

***Humane*** is a 2024 horror thriller film directed by Caitlin Cronenberg, and written and produced by Michael Sparaga. It stars Jay Baruchel, Emily Hampshire, Sebastian Chacon, Alanna Bale, Sirena Gulamgaus, Uni Park, Enrico Colantoni, and Peter Gallagher. It is Caitlin Cronenberg's first feature film and was released on April 26, 2024.<sup>[3]</sup> The film combines elements of horror thriller and family drama to address the topic of the climate crisis.<sup>[4][5]</sup>

## Premise

Taking place over one day and mere months after a global ecological collapse has forced world leaders to take extreme measures to reduce the earth's population, a recently retired newsman enlists in the nation's new euthanasia program.<sup>[6]</sup>

## Cast

- Jay Baruchel as Jared
- Emily Hampshire as Rachel
- Peter Gallagher as Charles
- Enrico Colantoni as Bob
- Sebastian Chacon as Noah
- Alanna Bale as Ashley
- Sirena Gulamgaus as Mia
- Uni Park as Dawn

## Production

In December 2021, it was reported that Caitlin Cronenberg was set to direct the thriller *Humane*, written and produced by Michael Sparaga through his company Victory Man Productions and executive produced by Martin Katz and Karen Wookey of Prospero Pictures.<sup>[6]</sup> In November 2022, Jay Baruchel, Emily Hampshire and Peter Gallagher were revealed to be a part of the main cast.<sup>[7]</sup>

<i>Humane</i>	
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Theatrical release poster	
Directed by	<span>Caitlin Cronenberg</span>
Written by	<span>Michael Sparaga</span>
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Starring	<span>Jay Baruchel</span>
	<span>Emily Hampshire</span>
	<span>Sebastian Chacon</span>
	<span>Alanna Bale</span>
	<span>Sirena Gulamgaus</span>
	<span>Uni Park</span>
	<span>Enrico Colantoni</span>
	<span>Peter Gallagher</span>
Cinematography	<span>Douglas Koch</span>
Edited by	<span>Orlee Buium</span>

Principal photography began on October 17, 2022, in Hamilton, Ontario over 20 days, with filming being done at Ravenscliffe Castle for 17 days.<sup>[8]</sup>

## Release

*Humane* was released in Canada by Elevation Pictures and the United States by IFC Films on April 26, 2024, and on Shudder on July 26, 2024.<sup>[9][10]</sup>

## Reception

On the review aggregator website Rotten Tomatoes, 70% of 50 critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of 6.1/10. The website's consensus reads: "*Humane*'s twisted psychological thrills are diverting enough in the moment to distract from its occasionally awkward attempts to balance sociopolitical commentary against high-concept horror."<sup>[11]</sup>

Owen Gleiberman of *Variety* stated, "Cronenberg stages *Humane* with a fearless matter-of-factness, with telling nods to issues of corporate surveillance and the evils of private contracting, and with a vivid eye for the schemes and secrets hidden in the Victorian nooks and crannies of that house."<sup>[12]</sup>

A three out of four stars review from Richard Roeper of the *Chicago Sun-Times* stated, "There are some delightfully squeamish scenes — but this is primarily a psychological thriller, an update/variation on *The Fall of the House of Usher*."<sup>[13]</sup>

A two out of four stars review on *RogerEbert.com* stated, "Most of what’s clever about “*Humane*” exists on its fringe—including perhaps that a Cronenberg has made a film that’s, at least in part, about nepotism—primarily in how it throws its characters from their ivory tower and then watches them fight in the mud over who gets to climb back up. The social commentary talking points embedded in “*Humane*” are undoubtedly intriguing, but too many of them feel superficial, flirting with ideas about privilege without having much to say about them."<sup>[14]</sup>

IndieWire called the film "a sharp but slight thriller"<sup>[15]</sup> while *Collider* praised the dark comedy aspects of the film.<sup>[16]</sup>

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<b>Music by</b>	<u>Todor Kobakov</u>
<b>Production companies</b>	<u>Victory Man Productions</u> <div><u>Prospero Pictures</u></div> <div><u>Telefilm Canada</u></div> <div><u>Red Jar Capital</u></div> <div><u>XYZ Films</u></div> <div><u>Crave</u></div>
<b>Distributed by</b>	<u>Elevation Pictures</u> (Canada) <div><u>IFC Films</u> (US)</div>
<b>Release date</b>	April 26, 2024
<b>Running time</b>	94 minutes
<b>Countries</b>	<u>Canada</u> <div><u>United States</u></div>
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Box office</b>	\$44,509 <sup>[1][2]</sup>

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