

# The Unknown Country

***The Unknown Country*** is a 2022 drama film directed by Morrisa Maltz, from a screenplay by Maltz and a story by Maltz, Lily Gladstone, Lainey Bearkiller Shangreaux, and Vanara Taing. It stars Gladstone and Raymond Lee.

The film had its world premiere at South by Southwest on March 13, 2022,<sup>[3]</sup> and it was released by Music Box Films in the United States on July 28, 2023.<sup>[4][5]</sup> For her work, Gladstone won the Gotham Independent Film Award for Outstanding Lead Performance.<sup>[6]</sup>

## Plot

A grieving woman embarks on a road trip through the American Midwest after receiving an unexpected invitation.

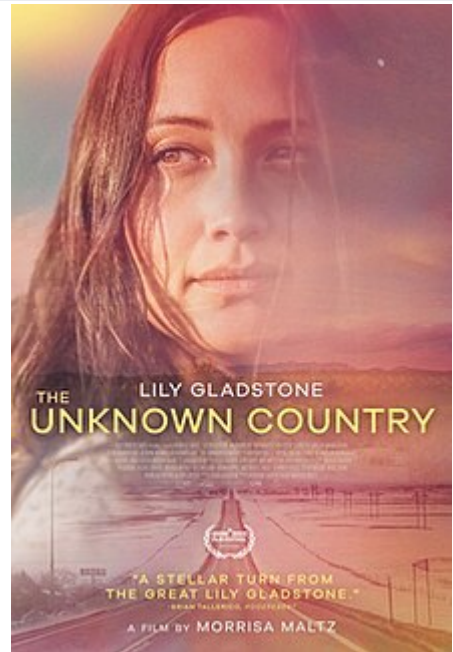
## Cast

- Lily Gladstone as Tana
- Raymond Lee as Isaac
- Richard Ray Whitman as Grandpa August
- Lainey Bearkiller Shangreaux as Lainey
- Devin Shangreaux as Devin
- Jasmine Shangreaux as Jasmine

## Reception

On the review aggregator website Rotten Tomatoes, 91% of 45 critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of 7.9/10. The website's consensus reads: "Lily Gladstone's outstanding performances powers *The Unknown Country* through some

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Official release poster

<b>Directed by</b>	Morrisa Maltz
<b>Screenplay by</b>	Morrisa Maltz
<b>Story by</b>	<u>Lily Gladstone</u> <div>Morrisa Maltz</div> <div>Lainey Bearkiller Shangreaux</div> <div>Vanara Taing</div>
<b>Produced by</b>	Katherine Harper <div>Laura Heberton</div>
<b>Starring</b>	<u>Lily Gladstone</u> <div><u>Raymond Lee</u></div>
<b>Cinematography</b>	Andrew Hajek
<b>Edited by</b>	Vanara Taing
<b>Music by</b>	Samuel Jones <div>Alexis Marsh</div> <div><u>Neil Halstead</u></div>

narrative drift to its ultimately profound destination."<sup>[7]</sup> Metacritic, which uses a weighted average, assigned the film a score of 82 out of 100, based on 14 critics, indicating "universal acclaim".<sup>[8]</sup>

Accolades

Production companies	Cold Iron Pictures Wooden Fingers Studios
Distributed by	Music Box Films
Release dates	March 13, 2022 (SXSW) July 28, 2023 (United States)
Running time	85 minutes
Country	United States
Language	English
Box office	\$68,890 <sup>[1][2]</sup>

Award	Date of ceremony	Category	Recipient(s)	Result	Ref.
<u>Gotham Independent Film Awards</u>	November 27, 2023	<u>Outstanding Lead Performance</u>	Lily Gladstone	Won	<sup>[9]</sup>
<u>Denver International Film Festival</u>	November 12, 2022	American Independent Award – Best Feature Film	<i>The Unknown Country</i>	Nominated	<sup>[10]</sup>
		Honorable Mention		Won	
<u>South by Southwest</u>	March 20, 2022	SXSW Adam Yauch Hörnblowér Award		Nominated	<sup>[11]</sup>
<u>Cinema Eye Honors</u>	January 12, 2024	Heterodox Award		Nominated	<sup>[12]</sup>
Americana Film Fest	March 15, 2023	Audience Award – Next		Nominated	<sup>[13]</sup>
<u>Montclair Film Festival</u>	October 30, 2022	Future/Now		Nominated	<sup>[14]</sup>
<u>Hell's Half Mile Film &amp; Music Festival</u>	September 25, 2022	Jury Award – Best Feature		Won	<sup>[15]</sup>
		Outstanding Achievement in Editing	Vanara Taing	Won	
<u>Champs-Élysées Film Festival</u>	June 28, 2022	Longs métrages américains	<i>The Unknown Country</i>	Nominated	<sup>[16]</sup>
<u>Calgary International Film Festival</u>	October 2, 2022	International Narrative Competition		Nominated	<sup>[17]</sup>

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