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# She Came to Me

***She Came to Me*** is a 2023 American romantic comedy film written and directed by Rebecca Miller. It stars Peter Dinklage, Marisa Tomei, Joanna Kulig, Brian d'Arcy James, and Anne Hathaway.

It had its world premiere at the 73rd Berlin International Film Festival on February 16, 2023, and was released on October 6, 2023, by Vertical Entertainment.

## Plot

Operetta composer Steven Lauddem is creatively blocked and unable to finish the score for his big comeback opera. At the behest of his wife Patricia, a psychiatrist, he sets out in search of inspiration.

Taking their dog for a walk, Steven stops at a bar. There, he meets Katrina, who convinces him to go with her to see her tugboat, where she lives and works. She confesses that she's addicted to romance, and seduces Steven. Realising he may be in danger, he hurries away.

The experience inspires Steven to write the work based on what happened, but making her character a serial killer. On opening night, not only does Patricia and their son come, but so does Katrina. She approaches him, happily letting him know that she's now staying in Brooklyn, and he hurries home, terrified.

Meanwhile, Patricia's son, Julian, and Tereza, whose mother Magdalena turns out to be his family's new cleaner, are dating. Neither set of parents knew about the relationship, so they make formal introductions. Tereza's dad, Trey, does not approve of his daughter's choice of a dark-skinned boyfriend, so threatens to persecute Julian on statutory rape charges as Tereza is still underage and Julian has turned 18. As their lawyer comes for a consultation, Steven points out that Julian couldn't be prosecuted if they were married.

When Katrina approaches Steven in the street, he brushes her off, insisting she needs psychological help. She books a session with Patricia and the truth comes out. Not able to handle the news, Patricia has a psychotic break. Afterwards, Magdalena

### *She Came to Me*



Theatrical release poster

<b>Directed by</b>	<u>Rebecca Miller</u>
<b>Written by</b>	<u>Rebecca Miller</u>
<b>Produced by</b>	<u>Damon Cardasis</u> <u>Pamela Koffler</u> <u>Christine Vachon</u> <u>Rebecca Miller</u> <u>Len Blavatnik</u> <u>Anne Hathaway</u>
<b>Starring</b>	<u>Peter Dinklage</u> <u>Marisa Tomei</u> <u>Joanna Kulig</u> <u>Brian d'Arcy James</u> <u>Anne Hathaway</u>
<b>Cinematography</b>	<u>Sam Levy</u>
<b>Edited by</b>	<u>Sabine Hoffman</u>
<b>Music by</b>	<u>Bryce Dessner</u>
<b>Production companies</b>	<u>AI Film</u> <u>Round Films</u>

pauses her cleaning to join Julian, Steven and a nun at Patricia's bedside. Julian requests she sign in person to authorize his marriage to Tereza in Delaware, where 16 year olds can marry with a parent's signature.

Once it is decided, mother and daughter work together on how to get around Trey. In the meantime, knowing of Katrina's addiction to romance, Steven enlists her help to transport everyone to Delaware. Trey makes his wife and daughter participate in one of his Civil War reenactment battles. They feign they are collecting wood, but instead run to Steven and the tug boat.

Trey has a APB sent out for them, to no avail. As Steven, Magdalena and their kids settle in on their journey, it is suggested that Katrina become ordained online to officiate the ceremony. In the morning, Steven brings Captain Katrina her coffee in the cockpit. He apologizes for judging her previously, admiring her strength and perserverance. Katrina in turns laments her role in pushing Pat off the deep end. Declaring he finally feels he has found true love, Steven passionately kisses her.

A year later, we see Steven's latest opera, set in space, but obviously inspired by the Delaware wedding. The young married couple, her mom, Steven and Katrina and Pat, who's now a nun, watch the premiere. In between parts of the work, we see snippets of the wedding.

	<u>Killer Films</u> <u>Somewhere Pictures</u>
<b>Distributed by</b>	<u>Vertical Entertainment</u>
<b>Release dates</b>	February 16, 2023 ( <u>Berlinale</u> ) October 6, 2023
<b>Running time</b>	102 minutes <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Country</b>	United States
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Box office</b>	\$1.2 million <sup>[2][3]</sup>

## Cast

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- Peter Dinklage as Steven Lauddem<sup>[1]</sup>
- Anne Hathaway as Patricia Jessup-Lauddem<sup>[1]</sup>
- Marisa Tomei as Katrina Trento<sup>[1]</sup>
- Evan Ellison as Julian Jessup<sup>[1]</sup>
- Harlow Jane as Tereza Szyskowski<sup>[1]</sup>
- Joanna Kulig as Magdalena Szyskowski<sup>[1]</sup>
- Brian d'Arcy James as Trey Ruffa<sup>[1]</sup>
- Judy Gold as Susan Shaw
- Gregg Edelman as Duftin Haverford
- Aalok Mehta as Anton Gatner<sup>[1]</sup>
- Chris Gethard as Carl
- Dale Soules as Aunt Moxie
- Jen Ponton as Elodie

Isabel Leonard, Emmet O'Hanlon, and Greer Grimsley portray characters in Steven's operas.

## Production

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In 2017, Steve Carell, Amy Schumer and Nicole Kidman were all attached to star in the film.<sup>[4][5][6]</sup> In 2021, Anne Hathaway, Tahar Rahim, Marisa Tomei, Joanna Kulig and Matthew Broderick were confirmed to star in the film.<sup>[7][8][9]</sup> Rahim and Broderick later left the project.

Principal photography was set to take place in late 2021 in New York City,<sup>[10][11]</sup> but did not begin until April 2022.<sup>[12]</sup>

## Release

The film opened the 73rd Berlin International Film Festival on February 16, 2023.<sup>[13]</sup> In May 2023, Vertical Entertainment acquired U.S. distribution rights to the film.<sup>[14]</sup> It was released on October 6, 2023.<sup>[15]</sup> It was previously scheduled to be released on September 29, 2023.<sup>[16]</sup>

*She Came to Me* was released for digital platforms on November 10, 2023.<sup>[17]</sup>

## Reception

On the review aggregator website Rotten Tomatoes, 47% of 66 critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of 5.7/10. The website's consensus reads: "*She Came to Me*'s uneasy blend of romantic comedy and drama proves frequently frustrating despite the story's admirable aims and strong work from an outrageously talented cast."<sup>[18]</sup> Metacritic, which uses a weighted average, assigned the film a score of 53 out of 100, based on 20 critics, indicating "mixed or average" reviews.<sup>[19]</sup>

## Accolades

Award	Date of ceremony	Category	Nominee(s)	Result	Ref. <div></div>
<u>Golden Globe Awards</u>	<u>January 7, 2024</u>	<u>Best Original Song</u>	<u>Bruce Springsteen</u> and <u>Patti Scialfa</u> ( <i>Addicted to Romance</i> )	Nominated	<sup>[20]</sup>
<u>Hollywood Music in Media Awards</u>	<u>November 15, 2023</u>	<u>Best Original Score in an Independent Film</u>	<u>Bryce Dessner</u>	Nominated	<sup>[21]</sup>

## See also

- She Came to Me (soundtrack)

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