

Unsung Hero is a 2024 American Christian drama film written and directed by Richard Ramsey and Joel Smallbone. Released on April 26, 2024, the film follows Rebecca, Joel, and Luke Smallbone of For King & Country, and their life journey to become Christian recording artists.

- Daisy Betts as Helen Smallbone
- Joel Smallbone as David Smallbone
- Kirrilee Berger as Rebecca St. James
- Jonathan Jackson as Eddie DeGarmo
- Lucas Black as Jed Albright
- Candace Cameron Bure as Kay Albright
- Diesel La Torraca as Joel Smallbone
- JJ Pantano as Luke Smallbone
- Hillary Scott as Luanne Platter
- Lance E. Nichols as Art Meriweather
- Roslyn Gentle as Nana Smallbone
- Kevin Downes as a Suit
- Rachel Hendrix as Amy Grant
- Lily Lumpkin as Meagan Albright

Starring

Daisy Betts

Joel Smallbone

Kirrilee Berger

Jonathan

Jackson

Lucas Black

Candace

Cameron Bure

Terry O'Quinn

- Don Most as Pierce
- Terry O'Quinn as Grandpa James
- Libby Smallbone as Ellie
- Rebecca St. James as a Flight Attendant
- Beau Wirick as Matt

Production

On 30 November 2022, Joel and Luke Smallbone announced via social media that they had made a film with their brother Ben about their mother.^[5] The film is scheduled to release on 26 April 2024 by Lionsgate and produced by Kingdom Story Company.^[6]

The film was directed by Joel Smallbone, making his directorial debut, and written by Joel Smallbone and Richard Ramsey. The cast also includes Jonathan Jackson, Candace Cameron Bure, Kirilee Berger, Lucas Black, Terry O'Quinn, and Hillary Scott. The production team comprises producers Justin Tolley, Josh Walsh, and Luke Smallbone.^[7]

Release

The film was released in the United States on April 26, 2024. It is scheduled to be released in Australia on May 30, coinciding with For King & Country's "Homecoming" musical tour through Australia and New Zealand.^[8] In the lead-up to the film, For King & Country released an updated version of "Place in this World", featuring Michael W. Smith, who originally released the song in 1991.^[9]

Reception

Box office

In the United States and Canada, *Unsung Hero* was released alongside *Challengers* and *Boy Kills World*, and was projected to gross around \$6 million from 2,800 theaters in its opening weekend.^[2] The film made \$3.7 million on its first day, including \$1.67 million from preview screenings. It went on to debut to \$7.7 million, finishing second behind *Challengers*.^[10] In its second weekend the film made \$3 million (a drop of 61%), finishing in seventh.^[11]

Critical response

On the review aggregator website Rotten Tomatoes, 59% of 27 critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of 6/10. The website's consensus reads: "*Unsung Hero* presents a heartwarming dramatization of its fact-based story that's just uplifting enough to make up for its tepid approach to real-life drama."^[12] Metacritic, which uses a weighted average, assigned the film a score of 46 out of 100, based on five critics,

Cinematography	<u>Johnny Derango</u>
Edited by	<u>Parker Adams</u>
Music by	<u>Brent McCorkle</u>
Production companies	<u>Kingdom Story Company</u> <div>Candy Rock Entertainment</div>
Distributed by	<u>Lionsgate</u>
Release date	April 26, 2024 <div>(United States)</div>
Running time	113 minutes ^[1]
Country	United States
Language	English
Budget	\$6 million ^[2]
Box office	\$19.3 million ^{[3][4]}

indicating "mixed or average" reviews.^[13] Audiences polled by CinemaScore gave the film a rare average grade of "A+" on an A+ to F scale, while those polled by PostTrak gave it a 96% overall positive score, with 90% saying they would definitely recommend it.^[10]

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