

# King Richard (film)

***King Richard*** is a 2021 American biographical sports drama film directed by Reinaldo Marcus Green and written by Zach Baylin. The film stars Will Smith as Richard Williams, the father and coach of famed tennis players Venus and Serena Williams (both of whom served as executive producers on the film), with Aunjanue Ellis, Saniyya Sidney, Demi Singleton, Tony Goldwyn, and Jon Bernthal in supporting roles.

It premiered at the 48th Telluride Film Festival on September 2, 2021, and was theatrically released on November 19, 2021, by Warner Bros. Pictures and on the HBO Max streaming service.<sup>[4]</sup> Although it was a box office failure, grossing \$39 million against a budget of \$50 million, the film received positive reviews from critics, with praise for the screenplay and the performances of Smith, Ellis, and Sidney.<sup>[5]</sup>

It was named one of the ten best films of the year by both the American Film Institute and the National Board of Review. It earned six nominations at the 94th Academy Awards, including Best Picture, and won Best Actor for Smith.

## Plot

Richard Williams lives in Compton, California, with his wife Brandy, his three step-daughters Tunde, Isha and Lyndrea, and his two daughters, Venus and Serena. Richard aspires to turn Venus and Serena into professional tennis players; he has prepared a plan for success since before they were born. Richard and Brandy coach Venus and Serena on a daily basis, while also working as a security guard and a nurse, respectively. Richard works tirelessly to find a professional coach for the girls, creating brochures and videotapes to advertise their skills, but has not had success.

One day, Richard takes the girls to see coach Paul Cohen, who is in the middle of practicing with John McEnroe and Pete Sampras. Despite his initial reservations, he agrees to watch the girls practice, and is impressed. However, the Williamses cannot afford professional coaching, and Paul refuses to coach both girls for free; he selects Venus to receive his coaching, while Serena continues to practice with Brandy. Paul encourages Venus to participate in juniors tournaments. She

### King Richard



Theatrical release poster

<b>Directed by</b>	<u>Reinaldo Marcus Green</u>
<b>Written by</b>	<u>Zach Baylin</u>
<b>Produced by</b>	<u>Tim White</u> <u>Trevor White</u> <u>Will Smith</u>
<b>Starring</b>	<u>Will Smith</u> <u>Aunjanue Ellis</u> <u>Saniyya Sidney</u> <u>Demi Singleton</u> <u>Tony Goldwyn</u> <u>Jon Bernthal</u>
<b>Cinematography</b>	<u>Robert Elswit</u>
<b>Edited by</b>	<u>Pamela Martin</u>
<b>Music by</b>	<u>Kris Bowers</u>
<b>Production companies</b>	<u>Westbrook Studios</u> Star Thrower Entertainment Keepin' It Reel

quickly finds success, but Richard stresses to Venus and her sisters that they should remain humble despite their success. At one of Venus's tournaments, Serena also signs up to play, unbeknownst to Richard. As both girls continue to succeed, the family feel as outsiders among the predominantly white, upper-class competition. Richard meets with high-profile agents, but, fearing that his daughters will be taken advantage of, pulls them out of the junior circuit entirely. Paul warns him that his decision will destroy the girls' chances to turn pro, but Richard stands firm, firing Paul as a coach.

Coach Rick Macci travels to California to see the girls play. Impressed, he takes the girls on, and the family relocates to Florida to train at his facility. Richard surprises Rick by reiterating that the girls will not play juniors, instead training and attending school like normal little girls. In the ensuing three years, questions arise from the media and from Rick about Richard's strategy with the girls and his desire for media exposure. Venus tells Rick that she wants to turn pro. Richard reluctantly agrees, but later reneges, worrying that she will suffer a similar fate to Rick's pupil Jennifer Capriati, who is allegedly suffering from burnout and has been arrested for drug possession. The decision strains Richard's relationships with Venus, Brandy, and Rick. After an argument with Brandy, he reconciles with Venus, agreeing to let her play in the upcoming Bank of the West Classic in Oakland. Before the tournament, the family meets with a Nike executive, who offers them a major sponsorship deal worth 3 million dollars. Rick urges them to accept, but the family collectively agrees to decline, believing that once Venus begins to play she will attract more lucrative offers.

