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The Killer's Game

The Killer's Game is an upcoming American action comedy film directed by J. J. Perry and written by Rand Ravich and James Coyne, based on the 1997 novel of the same name by Jay Bonansinga.

The film is scheduled to be released in the United States on September 13, 2024.

Premise

A veteran assassin fends off a hit he placed on himself after learning the terminal medical diagnosis he received was incorrect.

Cast

- Dave Bautista as Joe Flood
- Ben Kingsley as Zvi
- Sofia Boutella as Maize
- Terry Crews as Lovedahl
- Pom Klementieff as Marianna
- Scott Adkins as Angus Mackenzie
- Drew McIntyre as Rory Mackenzie
- Shaina West
- Lucy Cork
- Daniel Bernhardt as Radovan
- Lee Hoon as Goyang
- Marko Zaror as Botas
- Raffaello Degruittola as Dr. Kagen

Production

Originally titled *Godforsaken*, Rand Ravich wrote his adaptation of Jay Bonansinga's novel, *The Killer's Game*, on spec in the mid-1990s and sold his draft to New Line Cinema in December 1995.^{[1][2]} Intermedia would produce the film.^[3] Rupert Wainwright was attached to helm the film while Wesley Snipes was courted to star by July 2002. Production was expected to begin during the Fall.^[4] A month later, talks began with Mike van Diem to direct the film.^[5] New Line offered the film to a wide array of directors, including John Woo, Wolfgang Petersen, Alex Proyas, and Renny Harlin, but failed to attract any to sign on. In August 2004, the film transitioned to Paramount Pictures; Intermedia and Andrew Lazar were attached to produce

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Starring	Dave Bautista
	Ben Kingsley
	Sofia Boutella
	Terry Crews
	Pom Klementieff
	Scott Adkins
	Drew McIntyre
Cinematography	Flavio Martínez Labiano
Edited by	Elísabet Ronaldsdóttir
Production companies	Mad Chance Productions
	Endurance Media
Distributed by	Lionsgate
Release date	September 13, 2024
Country	United States
Language	English

while Simon Kinberg was handling rewrites.^[6] Michael Keaton was at point attached to star in the film, while Simon Crane and Pitof were considered to direct.^[7] Development on the project came to a standstill in 2006 when Intermedia closed down.^[8]

By December 2015, Broad Green Pictures was in talks to acquire the rights to *The Killer's Game*.^[9] Come February 2018, STX Films took over the film; hiring D.J. Caruso to direct and Jason Statham in the lead role.^[7] By April of the next year, Statham exited the film and was replaced by Dave Bautista.^[10] Ice Cube boarded the film in June 2019.^[8] In September, Morena Baccarin and Kris Wu joined the cast. Caruso and Peter Landesman were rewriting the script ahead of a planned production start of December 2, 2019 in the Dominican Republic.^[11]

Development on the film quietly halted again until May 2023 when the distribution rights shifted to Lionsgate; J.J. Perry was to serve as director and Jeremy Coyne was to rewrite the script. The cast retained Bautista and Ice Cube and added Sofia Boutella and Ben Kingsley.^{[12][13]} In July, Pom Klementieff, Scott Adkins, Drew McIntyre and Marko Zaror were among new additions to the cast.^{[14][15]} In March 2024, it was announced Terry Crews was to star in the film, having replaced Cube in his role.^[16]

Production began in July 2023 in Budapest,^[17] having been granted an interim agreement waiver to proceed with filming amid the 2023 SAG-AFTRA strike.^[18] Final writing credits were submitted in November 2023; screenplay credit was given to Ravich and Coyne and the offscreen additional literary material credit was attributed to Caruso, Nick Cassavetes, John Joseph Connolly, Michael Dowse, Cory Goodman, Kinberg, Landesman, Brian Rudnick, and Kurt Wimmer.^[19]

Release

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