

# Jagged Mind

***Jagged Mind*** is a 2023 American psychological horror thriller film directed by [Kelley Kali](#) and written by [Allyson Morgan](#), based on her 2020 short film *First Date*. It stars [Maisie Richardson-Sellers](#) and [Shannon Woodward](#).

The film premiered at the [American Black Film Festival](#) on June 14, 2023, and was released in the United States on [Hulu](#) the following day. It is expected to air internationally on [Disney+](#) via the [Star](#) content hub at a later date.

## Premise

After Billie begins dating a mysterious woman named Alex, she suddenly becomes plagued by blackouts and strange visions that lead her to discover she's stuck in a series of [time loops](#).<sup>[1]</sup>

## Cast

- [Maisie Richardson-Sellers](#) as Billie
- [Shannon Woodward](#) as Alex
- [Rosaline Elbay](#) as Christine
- [Shein Mompremier](#) as Rose
- [Kate Szekely](#) as Kim
- [Jimmy Jean-Louis](#) as Papa Juste
- [Casey Ford Alexander](#) as Dr. Ortiz

## Production

*Jagged Mind* is based on writer [Allyson Morgan](#)'s short film *First Date*, that aired on season one of the [Hulu](#) series *Bite Size Halloween* (2020). Produced by [20th Digital Studio](#) and Palabra Productions as a [Hulu original film](#), it is directed by [Kelley Kali](#) from a screenplay by [Morgan](#). [Maisie Richardson-Sellers](#) and [Shannon Woodward](#) portray new girlfriends, Billie and Alex, respectively.<sup>[2]</sup> Filming took place in the [Little Haiti](#) neighborhood of [Miami](#).<sup>[3]</sup> [Jongnic Bontemps](#) composed the film's score.<sup>[4]</sup>

## Release

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Official poster

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<b>Written by</b>	<a href="#">Allyson Morgan</a>
<b>Based on</b>	<i>First Date</i> by <a href="#">Allyson Morgan</a>
<b>Produced by</b>	<a href="#">Daniela Ruiz</a> <a href="#">Kelley Kali</a> <a href="#">Congyu E</a>
<b>Starring</b>	<a href="#">Maisie Richardson-Sellers</a> <a href="#">Shannon Woodward</a>
<b>Cinematography</b>	<a href="#">Rasa Partin</a>
<b>Edited by</b>	<a href="#">Salvador Pérez García</a>
<b>Music by</b>	<a href="#">Jongnic Bontemps</a>
<b>Production companies</b>	<a href="#">20th Digital Studio</a>

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## Reception

On the review aggregator website Rotten Tomatoes, 67% of 15 critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of 5.5/10.<sup>[6]</sup>

The *Los Angeles Times*'s Noel Murray asserted "Even without its paranormal elements, *Jagged Mind* is a powerful portrait of the dissociation that occurs when a person tries to justify the misbehavior of someone they love."<sup>[7]</sup> Kayla Kumari Upadhyaya of *Autostraddle* said, "While imperfect in some of its plotting, *Jagged Mind* is delicious in its thematic underpinnings, execution of horror (with evocative editing and directing on this front), and performances. Richardson-Sellers and Woodward (both queer IRL btw) are electric scene partners, and Woodward makes an extremely compelling villain. The script could have easily tilted into Lifetime original movie territory if not for the direction and these performances."<sup>[8]</sup>

Paul Lê from *Bloody Disgusting* gave the film a rating of three out of five, saying, "[the] film is often compelling and tense, the two leads deliver strong and vulnerable performances, and the outcome is rewarding. Supporters of queer filmmaking will be enthused to see not only a new genre story where the central conflict has nothing to do with sexuality issues, and the characters are layered and imperfect."<sup>[9]</sup> Randy Myers writing for *The Mercury News* gave the film a score of one and half out of five, saying "An under-realized screenplay fails all involved, particularly lead Maisie Richardson Sellers. She gives it her all as Billie, a queer woman with a rotten streak with women. She also blacks out and finds herself stuck in a *Groundhog Day*-like loop. Therein lies the plot problem, *Jagged Mind* repeats its scenes too often, making it feel like this originated as a short film that got stretched into a feature."<sup>[10]</sup>

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<b>Country</b>	United States
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