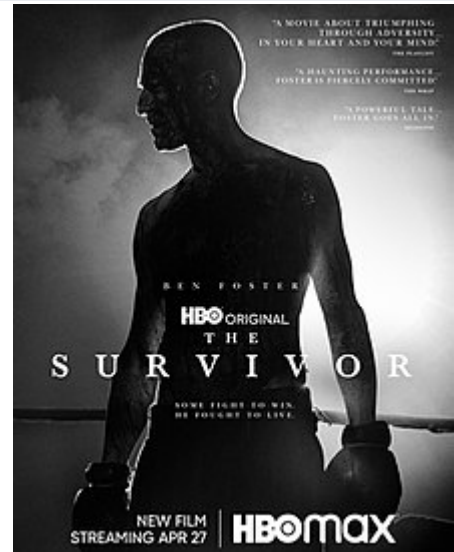


# The Survivor (2021 film)

*The Survivor* is a 2021 biographical drama film, directed by Barry Levinson, from a screenplay by Justine Juel Gillmer. Ben Foster stars as Harry Haft, a real-life survivor of the Auschwitz concentration camp, where he boxed fellow inmates to survive. Vicky Krieps, Billy Magnussen, Peter Sarsgaard, John Leguizamo, and Danny DeVito co-star. The film had its world premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival in September 2021, and was released on HBO on

## The Survivor



Release poster

<b>Directed by</b>	<u>Barry Levinson</u>
<b>Written by</b>	<u>Justine Juel Gillmer</u>
<b>Produced by</b>	<u>Aaron L. Gilbert</u> <u>Matti Leshem</u> <u>Barry Levinson</u> <u>Scott Pardo</u> <u>Jason Sosnoff</u>
<b>Starring</b>	<u>Ben Foster</u> <u>Vicky Krieps</u> <u>Billy Magnussen</u> <u>Peter Sarsgaard</u> <u>John Leguizamo</u> <u>Danny DeVito</u>
<b>Cinematography</b>	<u>George Steel</u>
<b>Edited by</b>	<u>Douglas Crise</u>
<b>Music by</b>	<u>Hans Zimmer</u>
<b>Production companies</b>	<u>Bron Studios</u> <u>New Mandate Films</u> <u>Creative Wealth Media</u> <u>Endeavor Content</u>

April 27, 2022. The film received positive reviews from critics, particularly for Foster's lead performance. The film was Emmy nominated for Outstanding Television Movie.

## Cast

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	<u>USC Shoah Foundation</u>
<b>Distributed by</b>	<u>HBO Films</u>
<b>Release dates</b>	September 13, 2021 ( <u>TIFF</u> ) April 27, 2022 (United States)
<b>Running time</b>	129 minutes <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Countries</b>	Canada United States
<b>Language</b>	English

- Ben Foster as Harry Haft
- Vicky Krieps as Miriam Wofsoniker
- Billy Magnussen as Schneider
- Peter Sarsgaard as Emory Anderson
- Dar Zuzovsky as Leah Krichinsky
- John Leguizamo as Bill "Pepé" Miller
- Danny DeVito as Charley Goldman
- Saro Emirze as Peretz Haft
- Laurent Papot as Jean
- Paul Bates as Louis Barclay
- Sonya Cullingford as Else
- Michael Epp as SS Kuttner
- Charles Brice as Coley Wallace
- Aaron Serotsky as Michael Lieberman

## Production

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In November 2018, it was announced that Ben Foster had joined the cast of the film, along with Barry Levinson, who was supposed to direct the film from a screenplay by Justine Juel Gillmer, with Matti Leshem, Aaron L. Gilbert, Jason Sosnoff, Levinson and Scott Pardo producing under their New Mandate, Bron Studios and Creative Wealth Media banners, respectively.<sup>[2]</sup> In March 2019, Billy Magnussen, Danny DeVito, Vicky Krieps, Peter Sarsgaard, Dar Zuzovsky and John Leguizamo joined the cast of the film.<sup>[3]</sup> Hans Zimmer composed the film's score.<sup>[4]</sup> The film was re-titled *The Survivor* from the working title, *Harry Haft*.<sup>[5]</sup> Principal photography began in February 2019.<sup>[6]</sup>

## Release

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*The Survivor* had its world premiere at the 2021 Toronto International Film Festival in September 2021.<sup>[7]</sup> In October 2021, HBO Films acquired distribution rights to the film.<sup>[8]</sup> The film debuted on HBO and HBO Max on April 27, 2022.

## Reception

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On the review aggregator website Rotten Tomatoes, 85% of 67 critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of 7.1/10. The website's consensus reads: "Ben Foster's gripping work in the central role further elevates *The Survivor's* affectingly character-driven approach to its weighty themes."<sup>[9]</sup> Metacritic, which uses a weighted average, assigned the film a score of 71 out of 100, based on 16 critics, indicating "generally favorable" reviews.<sup>[10]</sup>

## Accolades

Year	Award	Category	Nominee(s)	Result	Ref.
2022	<u>Hollywood Critics Association Awards</u>	Best Broadcast Network or Cable Live-Action Television Movie	<i>The Survivor</i>	Won	<sup>[11]</sup>
		Best Actor in a Broadcast Network or Cable Limited or Anthology Series	<u>Ben Foster</u>	Nominated	
		Best Directing in a Broadcast Network or Cable Limited or Anthology Series	<u>Barry Levinson</u>	Nominated	
	<u>Primetime Emmy Awards</u>	<u>Outstanding Television Movie</u>	Ben Foster, Matti Leshem, Aaron L. Gilbert, Barry Levinson, Jason Sosnoff, and Scott Pardo	Nominated	<sup>[12]</sup>
2023	<u>Critics' Choice Awards</u>	<u>Best Movie Made for Television</u>	<i>The Survivor</i>	Nominated	<sup>[13]</sup>
	<u>Satellite Awards</u>	<u>Best Motion Picture Made for Television</u>		Nominated	<sup>[14]</sup>

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