

All Dirt Roads Taste of Salt

All Dirt Roads Taste of Salt is a 2023 American drama film written and directed by Raven Jackson in her feature-film directorial debut. It stars Charleen McClure, Moses Ingram, Reginald Helms Jr., Zainab Jah, Sheila Atim, and Chris Chalk. Barry Jenkins serves as a producer under his Pastel banner. The film has very little spoken dialogue.

It had its world premiere in the U.S. Dramatic competition at the 2023 Sundance Film Festival on January 22, 2023 and was released by A24 on November 3, 2023. It received positive reviews from critics and was named one of the top 10 independent films of 2023 by the National Board of Review. [4]

Plot

The film charts the growth, loves, and heartbreaks of a $\underline{\text{Black}}$ $\underline{\text{woman}}$ in $\underline{\text{Mississippi}}$, from her childhood through to her adult $\underline{\text{vears.}}^{[5]}$

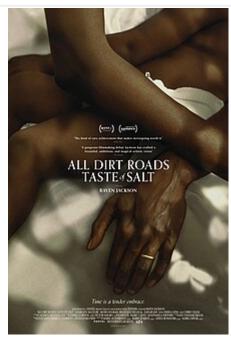
Cast

- Charleen McClure as Mack
 - Kaylee Nicole Johnson as young Mack
 - Zainab Jah as older Mack
- Moses Ingram as Josie
 - Jayah Henry as young Josie
- Reginald Helms Jr. as Wood
 - Preston McDowell as young Wood
- Sheila Atim as Evelyn
- Chris Chalk as Isaiah [6]

Production

In February 2021, it was announced that Raven Jackson would write and direct the film, with <u>Barry Jenkins</u> set to serve as a producer under his Pastel banner, and <u>A24</u> set to produce and distribute. [7]

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Theatrical release poster

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Directed by	Raven Jackson			
Written by	Raven Jackson			
Produced by	Maria Altamirano			
	Barry Jenkins			
	Adele Romanski			
	Mark Ceryak			
Starring	Charleen McClure			
	Moses Ingram			
	Reginald Helms			
	Jr.			
	Zainab Jah			
	Sheila Atim			
	Chris Chalk			
Cinematography	Jomo Fray			
Edited by	Lee			
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Music by	Sasha Gordon			
	Victor Magro			
Production companies	<u>A24</u>			

<u>Principal photography</u> took place in <u>Tennessee</u> and in <u>Vicksburg</u> and Jackson, <u>Mississippi</u> in the fall of 2021. [8][9]

Release

All Dirt Roads Taste of Salt had its world premiere at the 2023 Sundance Film Festival on January 22, 2023. It also screened at the 71st San Sebastián International Film Festival and the 2023 New York Film Festival. The film was released by A24 on November 3, 2023. 11 The film was

	Pastel Tender	
Distributed by	A24	
Release dates	January 22, 2023 (<u>Sundance</u>)	
	November 3, 2023	
Running time	92 minutes ^[1]	
Country	United States	
Language	English	
Box office	\$52,084 ^{[2][3]}	

Reception

On the <u>review aggregator</u> website <u>Rotten Tomatoes</u>, 89% of 64 critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of 7.5/10. The website's consensus reads: "For viewers willing and able to adjust to its leisurely, recursive rhythm, *All Dirt Roads Taste of Salt* is a beautifully elegant exploration of grief and longing."

<u>Metacritic</u>, which uses a <u>weighted average</u>, assigned the film a score of 87 out of 100, based on 22 critics, indicating "universal acclaim".

[16]

<u>Richard Brody</u>, from <u>The New Yorker</u>, described it as the most distinctive film of the year-2023 from a strict perspective of inventive narrative form. [17]

Accolades

Award	Date of ceremony	Category	Recipient(s)	Result	Ref.
Sundance Film Festival	January 27, 2023	Grand Jury Prize: Dramatic Competition		Nominated	[10]
		Golden Shell		Nominated	[18]
	September 30, 2023	RTVE-Another Look Award: Special Mention	All Dirt Roads Taste of Salt	Won	[19]
		SIGNIS Award		Won	
Ghent International Film Festival	October 21, 2023	Best Film		Nominated	[20]
Chicago International Film Festival	October 22, 2023	Gold Hugo		Nominated	[21]
Montclair Film Festival	October 29, 2023	Breakthrough Director & Writer Award	Raven Jackson	Won	[22]
Gotham Independent Film Awards	November 27, 2023	Breakthrough Director		Nominated	[23]
National Board of Review	December 6, 2023	Top 10 Independent Films	All Dirt Roads Taste of Salt	Won ^[a]	[24]
IndieWire Critics December 11, 2023	December	Best Cinematography	Jomo Fray	5th Place	[25]
	11, 2023	Best First Feature	All Dirt Roads Taste of Salt	2nd Place	
(Titles Association		Best Editing	All Dill Roads Taste of Sail	Nominated	[26]
	<u>December</u> 12, 2023	Milos Stehlik Award for Breakthrough Filmmaker	Raven Jackson	Nominated	
Florida Film Critics Circle Awards	December 21, 2023	Best First Film		Nominated	[27]
Black Reel Awards January 1 2024		Outstanding Independent Film	All Dirt Roads Taste of Salt	Nominated	
	January 16,	Outstanding Emerging Director	Raven Jackson	Nominated	[28]
		Outstanding First Screenplay		Nominated	
		Outstanding Cinematography	Jomo Fray	Won	
Independent Spirit Awards	February 25, 2024	Best First Feature	Raven Jackson, Maria Altamirano, Mark Ceryak, Barry Jenkins, and Adele Romanski	Nominated	[29]

Best Cinematography	Jomo Fray	Nominated	
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Notes

a. This award does not have a single winner, but recognizes multiple films.

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