

Daddio is a 2023 American drama film written and directed by Christy Hall in her feature directorial debut. It stars Dakota Johnson (who also co-produced) and Sean Penn.

Premise

After landing at JFK Airport, a young woman takes a cab back to her apartment in Manhattan. During the ride, she and the cab driver, Clark, have unexpectedly honest conversations about numerous topics, including their past and present relationships, sex and power dynamics, loss, and vulnerability.^[2]

Cast

- Dakota Johnson as Girlie^[3]
- Sean Penn as Clark

Production

It was originally conceived as a stage play.^[4] In October 2017, it was announced that Daisy Ridley would star in the film, based on a spec script by Christy Hall.^[5] That December, the script was included on that year's "Black List" of the most-liked unproduced scripts in Hollywood.^[6] In June 2021, it was announced that Johnson replaced Ridley and that Penn was also cast in the film.^{[2][7]} Johnson was the one to initially suggest Penn and personally sent him the script.^[8]

Filming occurred in New York City and Hoboken, New Jersey in December 2022.^[9] It was shot in 16 days.^[4] The film entered post-production by January 2023.^[10]

All scenes taking place within the cab were shot on a soundstage utilizing On-set virtual production, which consists of large LED video screens on which digital environments can be rendered in real-time for actors to perform in front of.^[8]

Release

Daddio premiered at the 50th Telluride Film Festival on September 1, 2023.^[11] It also screened at the 2023 Toronto International Film Festival on September 10, 2023, as part of its

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Theatrical release poster

Directed by	Christy Hall
Written by	Christy Hall
Produced by	<div> <div> Dakota Johnson</div> <div> Ro Donnelly</div> <div> Emma Tillinger Koskoff</div> <div> Christy Hall</div> <div> Paris Kassidokostas-Latsis</div> <div> Terry Douglas</div> </div>
Starring	<div> <div> Dakota Johnson</div> <div> Sean Penn</div> </div>
Cinematography	<div> <div> Phedon Papamichael</div> </div>
Edited by	<div> <div> Lisa Zeno Churgin</div> </div>
Music by	<div> <div> Dickon Hinchliffe</div> </div>
Production companies	<div> <div> Hercules Film Fund</div> <div> TeaTime Pictures</div> </div>

special screening program.^{[12][1]} In September 2023, Sony Pictures Classics acquired distribution rights to the film for North and Latin America as well as some European and Asian territories, scheduling it for a theatrical release sometime in 2024.^[13] It is scheduled to be released on June 28, 2024.^{[14][15]}

Reception

On the review aggregator website Rotten Tomatoes, 83% of twelve critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of 7.3/10.^[16]

Peter DeBruge of Variety gave the film a positive review and wrote, "Every aspect of *Daddio* is designed to spark conversation. But it's sweeter and more satisfying than you might expect..."^[17] Stephen Farber of The Hollywood Reporter also gave the film a positive review, calling it "A deftly executed debut feature."^[18] Todd McCarthy of Deadline Hollywood also gave the film a positive review and wrote, "Sean Penn is at his absolute best here in a tremendously engaging performance as a salty working-class guy with an endless supply of opinions and ways of drawing out his passengers, while Dakota Johnson more than holds her own as a game passenger increasingly willing to share her problems with the amateur shrink behind the wheel."^[19]

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Distributed by	<u>Sony Pictures Classics</u>
Release dates	September 1, 2023 (<u>Telluride</u>) June 28, 2024 (United States)
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Country	United States
Language	English

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