

Malum (film)

Malum (Latin: *Evil*)^[4] is a 2023 American horror film directed by Anthony DiBlasi, who co-wrote the film with Scott Poiley. It is a remake of the 2014 film *Last Shift*, also directed by DiBlasi. [5][6] *Malum* stars Jessica Sula, Eric Olson, Chaney Morrow and Candice Coke. [5]

Malum was released theatrically in the United States on March 31, $2023.^{[7]}$ It was released on <u>video-on-demand</u> (VOD) and digital platforms on May 16, $2023.^{[8][9]}$

Premise

A rookie cop takes the last shift at a decommissioned police station where members of a cult committed suicide years prior. When she begins experiencing paranormal occurrences throughout the night, she begins to uncover the truth about the cult and its connection to her family's past.

Cast

- Jessica Sula as Jessica Loren
- Eric Olson as Will Lorren
- Candice Coke as Diane
- Chaney Morrow as John Malum
- Britt George as Officer Grip Cohen
- Clarke Wolfe as Dorothea
- Morgan Lennon as Kitty
- Danielle Coyne as Birdie
- Kevin Wayne as Nate
- Natalie Victoria as Marigold
- Sam Brooks as Officer Price
- Christopher Matthew Spencer as Officer Hudson
- Monroe Cline as Betty
- Valerie Loo as Anna Cole

Production



Theatrical release poster

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Directed by	Anthony DiBlasi
Written by	Anthony DiBlasi
	Scott Poiley
Based on	Last Shift
	by Anthony
	DiBlasi
	Scott Poiley
Produced by	Scott Poiley
	Dan Clifton
Starring	Jessica Sula
	Eric Olson
	Chaney
	Morrow
	Candice Coke
Cinematography	Sean McDaniel
Edited by	Anthony DiBlasi
Music by	Samuel
	Laflamme
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<u>Principal photography</u> took place on location in an abandoned prison in downtown <u>Louisville</u>, Kentucky, from August to September $2022.\frac{[10][11][12]}{}$

Release

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	Skyra Entertainment
Distributed by	Welcome Villain Films
Release date	March 31, 2023
Running time	93 minutes $^{[1]}$
Country	United States
Language	English
Box office	\$221,738 ^{[2][3]}

Critical reception

On the <u>review aggregator</u> website <u>Rotten Tomatoes</u>, 84% of 25 critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of 7/10. The website's consensus reads: "*Malum* lures you to clock in for another Mason-esque *Last Shift* at a haunted police station with sheer blunt lore and gore." [13]

Matt Zoller Seitz of <u>RogerEbert.com</u> gave *Malum* three out of four stars, and wrote that the film is most "impressive when it turns its talented ensemble cast loose on material that was obviously a lot of fun to play with." Matt Donago of <u>Paste</u> commended the film for its "gruesome indie [special] effects", and concluded that "DiBlasi delivers what *Last Shift* fans will once again enjoy. That's what's slightly disappointing: *Malum* differentiates [itself from *Last Shift*], but does it differentiate enough?" The Austin <u>Chronicle</u>'s Richard Whittaker gave the film two out of five stars, criticizing its use of jump scares and writing: "At least *Last Shift* had a grubby ingenuity. *Malum* has enough budget to be too glossy to be gutter fun, and adds little visually much beyond some very mediocre practical effects, often feeling that – yet again – its ambitions outstripped its grasp." [16]

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