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# The Watchers (film)

***The Watchers*** is an upcoming American supernatural horror film written and directed by Ishana Night Shyamalan, based on the novel of the same name by A. M. Shine. It stars Dakota Fanning, Georgina Campbell, Oliver Finnegan, and Olwen Fouéré.

Filming took place from July to September 2023. It is scheduled to be theatrically released by Warner Bros. Pictures on June 7, 2024.

## Premise

28-year-old artist Mina gets stranded in an expansive, untouched forest in western Ireland. Upon finding shelter, she unknowingly becomes trapped alongside three strangers who are watched and stalked by mysterious creatures each night.<sup>[1]</sup>

## Cast

- Dakota Fanning as Mina<sup>[2]</sup>
- Georgina Campbell<sup>[2]</sup>
- Oliver Finnegan
- Olwen Fouéré<sup>[3]</sup>

## Production

### Development and casting

In February 2023, it was announced that New Line Cinema would produce *The Watchers*, written and directed by Ishana Night Shyamalan in her feature directorial debut.<sup>[1]</sup> That April, Dakota Fanning and Georgina Campbell joined the cast of the film.<sup>[2][4]</sup>

### Filming

Principal photography took place in Dublin, Wicklow and Galway from July to September 2023.<sup>[3][5]</sup> In mid-July, production was granted an interim agreement to continue filming during the 2023 SAG-AFTRA strike.<sup>[3]</sup>

## Release

### The Watchers



Teaser poster

<b>Directed by</b>	<u>Ishana Night Shyamalan</u>
<b>Written by</b>	<u>Ishana Night Shyamalan</u>
<b>Based on</b>	<i>The Watchers</i> by <u>A. M. Shine</u>
<b>Produced by</b>	<u>M. Night Shyamalan</u> <div>Ashwin Rajan</div> Nimitt Mankad
<b>Starring</b>	<u>Dakota Fanning</u> <div><u>Georgina Campbell</u></div> <div>Oliver Finnegan</div> <u>Olwen Fouéré</u>
<b>Cinematography</b>	<u>Eli Arenson</u>
<b>Edited by</b>	<u>Job ter Burg</u>

*The Watchers* is scheduled to be theatrically released on June 7, 2024, by Warner Bros. Pictures.<sup>[6]</sup> It was originally scheduled for June 14.<sup>[1]</sup>

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<b>Music by</b>	<div>Abel Korzeniowski</div>
<b>Production companies</b>	<div>New Line Cinema</div> <div>Blinding Edge Pictures</div> <div>Inimitable Pictures</div>
<b>Distributed by</b>	<div>Warner Bros. Pictures</div>
<b>Release date</b>	June 7, 2024
<b>Running time</b>	102 minutes
<b>Country</b>	United States
<b>Language</b>	English

## External links

- Official website (<https://www.watchersfilm.com/>)
- The Watchers* (<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt26736843/>) at IMDb

