

Surrounded (2023 film)

Surrounded is a 2023 American Western drama film directed by Anthony Mandler and written by Andrew Pagana and Justin Thomas. It stars Letitia Wright, Jamie Bell, Jeffrey Donovan, Brett Gelman, and features Michael K. Williams in his final appearance.

The film premiered at the Sun Valley Film Festival on April 2, 2023, and was released digitally on June 20, 2023, by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.

Plot

Five years after the Civil War, freedwoman and former Buffalo Soldier Moses "Mo" Washington travels west to lay claim to a gold mine disguised as a man after her stagecoach is ambushed by a group of murderous thieves. Mo is forced to hold legendary outlaw Tommy Walsh captive while the remaining surviving passengers seek out help.

Cast

- Letitia Wright as Mo Washington
- Jamie Bell as Tommy Walsh
- Michael K. Williams as Will Clay
- Jeffrey Donovan as Wheeler
- Kevin Wiggins as Curly
- Brett Gelman as Mr. Fields
- Luce Rains as Goldie
- Andrew Pagana as Andy
- Augusta-Allen Jones as Mrs. Borders

Production

It was announced in October 2020 that Letitia Wright, Jamie Bell and Michael K. Williams were set to star in the film, to be directed by Anthony Mandler.^[2] Principal photography began in November 2020, in New Mexico.^[3] In December 2020, Jeffrey Donovan and Brett Gelman joined the cast.^[4] On December 5, 2022, Metro-

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Theatrical release poster

Directed by	<u>Anthony Mandler</u>
Written by	<u>Andrew Pagana</u> ^[a] <div></div> <u>Justin Thomas</u>
Produced by	<u>Jason Michael Berman</u> <div></div> <u>Aaron L. Gilbert</u> <div></div> <u>Derek Iger</u> <div></div> <u>Anthony Mandler</u> <div></div> <u>Ade O'Adesina</u> <div></div> <u>Letitia Wright</u>
Starring	<u>Letitia Wright</u> <div></div> <u>Jamie Bell</u> <div></div> <u>Michael K. Williams</u> <div></div> <u>Jeffrey Donovan</u> <div></div> <u>Brett Gelman</u>

Goldwyn-Mayer acquired the film's world sales rights, and it was reported that post-production on the film took two years, in part due to the death of Williams.^[5]

Release

Surrounded premiered as the closing night film of the Sun Valley Film Festival in Sun Valley, Idaho, on April 2, 2023.^{[6][7]} It was released digitally on June 20, 2023.^[8]

Critical response

On the review aggregator website Rotten Tomatoes, 88% of 26 critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of 7/10.^[9] Metacritic, which uses a weighted average, assigned the film a score of 57 out of 100, based on seven critics, indicating "mixed or average" reviews.^[10]

Notes

- a. Pagana is credited as a writer twice; first as part of a team with Thomas, and again by himself.^[1]

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Cinematography	Max Goldman
Edited by	Ron Patane
Music by	Robin Hannibal
Production companies	<div>Bron Studios</div> <div>Blackhand Pictures</div> <div>Mandalay Pictures</div> <div>3.16 Productions</div>
Distributed by	Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer
Release dates	<div>April 2, 2023</div> <div>(Sun Valley Film Festival)</div> <div>June 20, 2023</div> <div>(United States)</div>
Running time	102 minutes
Country	United States
Language	English

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