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Cuckoo (2024 film)

Cuckoo is a 2024 horror-thriller film written and directed by Tilman Singer. The film stars Hunter Schafer, Jan Bluthardt, Marton Csokas, Jessica Henwick and Dan Stevens.

Cuckoo had its world premiere at the 74th Berlin International Film Festival on February 16, 2024, and is scheduled to be released in Germany on July 18, 2024, and in the United States by Neon on August 2, 2024.

Cast

- Hunter Schafer as Gretchen
- Dan Stevens as Mr. König
- Jessica Henwick as Beth
- Jan Bluthardt as Henry
- Marton Csokas as Luis
- Greta Fernández as Trixie
- Åstrid Bergès-Frisbey as Ed
- Konrad Singer as Erik
- Proschat Madani as Dr. Bonomo
- Kalin Morrow as The Hooded Woman

Production

It was reported in August 2021 that Tilman Singer would be writing and directing his second film for Neon, with Hunter Schafer, John Malkovich, Gemma Chan and Sofia Boutella set to star.^[2] In July 2022, Dan Stevens, Jessica Henwick, Marton Csokas and Greta Fernández joined the cast, while Malkovich and Chan dropped out due to "timing issues".^[3]

Cuckoo is a co-production with Germany's Fiction Park and the United States' Waypoint Entertainment.^[3] Principal photography took place in North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany, over a span of 35 days from May and July 2022, and was shot on 35mm film.^{[4][5]}

Release

2024 festivals

Cuckoo



Teaser poster

Directed by	Tilman Singer
Written by	Tilman Singer
Produced by	Markus Halberschmidt Josh Rosenbaum Maria Tsigka Ken Kao Thor Bradwell
Starring	<u>Hunter Schafer</u> <u>Jan Bluthardt</u> <u>Marton Csokas</u> <u>Jessica Henwick</u> <u>Dan Stevens</u>
Cinematography	Paul Faltz
Edited by	Terel Gibson Philipp Thomas
Music by	Simon Waskow
Production companies	Fiction Park

Cuckoo had its world premiere at the 74th Berlin International Film Festival in the Berlinale Special section on February 16.^[6] It also screened at South by Southwest on March 14, and at the Overlook Film Festival on April 4.^{[7][8]} It set to open at London's Raindance Film Festival on June 19 as part of the festival's special focus on Germany.^[9]

Theatrical

The film is scheduled to be released in Germany by Weltkino Filmverleih on July 18, 2024.^[10] The film was originally set to be released in the United States by Neon on May 3, 2024,^[11] but the release date was pushed back to August 9, 2024,^[12] and then pushed forward to August 2, 2024.^[13]

Reception

On the review aggregator website Rotten Tomatoes, 81% of 31 critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of 6.1/10.^[14] Metacritic, which uses a weighted average, assigned the film a score of 58 out of 100, based on 11 critics, indicating "mixed or average" reviews.^[15]

Adam Solomons of IndieWire gave the film a C- grade, writing: "Yet the biggest crime of *Cuckoo* is that it won't lean into being a B-movie, something it might've been good at. The performances — especially Stevens' — are silly and sincere, and the action competent enough for *Cuckoo* to have worked as pure pulp. But this film takes itself too seriously and pokes fun at its own silliness, a fatal combination".^[16] RogerEbert.com's Robert Daniels also praised Stevens, noting, "Every choice Stevens makes as Mr. König doubles as a lampoon and a threat, as equally hilarious and sadistic."^[17] Jessica Kiang of Variety called it "an energetically outlandish fusion of stylish atmospherics, old-school reproductive horror and pro-flickknife advertorial".^[1]

The Hollywood Reporter's David Rooney ended his review with, "It's ultimately too silly to be truly chilling, but with Neon behind it, *Cuckoo* might just be cuckoo enough to draw some cult attention".^[18]

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