

The Virtuoso (film)

The Virtuoso is a 2021 American neo-noir^[1] crime thriller film directed and produced by Nick Stagliano. The film stars Anson Mount, Abbie Cornish, Eddie Marsan, Richard Brake, David Morse, and Anthony Hopkins. It follows a professional assassin who must track down and kill his latest target to satisfy an outstanding debt to his mentor.^{[2][3]}

Summary

An assassin is given a strange assignment by his mentor wherein he must kill a hitman. He is armed just with time and location of hitman, he must find, who really is his target.

Cast

- Anson Mount as The Virtuoso^[3]
- Abbie Cornish as The Waitress^[3]
- Anthony Hopkins as The Mentor^[3]
- Eddie Marsan as The Loner^[4]
- David Morse as The Deputy^[4]
- Richard Brake as Handsome Johnnie^[4]
- Diora Baird as Johnnie's Girl^[4]
- Chris Perfetti as The Motel Clerk
- Ryan Jonze as The GTO Guy
- Shay Guthrie as The GTO Girl

Production

Filming occurred in January 2019 in Santa Ynez, California.^[5] Filming also occurred in Scranton, Pennsylvania in late March and early April 2019.^{[6][7][8]}

Release

In March 2021, Lionsgate Films acquired the North American and U.K. distribution rights to the film,^[9] which was simultaneously released in theaters and on VOD and digital on April 30, 2021.^[10]

The Virtuoso



Theatrical release poster

Directed by	Nick Stagliano
Written by	James C. Wolf
Produced by	Nick Stagliano
Starring	Anson Mount Abbie Cornish Anthony Hopkins
Cinematography	Frank Prinzi
Edited by	James LeSage
Music by	Brooke Blair Will Blair
Production companies	Nazz Productions 120dB Films Double Dutch International
Distributed by	Lionsgate Films
Release date	April 30, 2021
Running time	110 minutes
Country	United States

It was released on DVD and Blu-ray on May 4, 2021, by Lionsgate Home Entertainment.^[11]

Language

English

Reception

On review aggregator Rotten Tomatoes, the film holds an approval rating of 18%, based on 55 reviews, with an average rating of 4.1/10. The website's consensus reads, "Don't let the title -- or the talented cast -- fool you: *The Virtuoso* falls far shy of even base level competency in its attempts to wring fresh excitement from a threadbare assassin thriller setup."^[12] On Metacritic, the film has a weighted average score of 24 out of 100, based on 7 critics, indicating "generally unfavorable reviews".^[13]

Leslie Felperin of *The Guardian* gave the film 2 out of 5 stars and wrote:

"When it's all over and the big twist you saw coming in the first 15 minutes has been revealed, you feel empty, a bit depressed, and like you need another cup of coffee."^[14]

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