Venus initially struggles in her first professional match against Shaun Stafford, but eventually triumphs. She comes in as a heavy underdog in her next match against top-seeded Arantxa Sánchez Vicario. Venus takes the first set and leads in the second before Vicario takes an extended bathroom break, an apparent act of gamesmanship. Sánchez Vicario recovers to win the second set and the match. Richard and Brandy comfort a dejected Venus, telling her to be proud. As the family leaves the stadium, a large crowd of supporters is waiting to cheer her on, and Rick tells Richard that several major shoe companies are anxious to meet with Venus.

<b>Distributed by</b>	<u>Warner Bros. Pictures</u>
<b>Release dates</b>	September 2, 2021 (Telluride) November 19, 2021 (United States)
<b>Running time</b>	145 minutes
<b>Country</b>	United States
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Budget</b>	\$50 million <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Box office</b>	\$39.4 million <sup>[2][3]</sup>

## Cast

- Will Smith as Richard Williams
- Aunjanue Ellis as Oracene "Brandy" Price
- Saniyya Sidney as Venus Williams
- Demi Singleton as Serena Williams
- Jon Bernthal as Rick Macci
- Tony Goldwyn as Paul Cohen
- Mikayla LaShae Bartholomew as Tunde Price
- Danielle Lawson as Isha Price
- Layla Crawford as Lyndrea Price
- Erika Ringor as Mrs. Strickland
- Dylan McDermott as George MacArthur
- Andy Bean as Laird Stabler

- Kevin Dunn as Vic Braden
- Craig Tate as Bells (Homeboy #1)
- Josiah Cross as TD (Homeboy #2)
- Calvin Clausell Jr. as Homeboy #3
- Vaughn W. Hebron as Homeboy #4<sup>[6]</sup>
- Christopher Wallinger as John McEnroe
- Chase Del Rey as Pete Sampras
- Judith Chapman as Nancy Reagan
- Jessica Wacnik as Jennifer Capriati
- Katrina Begin as Anne (Women's Tennis Association CEO)
- Kaitlyn Christian as Shaun Stafford
- Marcela Zacarías as Arantxa Sánchez Vicario
- Rich Sommer as Patrick Dougherty
- Erin Cummings as Social Worker

Ayan Broomfield was the body double for select scenes of Venus Williams matches.<sup>[7]</sup>

## Production

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The project was announced in March 2019 with Will Smith set to play Williams, from Zach Baylin's screenplay.<sup>[8]</sup> Smith was paid \$40 million for his involvement.<sup>[9]</sup> Warner Bros. was the successful bidder for the film.<sup>[10]</sup> Reinaldo Marcus Green signed as director in June.<sup>[11]</sup>

In January 2020, Demi Singleton and Saniyya Sidney were cast as Serena and Venus, and Aunjanue Ellis as their mother Oracene Price.<sup>[12]</sup> Jon Bernthal also entered negotiations to play Rick Macci.<sup>[13]</sup> In February, Liev Schreiber and Susie Abromeit (uncredited in the final film) joined the cast;<sup>[14][15]</sup> and in March, Dylan McDermott, Katrina Begin and Judith Chapman.<sup>[16][17]</sup>

Principal photography began in January 2020 in Los Angeles.<sup>[18]</sup> According to the California Film Commission, the production spent \$35.6 million in the state, with \$7.5 million returned in tax credits.<sup>[1]</sup> In March 2020, filming was halted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.<sup>[19]</sup> In October 2020, Tony Goldwyn joined the cast, replacing Schreiber, who dropped out due to a scheduling conflict as a result of the pandemic. Filming resumed later that month.<sup>[20]</sup>

Will Smith reportedly received \$40 million for his role. When production concluded, he reportedly gave his co-stars "a nice bonus" via checks, due to the decision to release the film in theatres and on HBO Max simultaneously, on top of the compensation already received from the studio.<sup>[21]</sup>

