

# **Praise This**

Praise This is a 2023 American musical comedy romance film directed by Tina Gordon and starring Chloe Bailey and Anjelika Washington.

The film was released on April 7, 2023 by Peacock. It received mixed reviews from critics.

#### Plot

After Sam was taken to Atlanta, Georgia by her father due to getting in trouble with the law in Los Angeles, she is forced to join the Praise Team as punishment for getting caught lying as going to her Aunt and Uncle.

#### Cast

- Chloe Bailey as Sam, a rebellious aspiring singersongwriter who joins her cousin's Praise Team when moving to Atlanta
- Anjelika Washington<sup>[1]</sup> as Jess, Sam's cousin and a member of her church's Praise Team
- Quavo as Ty, a popular rapper In Atlanta and Sam's potential love interest
- Druski as Aaron "Big Love", Sam's good friend and a member of his church's Praise Team
- Koryn Hawthorne as Fallon, a gospel singer and opposing member of Sam's Praise Team
- Tristan Mack Wilds as P.G.
- Kiara Iman Heffner as Jackie
- Ilario Grant as Jermaine
- Birgundi Baker as Melissa, the leader of the Praise Team
- Loren Lott as Kelly
- Jekalyn Carr as KiKi
- Crystal Renee Hayslett as Natalie
- Cocoa Brown as Cora
- Vanessa Fraction as Prisilla
- Michael Anthony as Bishop Headly
- Kountry Wayne as Painted Duck DJ
- Kendrick Cross as Uncle Larry
- Janora McDuffie as Aunt Liz

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Promotional release poster		
Directed by	Tina Gordon	
Screenplay by	Tina Gordon	
	Brandon	
	Broussard	
	Hudson	
	Obayuwana	
	Jana Savage	
Story by	Brandon	
	Broussard	
	Hudson	
	Obayuwana	
	Jana Savage	
Produced by	Will Packer	
	Tim Story	
	Sharla Sumpter	
	Bridgett	
	James Lopez	
Starring	Chloe Bailey	
	Tristan Mack	
	Wilds	

Jayden Braddock as Church Goer (uncredited)

#### **Production**

In June 2019, it was announced <u>Tina Gordon</u> would be directing *Praise This* from an original pitch by <u>Tim Story's</u> The Story Company. [2] In April 2022, <u>Chloe Bailey</u> had signed on to star in the film. [3]

#### Release

In May 2022, it was announced the film would premiere on  $\underline{\text{Peacock}}$ . The first trailer was released on March 6, 2023, revealing the release date of April 7, 2023. [5]

# Reception

On <u>review aggregator</u> Rotten Tomatoes, the film holds an approval rating of 50% based on 10 reviews. [6] On <u>Metacritic</u>, the film has a score of 44 out of 100, based on 4 critics, indicating "mixed reviews". [7]

### Awards and nominations

	Druski Birgundi Baker Anjelika Washington Quavo	
Cinematography	Sidney Sidell	
Edited by	David Moritz R.C. Hill	
Music by	Jermaine Stegall	
Production companies	Universal Pictures Will Packer Productions The Story Company	
Distributed by	Peacock	
Release date	April 7, 2023	
Running time	111 minutes	
Country	United States	
Language	English	

Year	Award	Category	Work	Result	Ref.
2023	Black Reel Awards	Outstanding TV Movie/Limited Series	Derryck Big Tank Thornton	Nominated	
		Outstanding Musical Score	Jermaine Stegall	Nominated	[8]
		Outstanding Production Design	Keith Brian Burns	Nominated	
	Hollywood Music in Media Awards	Best Song - Onscreen Performance (Film)	"Praise Nationals Finale"	Nominated	[9]
	UB Honors	Best Actress	Chloe Bailey	Won	
2024	Guild of Music Supervisors Awards	Best Music Supervision for a Non-Theatrically Released Film	Derryck Big Tank Thornton	Nominated	[10]
	NAACP Image Awards	Outstanding Actress in a Television Movie, Mini-Series or Dramatic Special	Chloe Bailey	Won	
		Outstanding Writing in a Television Movie or Special	Tina Gordon, Brandon Broussard, Hudson Obayuwana, Jana Savage, Camilla Blackett	Nominated	

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