

# The Pickup Artist (2019 film)

The Pickup Artist is a 2019 Indian Hindi-language thriller film, directed by Rohit Arora. The film stars Dev Chauhan, Vijay Kumar Dogra, Pankaj Uniyal and Anahita Bhooshan as lead characters. [1][2][3] The music of the film is done by Bonnie Chakraborty and it is produced by Rohit Arora and Pankaj Uniyal, under the Banner of Roar Picture Company. [4]

The film premiered at the 2019 <u>WorldFest-Houston International</u> Film Festival and was released in theatres on 16 October 2020.

#### Plot

The film revolves around the perception of a <u>Psycho Killer</u>. It is based on the sequence of a crime that occurs in the metro city of <u>Delhi</u>. A girl goes missing and many links are attached to each other. The case is handed over to a maniac policeman named Tiger Tiwari (Dev Chauhan). Its story revolves around a matter of missing girls in Delhi and a passionate policeman. [2]

#### **Cast**

- Siddharth Bhardwaj as Siddharth Bharadwaj
- Anahita Bhooshan as Chahat
- Aanchal Chauhan as Mukti
- Dev Chauhan as Tiger Tiwari
- Gandharv Dewan as Shyam
- Vijay Kumar Dogra as Sharmaji
- Dhruv Khurana as Sid
- Jasneet Kooner as Elena
- Vaibhav Kumar as Kanhaiya
- Saurabh Madaan
- Lokesh Mittal as Lalaram
- Samapti Patra as Aastha
- Smriti Sahni as Sapna
- Vivek Sinha as Crazy Baba
- Akanksha Tyaqi
- Saasha Aery
- Pankaj Uniyal as Pankaj

## Marketing and release



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Directed by	Rohit Arora
Written by	Rohit Arora
Screenplay by	Rohit Arora Pankaj Uniyal
Produced by	Rohit Arora Pankaj Uniyal
Starring	Dev Chauhan Vijay Kumar Dogra Pankaj Uniyal Anahita Bhooshan
Cinematography	Rohit Arora
Music by	Andrew Sloman Bonnie Chakraborty
Production company	Roar Picture Company
Distributed by	PVR Cinemas MX Player

*The Pickup Artist* was released in theatres on 16 October 2020. It is one of the first films to release in <u>Indian cinemas</u>, as theatres reopened after seven months of lockdown due to the <u>COVID-19</u> <u>pandemic in India</u>. The film was released on the OTT platform MX Player on 28 January 2021.

	Houston)
	16 October 2020 (Theatrical release)
Running time	111 minutes
Country	India
Language	Hindi

# Reception

The Times of India mentions a 4.4 out of 5 ratings.[6] Mayur

Lookhar from BeyondBollywood.com gave two-and-a-half of five, saying, "This neo-noir was proving too hot for our taste buds." The Newspost.live reports that the film received great reviews online with the audience calling it "Awesome new age cinema, breaking barriers," while others call it "out of the box! Picture Perfect." [8]

# Awards and recognition

The film was selected to be a part of <u>WorldFest-Houston International Film Festival</u>, the world's oldest independent film festival, in March  $2019.^{\boxed{9}}$  The Pickup Artist won two Gold Remi Awards at the 2019 WorldFest-Houston. $^{\boxed{10}}$ 

In February 2019, the film was selected to be a part of the East x Northeast International Film Festival in New York. It was nominated for Best Feature Film at the East X Northeast. [11] It was the first Indian film to be selected in the Cinefantasy International Fantastic Film Festival in Brazil. [12]

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