## Music

Kris Bowers composed the film score, after previously working on Green's *Monsters and Men* (2018). He produced the musical score mostly through the help of a prepared piano, understanding how Venus and Serena changed the game of tennis, and used nails, ping pong balls and several other objects to use it as a



Reinaldo Marcus Green, the film's director

percussive instrument along with drums.<sup>[22][23]</sup> The film features the original song "[Be Alive](#)" by [Beyoncé](#), released on November 12, 2021.<sup>[24]</sup> The song was also included in the film's soundtrack, released by [WaterTower Music](#) on the same date.

## Release

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The film premiered at the [Telluride Film Festival](#) on September 2, 2021,<sup>[25]</sup> and was released on November 19, 2021, in theaters and on [HBO Max](#).<sup>[26]</sup> It was previously scheduled to be released on November 25, 2020,<sup>[27]</sup> but it was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.<sup>[28]</sup> The film was chosen to close the [AFI Fest](#) on November 14, 2021;<sup>[29]</sup> that same day, it closed the New Orleans Film Festival's live screenings. By the end of its run, it will have also screened at film festivals in [London](#),<sup>[30]</sup> [Chicago](#),<sup>[31]</sup> [Savannah](#),<sup>[32]</sup> [Miami](#),<sup>[33]</sup> [Indianapolis](#),<sup>[34]</sup> [Denver](#),<sup>[35]</sup> [Middleburg](#),<sup>[36]</sup> [Philadelphia](#),<sup>[37]</sup> [Sydney](#),<sup>[38]</sup> [Toruń](#),<sup>[39]</sup> and [Morelia](#).<sup>[40]</sup> The film will also open the 25th [American Black Film Festival](#) (ABFF), with president and general manager Nicole Friday describing *King Richard* as "a film that is a touchstone of ABFF's legacy of showcasing extraordinary Black talent and inspiring storytelling reflecting the brilliance of diversity in Hollywood."<sup>[41]</sup>

The film was released on [Blu-ray](#) and [DVD](#) February 8, 2022 by [Warner Bros. Home Entertainment](#), with the [4K Ultra HD](#) release through [Warner Archive Collection](#) on the same date.<sup>[42][43]</sup>

## Reception

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### Audience viewership

[Samba TV](#) reported to [Deadline Hollywood](#) that the film was streamed by 707,000 U.S. households on HBO Max in its first 3 days of release on the platform. In addition, it stated that 59% of the viewers were female and 54% [African Americans](#). HBO Max Executive Vice President and General Manager Andy Forssell praised the film for being watched without interruptions unlike other day-and-date titles, while [Warner Bros. Pictures](#) Chairman and Chief Content Officer [Toby Emmerich](#) stated that the company was pleased with the film's initial streaming performance.<sup>[44]</sup> It was streamed by nearly 2 million U.S. households by the end of its first 30 days on HBO Max.<sup>[45]</sup> By March 20, the film had been streamed in 2.6 million households in the United States, including 403,000 since the Oscar nomination announcements on February 8.<sup>[46]</sup>

### Box office

*King Richard* grossed \$15.1 million in the United States and Canada, and \$24.3 million in other territories, for a worldwide total of \$39.4 million.<sup>[2][3]</sup>

In the United States and Canada, the film was released alongside *[Ghostbusters: Afterlife](#)*, and was projected to gross \$8–10 million from 3,250 theaters in its opening weekend.<sup>[47]</sup> The film made \$1.9 million on its first day, and went on to debut to \$5.7 million.<sup>[48]</sup> The low figure was attributed to the 145 minute runtime, as well as the film's availability on HBO Max.<sup>[49]</sup> The film made \$4.8 million over the five-day

Thanksgiving frame, including \$3.3 million (-33%) in its second weekend, finishing seventh.<sup>[50]</sup> In its third weekend, the film earned \$1.2 million, finishing ninth.<sup>[51]</sup> *King Richard* dropped out of the box office top ten in its fourth weekend, earning \$510,306 and finishing twelfth.<sup>[52]</sup>

