

(Redirected from The Sonata (film))

The Sonata is a 2018 mystery thriller film, directed by Andrew Desmond, from a screenplay by Desmond and Arthur Morin. It stars Freya Tingley, Simon Abkarian, James Faulkner, Rutger Hauer, Matt Barber and James Kermack. This was Hauer's final released film during his lifetime before his death the following year.^[2]^[3] It was released in the United States on January 10, 2020, by Screen Media Films. It grossed \$146,595 at the box office and received mixed reviews from critics.^[4]^[5]

Plot

Rose is a young and talented English violinist, a rising star in the world of classical music. Her agent and manager Charles has been taking care of her since her mother's demise when Rose was just sixteen. Her father - the infamous composer Richard Marlowe - abandoned the family and became a recluse soon after Rose's birth. Now in her twenties, Rose receives news of her father's death, and that she inherited his mansion in France. Despite the estrangement, the news affects Rose and she decides to visit her late father's house, hoping to understand his reason for abandoning the family all those years ago, much to Charles' disapproval.

At the mansion Rose discovers that her father had spent the last twenty-odd years working on a peculiar sonata for the violin. She contacts Charles, and sends him a sample of the sheet music. Charles' investigation reveals that Richard may have been a member of a satanic cult that believed music was the key to summoning the Antichrist. Despite the revelation, Charles becomes fascinated with the sonata, hoping to use it to bring fame to Rose, himself and his struggling business. He travels to the mansion under the pretext of comforting Rose.

Meanwhile, Rose begins to notice strange things happening around the mansion, and even sees an apparition of her dead father, who points her towards the old chapel nearby. Going there Rose discovers audiotapes of Richard torturing and murdering children, as it apparently helped him compose the sonata. Scared, Rose returns to the mansion and tells Charles about her discovery, saying that the sonata is a work of evil and must to be destroyed. The two have a disagreement, but Charles seemingly backs down. As he is pouring tea, he slips

The Sonata



Theatrical release poster

Directed by	Andrew Desmond
Written by	Andrew Desmond Arthur Morin
Produced by	Aija Berzina Matthew Bradley Ron Bradley Jonathan Feuer Patrick Fischer Laurent Fumeron Alise Gelze David Gilbery Daniel Goroshko James Kermack Julien Loeffler Rodolphe Sanzé Sergey Selyanov Fabrice Smadja Sharunya Varriale
Starring	Freya Tingley Simon Abkarian

some sleeping pills into Rose's cup. Once she goes to bed, Charles begins deciphering the sonata using the torture tapes. One of the tapes eventually wakes Rose from her sleep and she discovers a mad and aggressive Charles, who demands that she play the sonata to him. Not having a choice, she complies and as she plays, a misty figure appears and flies around the room, eventually making its way to Charles, strangling him.

In the closing scene of the film, Rose is back in England, performing the sonata to a full audience for the first time. Just as she plays the first notes, her eyes start glowing red, and the screen fades to black.

Cast

- [Freya Tingley](#) as Rose Fisher
- [Simon Abkarian](#) as Charles Vernais
- [James Faulkner](#) as Sir Victor Ferdinand
- [Rutger Hauer](#) as Richard Marlowe
- [Matt Barber](#) as James
- Catherine Schaub-Abkarain as Thérèse
- Christopher Brand as The Notary
- James Kermack as The Sound Engineer
- Myster Jo as Tobacco Shop Owner
- Laine Ligere Stengrēvica as Meredith
- Aurēlija Pronina as Ghost Child #1
- Andrejs Zikovs as Ghost Child #2
- Maija Cipste as Ghost Child #3
- Artūra Ghoss as Ghost Child #4
- Jurijs Krūze as Taxi Driver
- Janis Libietis as Customer #1
- Atis Afrēds Brasmanis as Customer #2
- Olga Svecova as Bar Waitress
- Aleksandrs Mihailovs as Barman

	James Faulkner Rutger Hauer Matt Barber James Kermack
Cinematography	Janis Eglitis
Edited by	J.P. Ferré
Music by	Alexis Maingaud
Production company	CTB Film Company
Distributed by	Screen Media Films
Release dates	November 15, 2018 (Russia) January 10, 2020 (United States)
Running time	90 minutes
Countries	United States France Russia Latvia United Kingdom
Languages	English French
Box office	\$178,887 ^[1]

- Alina Vasijeva as Rose Violin Double

Release

The Sonata was released in Russia by Screen Media Films on November 15, 2018, and in the United States on January 10, 2020.

Reception

On Metacritic, the film has a weighted average score of 41 out of 100, based on 8 critics, indicating "mixed or average reviews".^[6] On review aggregator website Rotten Tomatoes, the film holds an approval rating of 52% based on 27 reviews, with an average rating of 5.5/10.^[7]

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