

*The Instigators* is an upcoming American heist thriller film directed by Doug Liman, written by Chuck Maclean and Casey Affleck, and starring Affleck and Matt Damon, who also produces the film alongside Ben Affleck under their production company Artists Equity for distribution by Apple TV+ under Apple Original Films.

*The Instigators* is scheduled for a limited theatrical release in the United States on August 2, 2024, before its streaming debut by Apple TV+ on August 9, 2024

## Premise

A botched robbery causes two thieves to go on the run, dragging along one of their therapists in the process.

## Cast

- Matt Damon as Rory
- Casey Affleck as Cobby
- Hong Chau as Dr. Donna Rivera
- Paul Walter Hauser as Booch
- Michael Stuhlbarg as Mr. Besegai
- Ving Rhames as Frank Toomey
- Alfred Molina as Richie Dechico
- Toby Jones as Alan Flynn
- Jack Harlow as Scalvo
- Ron Perlman

## Production

It was announced in December 2022 that Apple TV+ had acquired the rights to the project, which would see Doug Liman directing, and Matt Damon and Casey Affleck starring. Damon will also produce alongside Ben Affleck under their Artists Equity production company.<sup>[1]</sup> In February 2023, Hong Chau joined the cast,<sup>[2]</sup> with Paul Walter Hauser, Michael Stuhlbarg, Ving Rhames, Alfred Molina and Ron Perlman joining the following month.<sup>[3][4][5]</sup> Jack Harlow was added to the cast in April.<sup>[6]</sup>

<i>The Instigators</i>	
<b>Directed by</b>	<u>Doug Liman</u>
<b>Written by</b>	<u>Chuck Maclean</u> <div><u>Casey Affleck</u></div>
<b>Produced by</b>	<u>Matt Damon</u> <div><u>Ben Affleck</u><div><u>Jeff Robinov</u><u>John Graham</u><u>Kevin J. Walsh</u></div></div>
<b>Starring</b>	<u>Matt Damon</u> <div><u>Casey Affleck</u><u>Hong Chau</u><u>Paul Walter Hauser</u><u>Michael Stuhlbarg</u><u>Jack Harlow</u><u>Ving Rhames</u><u>Alfred Molina</u><u>Ron Perlman</u></div>
<b>Cinematography</b>	<u>Henry Braham</u>
<b>Edited by</b>	<u>Saar Klein</u>
<b>Production companies</b>	<u>Apple Studios</u> <div><u>Artists Equity</u><u>Studio 8</u><u>The Walsh Company</u></div>
<b>Distributed by</b>	<u>Apple Original Films</u> (through <u>Apple TV+</u> )
<b>Release dates</b>	August 2, 2024 (United States) <div>August 9, 2024 (Apple TV+)</div>
<b>Country</b>	United States

Filming began in Boston in March 2023.<sup>[7]</sup> Locations include Bova's Bakery.<sup>[8]</sup>

**Language**

English

## Release

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