## Venus and Serena Williams about the film

Both Venus and Serena are listed as executive producers on the film, a title they approved only after viewing the finished product. Serena said: "I think it was a great opportunity to see how amazing African-American fathers are. A lot of black men aren't seen in that light. And a lot of people think that my dad was a different character. He wanted us to have fun first over anything. That's the thing that I loved most."<sup>[53]</sup> According to Serena and Venus, the film is as true to reality "as possible."<sup>[54]</sup>

## Critical response



The performances of Will Smith and Aunjanue Ellis garnered widespread critical acclaim, earning them Academy Award nominations for Best Actor and Best Supporting Actress respectively, with Smith winning his category.

On the review aggregator website Rotten Tomatoes, 90% of 292 critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of 7.6/10. The website's consensus reads: "*King Richard* transcends sport biopic formulas with refreshingly nuanced storytelling – and a towering performance from Will Smith in the title role."<sup>[55]</sup> On Metacritic, the film has a weighted average score of 76 out of 100, based on 53 critics, indicating "generally favorable reviews".<sup>[56]</sup> Audiences polled by CinemaScore gave the film an average grade of "A" on an A+ to F scale, while those at PostTrak gave it a 94% positive score, with 89% saying they would definitely recommend it.<sup>[49]</sup>

Kevin Maher of *The Times* gave the film four out of five stars, writing: "A towering turn from Will Smith, his best since *Ali* and one of the year's great screen performances, defines nearly every frame of this film."<sup>[57]</sup> Justin Chang of the *Los Angeles Times* described the film as "an engrossing family drama that doubles as a sharp rethink of how a family operates within the overlapping, often overbearing spheres of race, class, sports and celebrity."<sup>[58]</sup>

Joe Morgenstern of *The Wall Street Journal* criticized the film's length, but said that it was "a sports movie that transcends itself without losing track of itself."<sup>[59]</sup> Wendy Ide of *The Guardian* gave the film four out of five stars, describing it as a "crowd-pleasing biopic" and writing: "Smith is excellent, fully inhabiting the character in one of the only roles to date that has required him to fully shed his habitual gloss of Will Smith charm."<sup>[60]</sup>

Clarisse Loughrey of *The Independent* also praised Smith's performance, writing: "It's one of those impressive fusions between actor and character, which all comes across so effortlessly onscreen, but gives *King Richard* the lifeblood it needs to triumph as a film."<sup>[61]</sup>

K. Austin Collins of *Rolling Stone* wrote: "The movie's brightest-burning idea, and it is sincerely moving, is that Richard, for his flaws, does what he does on behalf of the young black women he's raising. This rings true in real life and in fiction."<sup>[62][63]</sup>

Allegra Frank of *Slate* was more critical of the film, writing: "Venus and Serena Williams are the names we rightly remember, but *King Richard* remains fixated on the male bravado that pushed for them to get their names out there in the first place."<sup>[64]</sup> Kyle Smith of *National Review* wrote that the film "makes the sororal

tennis champs seem almost incidental to their own rise to greatness."<sup>[65]</sup> Jesse Hassenger of *The A.V. Club* gave the film a grade of C+, writing that it "keeps enough of Richard's messy past off screen to feel like a hagiography with a few concessions, rather than a true warts-and-all portrait."<sup>[66]</sup>

