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# Untitled *Smile* sequel

The **untitled *Smile* sequel** is an upcoming American psychological supernatural horror film written and directed by [Parker Finn](#). It serves as a direct sequel to *Smile* (2022), which in turn is based on Finn's short film *Laura Hasn't Slept* (2020). [Kyle Gallner](#) reprises his role as Joel from the first film, while [Naomi Scott](#), [Lukas Gage](#), and [Rosemarie DeWitt](#) appear as new characters. Pre-production began by April 2023 with filming lasting from January to March in 2024.

The film is scheduled for release by [Paramount Pictures](#) on October 18, 2024.

## Cast

- [Kyle Gallner](#) as Joel
- [Naomi Scott](#)
- [Lukas Gage](#)
- [Rosemarie DeWitt](#)
- [Dylan Gelula](#)
- [Raúl Castillo](#)
- [Miles Gutierrez-Riley](#)

## Production

### Development and casting

Following the release of *Smile* (2022), during interviews between November and December 2022, writer and director [Parker Finn](#) stated that he had intentionally left portions of the first film ambiguous, with various plotlines unresolved, while expressing interest in exploring those details in a potential sequel.<sup>[1]</sup> He stated that while additional installments may explore the backstory of the entity, he would like to keep its mysterious nature intact.<sup>[2]</sup> He noted that a follow-up film would be notably different from the first, stating that he believed "there is still a lot of interesting stuff to explore in the world of *Smile*. ... I'd want to make sure that there's a new, exciting, fresh way into it that the audience isn't anticipating. I also want to find some new ways to scare them and unnerve them."<sup>[1][2][3]</sup>

In March 2023, Finn signed a [first-look deal](#) with [Paramount Pictures](#) to develop additional horror projects.<sup>[4]</sup> The following month at 2023 [CinemaCon](#), Paramount announced that a sequel to *Smile* was [green-lit](#) and entered pre-production, with Finn returning as writer and director.<sup>[5]</sup> In December 2023,

Untitled <i>Smile</i> sequel	
Directed by	<a href="#">Parker Finn</a>
Written by	<a href="#">Parker Finn</a>
Based on	<i><a href="#">Laura Hasn't Slept</a></i> <div>by <a href="#">Parker Finn</a></div>
Starring	<div><a href="#">Kyle Gallner</a></div> <div><a href="#">Naomi Scott</a></div> <div><a href="#">Lukas Gage</a></div> <div><a href="#">Rosemarie DeWitt</a></div>
Cinematography	<a href="#">Charlie Sarroff</a>
Production company	<a href="#">Temple Hill Entertainment</a>
Distributed by	<a href="#">Paramount Pictures</a>
Release date	October 18, 2024
Country	United States
Language	English

Naomi Scott was cast in a leading role.<sup>[6]</sup> In early 2024, Lukas Gage, Rosemarie DeWitt, Dylan Gelula, Raúl Castillo and Miles Gutierrez-Riley joined the cast.<sup>[7][8][9]</sup> Kyle Gallner reprised his role as Joel from the first film.<sup>[10]</sup>

## Filming

Principal photography took place from January to March 2024 throughout Hudson Valley, New York, with primary locations in Newburgh, Poughkeepsie, Wappingers Falls, Albany and New York City.<sup>[11][12]</sup>

## Release

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