup>[5]</sup>

In February 2024, Vertical Entertainment acquired distribution rights to the film in North America, United Kingdom and Ireland, scheduling it for a day-and-date release in the United States on March 29, 2024.<sup>[6]</sup>

<b>Release dates</b>	September 9, 2022 (Venice) <div>March 29, 2024 (United States)</div>
<b>Running time</b>	96 minutes <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Country</b>	United States
<b>Language</b>	English

## Reception

On the review aggregator website Rotten Tomatoes, 71% of 31 critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of 6.50/10.<sup>[7]</sup> Metacritic, which uses a weighted average, assigned the film a score of 63 out of 100, based on 7 critics, indicating "generally favorable" reviews.<sup>[8]</sup>

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