

Fresh Kills (film)

Fresh Kills is a 2023 American drama film marking the directorial debut of Jennifer Esposito, who also wrote, produced and stars alongside Emily Bader, Odessa A'zion, Domenick Lombardozzi, Annabella Sciorra, Nick Cirillo and Annabella Sciorra.

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Premise

In 1980s New York City, Francine is married into a Brooklyn organised crime family, who have just moved to the more spacious surroundings of Staten Island. However, for her and her daughters Rose and Connie the shadow of the mafia remains ever present.^[2]

Cast

- Jennifer Esposito as Francine
- Emily Bader as Rose
- Odessa A'zion as Connie
- Domenick Lombardozzi as Joe
- Annabella Sciorra as Christine
- Nicholas Cirillo as Alli
- Stelio Savante as Nello
- Franco Maicas as Frankie

Production

Jennifer Esposito told *Variety* that the idea for the script had been “percolating” in her mind since she was 16 years-old and growing up on Staten Island.^[3]

Esposito told *Deadline Hollywood* in October 2021, she had struggled to get finance for the project financiers and distributors due to the lack of male lead actors in the film. Funding instead arrived from a unique source with *Deadline Hollywood* calling it “the first feature film financed and traded by a global group of fan investors via this first-of-its kind IPO on Upstream, the Ethereum-powered digital stock exchange”.^[4]

Casting

Fresh Kills



Release poster

Directed by	<u>Jennifer Esposito</u>
Written by	<u>Jennifer Esposito</u>
Produced by	<u>Leslie Ann Owen</u> <u>Jennifer Esposito</u> <u>Christine Crokos</u> <u>Samantha Sprecher</u>
Starring	<u>Emily Bader</u> <u>Odessa A'zion</u> <u>Jennifer Esposito</u> <u>Domenick Lombardozzi</u> <u>Annabella Sciorra</u> <u>Nick Cirillo</u> <u>Annabella Sciorra</u>

In November 2021, Annabella Sciorra joined Esposito in the cast playing Christine, the sister of Esposito's character Francine.^[5] Odessa A'zion And Emily Bader joined the cast in December 2021 as Francine's daughters.^[6]

Filming

Principal photography took place on Staten Island in March 2022.^[7]

Release

The film was shown at the Tribeca Film Festival in June 2023.^[8] Later that year it was shown at the Red Sea International Film Festival.^[9]

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Reception

On the review aggregator website Rotten Tomatoes, 89% of 9 critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of 6.3/10.^[11]

Cinematography	Ben Hardwicke
Edited by	Todd Sandler
Music by	Theodosia Roussos
Production companies	<u>Rebellious Act Project</u> <div>Owen Media Group</div> <div>Faliro House Productions</div>
Distributed by	<u>Quiver Distribution</u>
Release dates	June 16, 2023 (Tribeca) <div>May 17, 2024 (United States)</div>
Running time	120 minutes ^[1]
Country	United States
Language	English

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