## Accolades

Award	Date of ceremony	Category	Recipient(s)	Result	Ref. .....
<u>AACTA Awards</u>	<u>January 26, 2022</u>	<u>Best Lead Actor – International</u>	<u>Will Smith</u>	Nominated	<sup>[67]</sup>
<u>Academy Awards</u>	<u>March 27, 2022</u>	<u>Best Picture</u>	Tim White, Trevor White and Will Smith	Nominated	<sup>[68]</sup>
		<u>Best Actor</u>	<u>Will Smith</u>	Won	
		<u>Best Supporting Actress</u>	<u>Aunjanue Ellis</u>	Nominated	
		<u>Best Original Screenplay</u>	<u>Zach Baylin</u>	Nominated	
		<u>Best Film Editing</u>	<u>Pamela Martin</u>	Nominated	
		<u>Best Original Song</u>	DIXSON and Beyoncé Knowles-Carter for "Be Alive"	Nominated	
<u>African-American Film Critics Association</u>	<u>January 18, 2022</u>	<u>Best Actor</u>	<u>Will Smith</u>	Won	<sup>[69]</sup>
		<u>Best Supporting Actress</u>	<u>Aunjanue Ellis</u>	Won	
		<u>Best Breakout Actor</u>	<u>Saniyya Sidney</u>	Won	
		<u>Best Emerging Director</u>	<u>Reinaldo Marcus Green</u>	Won	
<u>Alliance of Women Film Journalists</u>	<u>January, 2022</u>	<u>Best Actor</u>	<u>Will Smith</u>	Nominated	<sup>[70]</sup>
		<u>Best Actress In A Supporting Role</u>	<u>Aunjanue Ellis</u>	Nominated	
		<u>Best Ensemble Cast</u>	Rich Delia and Avy Kaufman	Won	
<u>ACE Eddie Awards</u>	<u>March 5, 2022</u>	<u>Best Edited Feature Film – Dramatic</u>	<u>Pamela Martin</u>	Won	<sup>[71]</sup>
<u>American Film Institute (AFI)</u>	<u>December 8, 2021</u>	<u>Top Ten Films of the Year</u>	<i>King Richard</i>	Won	<sup>[72]</sup>
<u>Black Reel Awards</u>	<u>February 27, 2022</u>	<u>Outstanding Film</u>	<i>King Richard</i>	Won	<sup>[73]</sup>
		<u>Outstanding Director</u>	<u>Reinaldo Marcus Green</u>	Nominated	
		<u>Outstanding Actor</u>	<u>Will Smith</u>	Won	
		<u>Outstanding Supporting Actress</u>	<u>Aunjanue Ellis</u>	Won	
		<u>Outstanding Breakthrough Performance, Female</u>	<u>Saniyya Sidney</u>	Nominated	
			<u>Demi Singleton</u>	Nominated	
		<u>Outstanding Ensemble</u>	<i>King Richard</i>	Nominated	
		<u>Outstanding Original Song</u>	"Be Alive" (Beyoncé and DIXSON)	Nominated	

		Outstanding Editing	<u>Pamela Martin</u>	Nominated	
<u>British Academy Film Awards</u>	March 13, 2022	<u>Best Actor</u>	<u>Will Smith</u>	Won	[74]
		<u>Best Supporting Actress</u>	<u>Aunjanue Ellis</u>	Nominated	
		<u>Best Original Screenplay</u>	<u>Zach Baylin</u>	Nominated	
		<u>Best Casting</u>	Rich Delia and <u>Avy Kaufman</u>	Nominated	
<u>Chicago International Film Festival</u>	October 26, 2021	Audience Choice Award for Feature Film	<i>King Richard</i>	Won	[75]
<u>Celebration of Black Cinema and Television</u>	December 6, 2021	Actor – Film	<u>Will Smith</u>	Won	[76]
<u>Critics' Choice Movie Awards</u>	March 13, 2022	<u>Best Picture</u>	<i>King Richard</i>	Nominated	[77]
		<u>Best Actor</u>	<u>Will Smith</u>	Won	
		<u>Best Supporting Actress</u>	<u>Aunjanue Ellis</u>	Nominated	
		<u>Best Young Actor/Actress</u>	<u>Saniyya Sidney</u>	Nominated	
		<u>Best Original Screenplay</u>	<u>Zach Baylin</u>	Nominated	
		<u>Best Song</u>	"Be Alive"	Nominated	
<u>Dallas–Fort Worth Film Critics Association</u>	December 20, 2021	Best Picture	<i>King Richard</i>	Nominated	[78]
		Best Actor	<u>Will Smith</u>	Runner-up	
		Best Supporting Actress	<u>Aunjanue Ellis</u>	Nominated	
<u>Denver Film Festival</u>	November 4, 2021	Best Feature – Audience Choice Award	<i>King Richard</i>	Won	[79]
<u>Detroit Film Critics Society</u>	December 6, 2021	<u>Best Supporting Actor</u>	<u>Jon Bernthal</u>	Won	[80]
		<u>Best Film</u>	<i>King Richard</i>	Nominated	
		<u>Best Actor</u>	<u>Will Smith</u>	Nominated	
		<u>Best Supporting Actress</u>	<u>Aunjanue Ellis</u>	Nominated	
<u>Gold Derby Film Awards</u>	February 27, 2022	Best Actor	Will Smith	Nominated	[81]
		Best Original Song	"Be Alive" ( <u>Beyoncé</u> and <u>DIXSON</u> )	Nominated	
<u>Golden Globe Awards</u>	January 9, 2022	<u>Best Motion Picture – Drama</u>	<i>King Richard</i>	Nominated	[82]
		<u>Best Actor – Motion Picture Drama</u>	Will Smith	Won	
		<u>Best Supporting Actress – Motion Picture</u>	Aunjanue Ellis	Nominated	
		<u>Best Original Song</u>	"Be Alive" ( <u>Beyoncé</u> and	Nominated	



