

***Sting*** is a 2024 horror film written and directed by Kiah Roache-Turner, and starring Ryan Corr, Alyla Browne, Penelope Mitchell, Robyn Nevin, Noni Hazelhurst, Silvia Colloca, Danny Kim, and Jermaine Fowler. The film follows a young girl who secretly raises a spider as her pet, which then transforms into a giant monster.

*Sting* was released in the United States and Canada on April 12, 2024.<sup>[3]</sup>

## Plot

Charlotte, a rebellious 12-year-old girl lives in a dilapidated apartment building with her overworked step-father, Ethan, her mother and infant half-brother. Charlotte is often left to her own devices and stumbles upon a tiny spider hatched from a strange, glowing object that crash-lands in her great-aunt's apartment. Intrigued, she decides to keep the spider as a pet, naming it Sting.

As Charlotte cares for Sting, the spider begins to grow at an alarming rate. She initially keeps its size a secret, but as it becomes more difficult to hide, her father and neighbors start to notice strange occurrences around the building. The spider's growing size and insatiable appetite soon lead to the death of pets and residents. Charlotte's relationship with her step-father is strained over the reality of her biological father. During a meltdown from Ethan, Sting attacks both parents while Charlotte is nearby oblivious with her brother.

The tension escalates when Sting, now a gigantic spider, traps several residents in the building using mimicked sounds to lure prey. Charlotte accidentally learning the spider's weakness from her grandmother, goes on a hunt for her now missing family. As Charlotte saves Ethan, they face numerous obstacles, including the spider's intelligence and adaptability. During a showdown in the building's basement, Sting attacks the group, resulting in a battle.

Charlotte manages to lure Sting into a trap with the help of Ethan. Using a trash compression device, they finally destroy the monstrous spider, but not without sustaining significant losses.

## Cast

- Ryan Corr as Ethan

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Theatrical release poster	
Directed by	Kiah Roache-Turner
Written by	Kiah Roache-Turner
Produced by	Jamie Hilton <div>Michael Pontin</div> Chris Brown
Starring	<div><div><span>Ryan Corr</span></div><div><span>Alyla Browne</span></div><div><span>Penelope Mitchell</span></div><div><span>Robyn Nevin</span></div><div><span>Noni Hazelhurst</span></div><div><span>Silvia Colloca</span></div><div><span>Danny Kim</span></div><div><span>Jermaine Fowler</span></div></div>
Cinematography	Brad Shield
Edited by	<span>Luke Doolan</span>

- Alyla Browne as Charlotte
- Penelope Mitchell as Heather
- Robyn Nevin as Gunter
- Noni Hazelhurst as Helga
- Silvia Colloca as Maria
- Danny Kim as Eric
- Jermaine Fowler as Frank
- Tony J Black as Officer Miller

## Production

Principal photography took place in Australia and wrapped in February 2023.<sup>[4][5]</sup>

## Release

*Sting* was released on April 12, 2024 in the United States by Well Go USA Entertainment.<sup>[6]</sup>

The film is scheduled to be released in New Zealand on 16 May 2024, in United Kingdom on 31 May 2024, in Germany on 20 June 2024, to be followed by releases in Australia and Spain later in July 2024.<sup>[2]</sup>

## Reception

### Box office

*Sting* grossed \$825,797 from 975 cinemas during its opening weekend in North America (United States, Canada and Puerto Rico).<sup>[2]</sup>

As of 16 May 2024, the film made \$1,611,120 worldwide, with its release in North America accounting for almost 70% of that and with its international revenue at \$486,610.<sup>[3]</sup>

### Critical response

On the review aggregator website Rotten Tomatoes, 68% of 79 critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of 6/10. The website's consensus reads: "*Sting* should satisfy horror fans in the mood for a creature feature, even if the end results won't likely linger in the memory."<sup>[7]</sup> Metacritic, which uses a weighted average, assigned the film a score of 57 out of 100, based on 11 critics, indicating "mixed or average" reviews.<sup>[8]</sup>

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	<u>Kiah Roache-Turner</u>
<b>Music by</b>	<u>Anna Drubich</u>
<b>Production companies</b>	<u>Screen Australia</u> <div><u>Align</u></div> <div><u>Screen NSW</u></div> <div><u>Cumulus VFX</u></div> <div><u>Spectrum Entertainment</u></div> <div><u>See Pictures</u></div> <div><u>Pictures in Paradise</u></div>
<b>Distributed by</b>	<u>Well Go USA Entertainment</u> (United States) <div><u>StudioCanal</u> (Select territories)</div>
<b>Release date</b>	April 12, 2024 (United States)
<b>Running time</b>	92 minutes <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Countries</b>	<u>Australia</u> <div><u>United States</u></div>
<b>Language</b>	<u>English</u>
<b>Box office</b>	\$1.6 million <sup>[2][3]</sup>

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