

Swan Song (2021 Benjamin Cleary film)

Swan Song is a 2021 American science fiction romantic drama film written and directed by Benjamin Cleary. The film stars Mahershala Ali, Naomie Harris, Awkwafina, Glenn Close, and Adam Beach.

Swan Song was released in select theaters and on Apple TV+ on December 17, 2021. The film received generally positive reviews from critics.

Plot

When a loving husband and father Cameron Turner is diagnosed with a terminal illness, he is presented with the option of sparing his family grief by having him replaced with a clone. Turner is torn about whether to discuss the option with his wife.

Cast

- Mahershala Ali as Cameron Turner, a family man suffering from a terminal illness.
 - Ali also portrays Jack, Cameron's clone.
- Naomie Harris as Poppy Turner, Cameron's wife.
- Awkwafina as Kate, a previously cloned human.
- Glenn Close as Dr. Scott, the brash director of human cloning.
- Adam Beach as Dalton
- Lee Shorten as Rafa

Production

In February 2020, Apple TV+ announced it had acquired the rights to the film, to be written and directed by Benjamin Cleary and star Mahershala Ali.^[1] In September, Naomie Harris joined the cast,^[2] and Awkwafina and Glenn Close signed on in November.^{[3][4]} Adam Beach announced he was added to the cast in December.^[5]

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Release poster

Directed by	<u>Benjamin Cleary</u>
Written by	<u>Benjamin Cleary</u>
Produced by	<u>Mahershala Ali</u> <div><u>Rebecca Bourke</u></div> <div><u>Jonathan King</u></div> <div><u>Jacob Perlin</u></div> <div><u>Adam Shulman</u></div> <div><u>Mimi Valdés</u></div>
Starring	<u>Mahershala Ali</u> <div><u>Naomie Harris</u></div> <div><u>Awkwafina</u></div> <div><u>Glenn Close</u></div>
Cinematography	<u>Masanobu Takayanagi</u>
Edited by	<u>Nathan Nugent</u>
Music by	<u>Jay Wadley</u>
Production companies	<u>Apple Studios</u> <div><u>Anonymous Content</u></div> <div><u>Know Wonder</u></div>

Principal photography began on November 9, 2020 in Vancouver, Canada^{[6][7]} and concluded on February 6, 2021.^[8] The film was released on December 17, 2021.^[9]

	<u>Concordia Studio</u>
Distributed by	<u>Apple TV+</u>
Release date	December 17, 2021
Running time	112 minutes
Country	United States
Language	English

Reception

On the review aggregator website Rotten Tomatoes, 79% of 100 critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of 6.5/10. The website's consensus reads: "*Swan Song* occasionally strays on the wrong side of maudlin, but Mahershala Ali's work in dual roles lends this sci-fi drama genuine heart."^[10] On Metacritic, the film has a weighted average score of 66 out of 100, based on 27 critics, indicating "generally favorable reviews".^[11]

Accolades

Ceremony	Category	Recipient(s)/Nominee(s)	Results	Ref.
<u>22nd Black Reel Awards</u>	<u>Outstanding Actor</u>	<u>Mahershala Ali</u>	Nominated	^{[12][13]}
<u>75th British Academy Film Awards</u>	<u>Best Actor in a Leading Role</u>		Nominated	
<u>2nd Critics' Choice Super Awards</u>	<u>Best Actor in a Science Fiction/Fantasy Movie</u>		Nominated	
	<u>Best Science Fiction/Fantasy Movie</u>	—	Nominated	
<u>79th Golden Globe Awards</u>	<u>Best Actor in a Motion Picture – Drama</u>	Mahershala Ali	Nominated	^{[12][13]}
<u>18th Irish Film & Television Awards</u>	<u>Best Film</u>	—	Nominated	^[14]
	<u>Best Director</u>	<u>Benjamin Cleary</u>	Nominated	
	<u>Best Script</u>		Nominated	
	<u>Best Editing</u>	<u>Nathan Nugent</u>	Nominated	
	<u>Best Sound</u>	Steve Fanagan	Won	
	<u>Best VFX</u>	Ed Bruce & Manuel Martinez	Nominated	
	<u>Rising Star</u>	Benjamin Cleary	Nominated	^[15]
<u>53rd NAACP Image Awards</u>	<u>Outstanding Actor in a Motion Picture</u>	Mahershala Ali	Nominated	^{[12][13]}

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