			<u>DIXSON)</u>		
<u>Golden Raspberry Awards</u>	<u>March 26, 2022</u>	<u>Razzie Redeemer Award</u>	<u>Will Smith</u>	Won	
<u>Heartland International Film Festival</u>	<u>October 18, 2021</u>	<u>Overall Audience Choice Award</u>	<i>King Richard</i>	Won	[83]
		<u>Pioneering Spirit Award</u>	<u>Will Smith</u>	Won	
<u>Hollywood Critics Association Awards</u>	<u>February 28, 2022</u> <sup>[84]</sup>	<u>Best Picture</u>	<i>King Richard</i>	Nominated	[85]
		<u>Best Actor</u>	<u>Will Smith</u>	Nominated	
		<u>Best Supporting Actress</u>	<u>Aunjanue Ellis</u>	Nominated	
		<u>Best Cast Ensemble</u>	<i>King Richard</i>	Nominated	
		<u>Best Director</u>	<u>Reinaldo Marcus Green</u>	Nominated	
		<u>Best Original Screenplay</u>	<u>Zach Baylin</u>	Nominated	
		<u>Best Original Song</u>	"Be Alive" ( <u>Beyoncé</u> and <u>DIXSON</u> )	Won	
		<u>Best Film Editing</u>	<u>Pamela Martin</u>	Nominated	
<u>Hollywood Music in Media Awards</u>	<u>November 17, 2021</u>	<u>Best Original Song in a Feature Film</u>	"Be Alive" ( <u>Beyoncé</u> and <u>DIXSON</u> )	Nominated	[86]
<u>Houston Film Critics Society</u>	<u>February 19, 2022</u>	<u>Best Picture</u>	<i>King Richard</i>	Nominated	[87]
		<u>Best Actor</u>	<u>Will Smith</u>	Nominated	
		<u>Best Supporting Actress</u>	<u>Aunjanue Ellis</u>	Nominated	
<u>Los Angeles Film Critics Association</u>	<u>December 13, 2021</u>	<u>Best Supporting Actress</u>	<u>Aunjanue Ellis</u>	Runner-up	[88]
<u>Miami International Film Festival</u>	<u>November 11, 2021</u>	<u>Audience Award</u>	<i>King Richard</i>	Won	[89]
<u>NAACP Image Awards</u>	<u>February 26, 2022</u>	<u>Outstanding Motion Picture</u>	<i>King Richard</i>	Nominated	[90]
		<u>Outstanding Directing in a Motion Picture</u>	<u>Reinaldo Marcus Green</u>	Nominated	
		<u>Outstanding Actor in a Motion Picture</u>	<u>Will Smith</u>	Won	
		<u>Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Motion Picture</u>	<u>Aunjanue Ellis</u>	Nominated	
		<u>Outstanding Ensemble Cast in a Motion Picture</u>	<u>Jon Bernthal, Aunjanue Ellis, Tony Goldwyn, Saniyya Sidney, Demi Singleton, Will Smith</u>	Nominated	
		<u>Outstanding Soul/R&amp;B Song</u>	"Be Alive" ( <u>Beyoncé</u> and <u>DIXSON</u> )	Nominated	
<u>National Board of Review Awards</u>	<u>December 2, 2021</u>	<u>Top Ten Film</u>	<i>King Richard</i>	Won	[91]
		<u>Best Actor</u>	<u>Will Smith</u>	Won	

