

# Black as Night

***Black as Night*** is a 2021 American horror film written by Sherman Payne and directed by Maritte Lee Go. It stars Asjha Cooper, Frabizio Guido, Mason Beauchamp, Abbie Gayle, Craig Tate and Keith David. The film is the sixth installment in the anthological *Welcome to the Blumhouse* film series.<sup>[1][2]</sup>

## Plot

A teenage girl with self-esteem issues, Shawna, finds confidence in the most unlikely way, by spending her summer battling vampires that prey on New Orleans' disenfranchised with the help of her best friend, Pedro, the boy she's always pined for, Chris, and a peculiar rich girl, Granya.

## Cast

- Asjha Cooper as Shawna
- Frabizio Guido as Pedro
- Mason Beauchamp as Chris
- Abbie Gayle as Granya
- Craig Tate as LeFrak
- Keith David as Babineaux

## Release

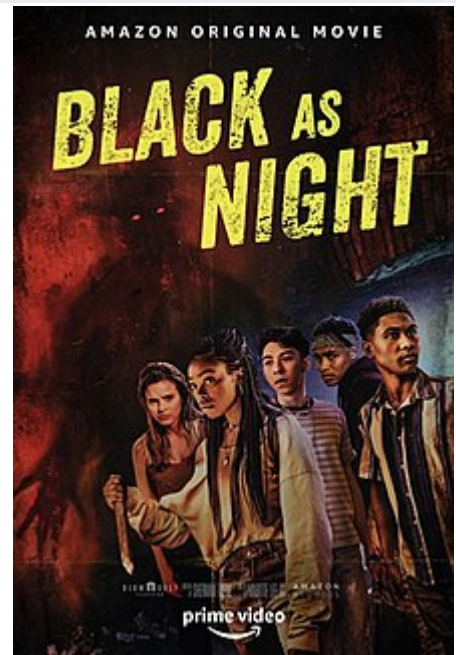
The film was released in the United States on October 1, 2021, by Amazon Studios.<sup>[3]</sup>

## Reception

On review aggregator website Rotten Tomatoes, the film holds an approval rating of 70% based on 33 reviews, with an average rating of 6.20/10. The website's critical consensus reads: "It may not be particularly scary, but *Black as Night* has just enough bite to satisfy audiences in the mood for dark, teen-focused supernatural drama."<sup>[4]</sup> On Metacritic, the film has an weighted average score of 53 out of 100 based on 7 critics indicating "mixed or average reviews".<sup>[5]</sup>

Denis Harvey of Variety give the film a positive review and wrote:

### *Black as Night*



Official release poster

<b>Directed by</b>	Maritte Lee Go
<b>Written by</b>	Sherman Payne
<b>Produced by</b>	John Brister Terra Mair Abroms Adan Orozco Paul B. Uddo
<b>Starring</b>	Asjha Cooper Frabizio Guido Mason Beauchamp Abbie Gayle Craig Tate <u>Keith David</u>
<b>Cinematography</b>	Cybel Martin
<b>Edited by</b>	Tim Mirkovich
<b>Music by</b>	Jacques Bridal Bar
<b>Production company</b>	<u>Blumhouse</u> <u>Television</u>

It works well enough as a teen supernatural melodrama, reasonably slick if a tad silly - less well as straight-up horror, let alone as a commentary on race-centric historical and political issues that never feel more than pasted-on here.<sup>[6]</sup>

<b>Distributed by</b>	Amazon Studios
<b>Release date</b>	October 1, 2021
<b>Running time</b>	87 minutes
<b>Country</b>	United States
<b>Language</b>	English

Andrew Murray from The Upcoming give the film 3 out of 5 rating and he wrote:

Black as Night is an enjoyably pulpy, but flawed genre outing. Its deployment of social commentary puts an engaging twist on a familiar premise, but a scatter-brained execution sours the taste.<sup>[7]</sup>

## Accolades

Award ceremony	Category	Recipient	Result	Ref.
<u>NAACP Image Awards</u>	Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Television Movie, Limited Series or Dramatic Special	<u>Keith David</u>	Nominated	<sup>[8]</sup>
	Outstanding Directing in a Television Movie or Special	Maritte Lee Go	Nominated	
	Outstanding Writing in a Television Movie or Special	Sherman Payne	Nominated	

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