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American Star (film)

***American Star*** is a 2024 British thriller film directed by Gonzalo López-Gallego,<sup>[4]</sup> written by Nacho Faerna,<sup>[5]</sup> and produced by Ian McShane and Michael Elliott.<sup>[6]</sup> The film stars McShane,<sup>[7]</sup> Thomas Kretschmann, Nora Arnezeder, Adam Nagaitis, Fanny Ardant, and Oscar Coleman.<sup>[8]</sup>

*American Star* was released in theaters and also digitally on January 26, 2024.<sup>[9]</sup> by IFC Films.

Plot

Wilson, an aging hitman (Ian McShane) who grows tired of his violent life, heads to Fuerteventura for a job. His target's absence leads him to a tranquil vacation, where he befriends Gloria, a bartender, and forms unexpected connections with the island's residents. As Wilson lets his guard down, the inevitable return to his profession disrupts the peaceful interlude.

Cast

- Ian McShane as Wilson<sup>[10]</sup>
- Thomas Kretschmann as Thomas<sup>[11]</sup>
- Nora Arnezeder as Gloria<sup>[11]</sup>
- Adam Nagaitis as Ryan<sup>[11]</sup>
- Fanny Ardant as Anne<sup>[11]</sup>
- Andrés Gertrúdix as Cowboy<sup>[11]</sup>
- Sabela Arán as Linda<sup>[11]</sup>
- Oscar Coleman as Max<sup>[11]</sup>

Production

The film was produced by both Ian McShane and Michael Elliott.<sup>[12][13]</sup> It is a production by UK outfits Tamariska and Emu Films in association with Madrid-based Aquí y Allí Films and Cayuga Ficción.<sup>[14][15][16]</sup>

Principal photography for the movie took place on the Canary Islands.<sup>[17]</sup>

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Theatrical release poster

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Oscar Coleman  
Sabela Arán  
Thomas Kretschmann  
Fanny Ardant

Cinematography José David Montero

Edited by Gonzalo López-Gallego

Music by Remate

Production companies Tamariska

On December 12, 2023, the trailer for *American Star* was released by IFC Films.<sup>[18]</sup>

## Release

*American Star* was screened in New York City on January 18, 2024.<sup>[19]</sup> It was released in the United States on January 26, 2024.<sup>[20]</sup> It is scheduled to be released in the United Kingdom on February 23, 2024.<sup>[21]</sup>

## Reception

On the review aggregator website Rotten Tomatoes, 77% of 30 critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of 6.5/10. The website's consensus reads: "Thanks in large part to the ever-watchable Ian McShane, *American Star* entertains as a slow-burning albeit somewhat standard thriller."<sup>[22]</sup> Metacritic, which uses a weighted average, assigned the film a score of 66 out of 100, based on 10 critics, indicating "generally favorable" reviews.<sup>[23]</sup>

Matt Zoller Seitz of RogerEbert.com rated the film 3 out of 4 stars, deeming it to be an "unusually intelligent and purposeful movie that doesn't say much, but is full of feeling".<sup>[11]</sup>

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	Emu Films
<b>Distributed by</b>	<u>IFC Films</u> (United States) <u>Vertigo Releasing</u> (United Kingdom)
<b>Release dates</b>	January 26, 2024 (United States) February 23, 2024 (United Kingdom)
<b>Running time</b>	107 minutes <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Country</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Box office</b>	\$15,849 <sup>[2]</sup> <sup>[3]</sup>

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