		<u>Best Supporting Actress</u>	<u>Aunjanue Ellis</u>	Won	
<u>Palm Springs International Film Festival</u>	January 6, 2022	Ensemble Performance Award	<u>Jon Bernthal, Aunjanue Ellis, Tony Goldwyn, Saniyya Sidney, Demi Singleton, Will Smith</u>	Won	[92]
<u>Philadelphia Film Festival</u>	November 3, 2021	Narrative Audience Award	<i>King Richard</i>	Won	[93]
<u>Producers Guild of America Awards</u>	March 19, 2022	<u>Best Theatrical Motion Picture</u>	Tim White, Trevor White, Will Smith	Nominated	[94]
<u>Satellite Awards</u>	<u>April 2, 2022</u>	<u>Best Motion Picture – Drama</u>	<i>King Richard</i>	Nominated	[95]
		<u>Best Director</u>	<u>Reinaldo Marcus Green</u>	Nominated	
		<u>Best Actor in a Motion Picture – Drama</u>	<u>Will Smith</u>	Nominated	
		<u>Best Supporting Actress</u>	<u>Aunjanue Ellis</u>	Nominated	
		<u>Best Original Screenplay</u>	<u>Zach Baylin</u>	Nominated	
		<u>Best Film Editing</u>	<u>Pamela Martin</u>	Nominated	
		<u>Best Original Song</u>	"Be Alive" (Beyoncé and DIXSON)	Nominated	
<u>SCAD Savannah Film Festival</u>	October 30, 2021	Outstanding Achievement in Cinema Award	<u>Aunjanue Ellis</u>	Won	[96]
<u>Screen Actors Guild Awards</u>	<u>February 27, 2022</u>	<u>Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Leading Role</u>	<u>Will Smith</u>	Won	[97]
		<u>Outstanding Performance by a Cast in a Motion Picture</u>	<u>Jon Bernthal, Aunjanue Ellis, Tony Goldwyn, Saniyya Sidney, Demi Singleton, Will Smith</u>	Nominated	
<u>St. Louis Gateway Film Critics Association</u>	<u>December 12, 2021</u>	<u>Best Actor</u>	<u>Will Smith</u>	Nominated	[98]
		<u>Best Supporting Actress</u>	<u>Aunjanue Ellis</u>	Nominated	
<u>Washington D.C. Area Film Critics Association Awards</u>	<u>December 6, 2021</u>	<u>Best Actor</u>	<u>Will Smith</u>	Nominated	[99]
		<u>Best Supporting Actress</u>	<u>Aunjanue Ellis</u>	Won	
		<u>Best Original Screenplay</u>	<u>Zach Baylin</u>	Nominated	
		<u>Best Youth Performance</u>	<u>Saniyya Sidney</u>	Nominated	
<u>Women Film Critics Circle</u>	<u>December 11, 2021</u>	<u>Best Actor</u>	<u>Will Smith</u>	Won	[100]
		<u>Best Equality of the Sexes</u>	<i>King Richard</i>	Won	
<u>Writers Guild of America Awards</u>	March 20, 2022	<u>Best Original Screenplay</u>	<u>Zach Baylin</u>	Nominated	[101]

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