

Starfish (2023 film)

Starfish is an Indian Hindi language romantic drama film directed by Akhilesh Jaiswal,^{[3][4]} Produced by Bhushan Kumar under T-Series Productions, the film stars Khushalii Kumar, Milind Soman, Ehan Bhat, Tusharr Khanna.^{[5][6]}

The film was theatrically released on 24 November 2023.^[7]

Plot

Based on author Bina Nayak’s book, *Starfish Pickle*, T-Series Films and Almighty Motion Picture’s *Starfish (UA)* is the story of an extraordinary diver who works in a dredging company but is haunted by incidents from her past. Tara Salgaonkar (Khushali Kumar) is an expert diver who works for Martin’s (Pawan Shankar Pandey) dredging company. She is often seen getting affected by certain past events. These episodes seem to be in bits and pieces which traumatise her and Tara is on a mission to find answers of some unanswered questions. When she does meet her mother’s (Vidya Malvade) friend, Leslie Fernandes (Daksh Ajit Singh), she is shocked to learn something about her mom who had died by suicide. Is she able to confront her enigmatic past and unearth truths that she is not ready to accept?

Cast

- Khushalii Kumar as Tara Salgaonkar^[8]
- Milind Soman as Arlo^[9]
- Ehan Bhat as Neil^[10]
- Tushar Khanna as Aman Sharma^[11]
- Pawan Shankar as Martin
- Vidya Malvade as Sukanya Salgaonkar
- Jagat Singh Rawat as Tara’s father
- Leslie Fernandes as Daksh Ajit Singh
- Nikhat Khan as Tara’s grandmother
- Sambhav Jain as Kabir
- Baby Adiba Hussain as Young Tara
- Luciano Ellul as David
- Peter McLean as Jax

Starfish	
 <div>Theatrical release poster</div>	
Directed by	Akhilesh Jaiswal
Screenplay by	Akhilesh Jaiswal <div></div> Aditya Bhatnagar
Based on	<i>Starfish Pickle</i> by Bina Nayak
Produced by	Bhushan Kumar <div></div> Krishan Kumar
Starring	Khushalii Kumar <div></div> Milind Soman <div></div> Ehan Bhat <div></div> Tushar Khanna
Cinematography	Jim Edgar
Edited by	Manan Sagar
Music by	Songs: <div></div> OAFF–Savera <div></div> Khaalif–Yo Yo <div></div> Honey Singh <div></div> Manan Bhardwaj <div></div> Sachet-Parampara <div></div> Score: <div></div> Amar Mohile
Production company	T-Series Films

- Catalin Bindu as Henry

Music

The song *Kudiye Ni Tere* remake of the 2011 Punjabi song *Brown Rang* by Yo Yo Honey Singh.

Distributed by	<u>AA Films</u>
Release date	24 November 2023
Running time	119 minutes ^[1]
Country	India
Language	Hindi
Box office	₹0.10 crore ^[2]

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Soundtrack album by <u>OAFF–Savera</u> , <u>Khaalif–Yo Yo Honey Singh</u> , <u>Manan Bhardwaj</u> and <u>Sachet-Parampara</u>	
Released	22 November 2023
Recorded	2022-23
Genre	<u>Feature film soundtrack</u>
Length	24:09
Language	Hindi
Label	<u>T-Series</u>

Track listing

No.	Title	Lyrics	Music	Singer(s)	Length
1.	"Fanaa Kar Lo"	Ankur Tewari	<u>OAFF–Savera</u>	<u>Arijit Singh</u>	3:09
2.	"Kudiye Ni Tere"	<u>Yo Yo Honey Singh</u> , <u>Mellow D</u>	<u>Khaalif–Yo Yo Honey Singh</u>	<u>Yo Yo Honey Singh</u> , <u>Harjot Kaur</u>	4:09
3.	"Madhaniyan"	<u>Manan Bhardwaj</u>	<u>Manan Bhardwaj</u>	<u>Manan Bhardwaj</u>	3:35
4.	"Kya Humne Socha Tha"	<u>Medha Sahi</u>	<u>OAFF</u>	<u>OAFF</u> , <u>Nikhil D'Souza</u> , <u>Tulsi Kumar</u>	3:10
5.	"Hold On"	<u>OAFF</u> , <u>Savera</u>	<u>OAFF–Savera</u>	<u>OAFF</u> , <u>Savera</u> , <u>Lothika</u>	2:59
6.	"Bairaage"	<u>Kumaar</u>	<u>Sachet-Parampara</u>	<u>Sachet Tandon</u> , <u>Parampara Tandon</u>	3:32
7.	"Yaad Ban Gaye"	<u>Manan Bhardwaj</u>	<u>Manan Bhradwaj</u>	<u>Tulsi Kumar & Manan Bhardwaj</u>	3:35
Total length:					24:09

Reception

Samarth Goyal of Hindustan Times wrote,"Akhilesh Jaiswal's *Starfish*, an adaptation of Bina Nayak's acclaimed novel *Starfish Pickle*, attempts to explore the depths of human emotions but unfortunately, the cinematic voyage encounters turbulent waters due to a choppy narrative, impulsive editing, and a screenplay that feels lethargic at best."^[12] Vinamra Mathur of Firstpost gave the film 2.5 out of 5, writing,

"Starfish is a mixed bag. The restraint in the storytelling has mostly been done to give the film a brooding mood, but it needed more moments of liveliness and spirit. It needed as much depth as the sea it shows, and as much spark as the name of the central character. But only for the beautiful and breathtaking locales and the severely underrated and underutilized Milind Soman, the film almost manages to sail through. Hallelujah it didn't drown."^[13]

Release

Theatrical

The film was theatrically released on 24 November 2023.^[7]

Home media

The film was digitally released on Netflix on 19 January 2024.^[14]

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