

Legend of the White Dragon

Legend of the White Dragon is an upcoming American science-fiction superhero film directed by [Aaron Schoenke](#) and was [crowdfunded](#) through [Kickstarter](#) scheduled for release in the first quarter of 2024.^[1] It reunites *Power Rangers* actors [Jason David Frank](#) (in his final role before his death), [Jason Faunt](#), [Cerina Vincent](#) and [Ciara Hanna](#). It also stars Schoenke, [Mayling Ng](#), [David Ramsey](#), [Andrew Bachelor](#), [Mark Dacascos](#), and [Michael Madsen](#).

In the film, three years after a tragic battle, Erik Reed (Frank) returns to his city to protect his wife and daughter from a new threat. The film is described as a "mature take on the *Power Rangers* franchise" and introduces a new universe.

Synopsis

After three years of forced hiding as a fugitive, former superhero, Erik Reed returns to the city he swore to protect. His goal: to clear his name and reunite with the family he keeps secret.

Only one thing stands in his way: the mysterious Dragon Prime, who will stop at nothing to enact his revenge on the White Dragon.

Cast

- [Jason David Frank](#) as Erik Reed / White Dragon: A former superhero, harnessing the power of the White Dragon crystal to gain superhuman abilities, and armor.
- [Aaron Schoenke](#) as Jai Katua / Dragon Prime: A man seeking revenge against Erik Reed, harnessing half of the White Dragon crystal to gain its power.
- [Jason Faunt](#) as Connor Frost: Erik Reed's closest friend and one of his main allies.
- [Rachele Brooke Smith](#) as Iris Maine: One of Erik Reed's main allies and friends.
- [Mark Dacascos](#) as Xang: A warrior monk, tasked with protecting the White Dragon crystal.
- [David Ramsey](#) as Mayor Trevon Sterns: The Mayor of Virtuo City, determined to bring Erik Reed to justice for his alleged crimes.

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Teaser poster with original release window

Directed by	Aaron Schoenke
Written by	Alex Kellerman Aaron Schoenke
Produced by	Ben Dukes Aaron Schoenke Sean Schoenke
Starring	Jason David Frank Aaron Schoenke Mayling Ng David Ramsey Andrew Bachelor Jason Faunt Ciara Hanna Mark Dacascos Michael Madsen
Cinematography	Aric Abraham
Music by	Sean Schoenke

- [Cerina Vincent](#) as Rebecca Reed: Erik Reed's wife and mother of his daughter, Ashley.
- [Michael Madsen](#) as Max Reed: Erik's estranged father and a renowned jewel thief.
- Jenna Rae Frank as Ashley Reed: Rebecca and Erik's teenaged daughter.
- [Andrew Bachelor](#) as URI: An outer-dimensional mentor to Erik and his allies.
- [Mayling Ng](#) as Tek Boh: A tough Virtuo police officer hunting Erik Reed.
- Kevin Porter as Brian 'Lighthouse' Clayton: A grizzled detective, partnered with Tek Boh to hunt Erik Reed.
- Chalet Lizette Brannan as Jade: A fellow monk alongside Xang.

Production companies	Bat in the Sun Productions Bascule Productions Ltd.
Distributed by	Falling Forward Films
Release date	September 4, 2024
Country	United States
Language	English
Budget	\$508,578

Additionally, [Ciara Hanna](#) plays Vanessa, a character who was said to be significant to a certain character's story. Lenore Zann will also appear in an unspecified role.

Background

Bat in The Sun is an independent production studio based in [Los Angeles, California](#). Co-founded and co-owned by Aaron Schoenke and his father, Sean Schoenke, the studio gained notoriety in 2010 with the release of their Batman fan film, *[City of Scars](#)* and their web series Super Powered Beat Down.

In 2013, Schoenke met Jason David Frank when he appeared on Super Powered Beat Down. Over the next few years, Frank and Schoenke started early discussions for a new project, which would become Legend of the White Dragon.

[Saban Brands](#) worked with Bat in the Sun on a professional capacity, when they produced a live action advertisement for the addition of *[Street Fighter](#)* content to the *[Power Rangers: Legacy Wars](#)* mobile game in 2018.

Production

On July 18, 2019, a [Kickstarter](#) campaign was launched, hoping to find production for the film. With a goal of \$500,000, [Johnny Yong Bosch](#), Jason Faunt and Ciara Hanna had signed on, along with Jason's daughter, Jenna Rae Frank. Unfortunately, the campaign ended on August 18, 2019, unsuccessful in reaching its goal.

A second campaign began on March 20, 2020 and lasted for 60 days, this time with a budget for a \$100,000 mini-series, but offered a new stretch goal of \$500,000 for a feature film. The initial goal was met in 11 days, and the campaign ended on May 27, 2020 with \$508,578 raised, meeting the goal for a feature film. Due to scheduling conflicts, Bosch left the project.

Near the end of the campaign, the main cast was announced. Jason Faunt, Ciara Hanna and Jenna Frank remained from the original cast, joined by Rachele Brooke Smith and Andrew Bachelor. Throughout production, several more cast members were announced, including Mayling Ng, Mark Dacascos and Michael Madsen. Production began in May 2021 in Los Angeles, lasting for 42 days.

In December 2021, David Ramsey and Cerina Vincent were announced as cast members in the film.

In July, the production was granted a waiver, allowing the cast to participate in additional photography through the 2023 SAG-AFTRA strike.^[2]

Release

The film was originally scheduled to be released in 2020, but was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.^[3] In March 2023, the film's new release date was set on September 4, 2023.^[4] However, in July the film was delayed to the first quarter of 2024.^{[5][6]} The film is scheduled to be released in limited theaters on September 4, 2024.^[7]

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