

# The Wanting Mare

***The Wanting Mare*** is a 2020 science fiction film written and directed by Nicholas Ashe Bateman.

## Plot

In a post-apocalyptic realm called Anmaere, an annual drive ships wild horses from a rundown city called Whithren to another, far-off city, Levithen. Many denizens of Whithren hope to board the boat with the horses and travel to Levithen, which they believe holds a more promising future for them.

## Cast

- Jordan Monaghan - Moira
- Ashleigh Nutt - young Moira
- Christine Kellogg-Darrin - old Moira
- Nicholas Ashe Bateman - young Lawrence
- Josh Clark - old Lawrence
- Yasamin Keshtkar - Eirah
- Edmond Cofie - Hadeon
- Maxine Muster - Elien

## Development

*The Wanting Mare* is Bateman's first feature-length film; he did not attend film school and worked independently on the film's development, part of which was funded through a campaign on the crowdsourcing website Indiegogo.<sup>[3]</sup> Shane Carruth was involved with executive production for a time, but he removed his name from the project in 2020 after accusations of abuse against him were made public.<sup>[3]</sup> Bateman shot much of the film in a storage unit in Paterson, New Jersey;<sup>[4][5]</sup> other shots were filmed along the coast of the northeastern United States and in Nova Scotia, Canada.<sup>[6]</sup>

## Reception

### *The Wanting Mare*



Film poster

Directed by	<span><span>Nicholas Ashe Bateman</span></span>
Written by	<span><span>Nicholas Ashe Bateman</span></span>
Produced by	<span><span>Nicholas Ashe Bateman</span>, <span>David A. Ross</span>, <span>Z. Scott Schaefer</span>, <span>Lawrence Inglee</span></span>
Cinematography	<span><span>David A. Ross</span></span>
Edited by	<span><span>Nicholas Ashe Bateman</span></span>
Music by	<span><span>Aaron Boudreaux</span></span>
Distributed by	<span><span>Gravitas Ventures</span></span>
Release dates	May 22, 2020 ( <span><span>Chattanooga Film Festival</span></span> ) <sup>[1]</sup> <div></div> February 5, 2021 ( <span><span>United States</span></span> )
Running time	89 minutes <sup>[2]</sup>

The film received a positive review from *Wired*,<sup>[7]</sup> and mixed reviews from *IndieWire*,<sup>[8]</sup> *RogerEbert.com*,<sup>[9]</sup> *Variety*,<sup>[3]</sup> and *Polygon*.<sup>[10]</sup>

<b>Country</b>	United States
<b>Language</b>	English

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