

Heart of Champions

Heart of Champions (also known as ***Pressure Point*** in Australia and the United Kingdom, and ***Swing*** in Germany, also its working title^[3]) is a 2021 American drama film directed by Michael Mailer, from a screenplay by Vojin Gajja. It stars Michael Shannon, Alexander Ludwig, Charles Melton, David James Elliott and Ash Santos.

The film was released on October 29, 2021 by Vertical Entertainment.^{[4][5]}

Cast

- Michael Shannon as Jack Murphy
- Alexander Ludwig as Alex Singleton
- Charles Melton as Chris Davenport
- David James Elliott as Mr. Singleton
- Ash Santos as Nisha
- Alex MacNicoll as John Kimball
- Michael Tacconi as Ted Taylor
- Andrew Creer as M.J. Carter
- David Cade as Jeff Lance
- Anton Hedayat as Tom Diverlinks
- Jon Lemmon as Jake Pimczek
- Spencer Squire as Ben Anders
- Devin Woodson as Yates Sanchez
- Thomas Kasp as Logan
- Lilly Krug as Sara
- Caroline Cole as Lili
- Lance E. Nichols as Jack Harris

Production

In May 2019, it was announced Michael Shannon had joined the cast of the film, with Howard Deutch directing from a screenplay by Vojin Gajja, Shannon will also serve as a producer on the film.^[6] In October 2019, Alexander Ludwig and Charles Melton joined the cast of the film, with Michael Mailer replacing Deutch as director.^{[7][8]} In November 2019, David James Elliott joined the cast of the film.^[9]

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Theatrical release poster

Directed by	Michael Mailer
Written by	Vojin Gajja
Produced by	Michael Shannon <div>Byron WetzelLucas JarachFrank BuchsRobert OgdenBarnum</div>
Starring	Michael Shannon <div>Alexander LudwigCharles MeltonDavid James ElliottAsh Santos</div>
Cinematography	Edd Lukas
Music by	Julian Scherle
Production company	Construction Film
Distributed by	Vertical Entertainment

Principal photography began in Louisiana on November 2, 2019,^{[10][11]} and concluded on December 3, 2019.^[12] Louisiana State University served as a main set for the film.^[13]

Release date	October 29, 2021
Country	United States
Language	English
Budget	\$6.4 million ^[1]
Box office	\$37,000 ^[2]

Release

The film was released in select theatres on October 29, 2021 under a deal with Vertical Entertainment.^{[5][4]} It also became available on VOD services on November 19, 2021.^[14]

Critical reception

On the review aggregator website Rotten Tomatoes, 29% of 17 critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of 4.70/10.^[15]

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