

Reagan (2024 film)

Reagan is an upcoming American biographical historical drama film directed by Sean McNamara and written by Howard Klausner and Jonas McCord, based on the 2006 book by Paul Kengor *The Crusader: Ronald Reagan and the Fall of Communism*. The film stars Dennis Quaid as Ronald Reagan. Penelope Ann Miller, Robert Davi, Lesley-Anne Down and Jon Voight feature in supporting roles.

Principal photography on the film began on September 9, 2020, and included locations such as Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Reagan is scheduled to be theatrically released in the United States on August 30, 2024.

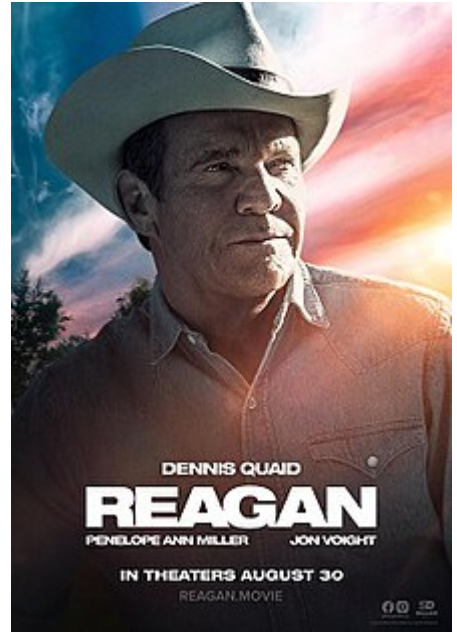
Premise

The film follows Ronald Reagan's life from his childhood to his years as president of the United States, told by a former KGB agent.

Cast

- Dennis Quaid as Ronald Reagan^[2]
 - Tommy Ragen as young Ronald Reagan^[3]
 - David Henrie as young adult Ronald Reagan^[4]
- Penelope Ann Miller as Nancy Reagan^[5]
- Nick Searcy as James Baker^[6]
- C. Thomas Howell as Caspar Weinberger^[7]
- Kevin Dillon as Jack L. Warner^[8]
- Skip Schwink as Jimmy Carter^[9]
- Mena Suvari as Jane Wyman^[10]
- Jon Voight as Viktor Petrovich^[11]
- Trevor Donovan as John Barletta^[12]
- Lesley-Anne Down as Margaret Thatcher^[13]
- Aleksander Krupa as Mikhail Gorbachev^[14]
- Hideo Kimura as Yasuhiro Nakasone^[15]
- Robert Davi as Leonid Brezhnev^[16]
- Scott Stapp as Frank Sinatra^[17]
- Xander Berkeley as George Shultz^[18]
- Moriah Peters as Loyce Whiteman^[19]

Reagan



Theatrical release poster

Directed by	Sean McNamara
Screenplay by	Howard Klausner <div></div> Jonas McCord
Based on	<i>The Crusader: Ronald Reagan and the Fall of Communism</i> by Paul Kengor
Produced by	Mark Joseph
Starring	Dennis Quaid <div></div> Penelope Ann Miller <div></div> Robert Davi <div></div> Lesley-Anne Down <div></div> Jon Voight
Cinematography	Christian Sebaldt

- Amanda Righetti as Nelle Reagan^[20]
- Justin Chatwin as Jack Reagan^[20]
- Ryan Whitney as Margaret "Mugs" Cleaver^[21]
- Elya Baskin as B.E. Kertchman^[22]
- Chris Massoglia as Pat Boone^[23]
- Mark Moses as William P. Clark Jr.^[24]
- Dan Lauria as Tip O'Neill^[25]
- Darci Lynne^[26]
- Kevin Sorbo^[27]

Edited by	Clayton Woodhull
Production company	MJM Entertainment
Distributed by	ShowBiz Direct
Release date	August 30, 2024
Country	United States
Language	English
Budget	\$25 million ^[1]

Production

In 2010, it was announced producer Mark Joseph would be producing a feature film biopic of Ronald Reagan with Joseph having been inspired to take on such a project after reacting to the miniseries *The Reagans* with distaste.^[28] Screenwriter Jonas McCord had initially been uninterested in the project, but changed his mind after deciding that Reagan's childhood and formative years were very dramatically rich.^[28]

Klausner and McCord wrote the script based on a book by Paul Kengor: *The Crusader: Ronald Reagan and the Fall of Communism*.^[29] Kengor described the script's development as faithful to both his books and history.^[30]

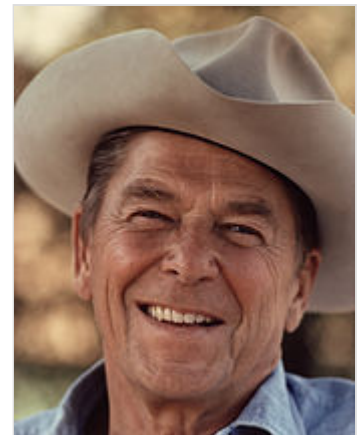
In 2012, Jon Voight was in discussions to portray Viktor Novikov, whom Kengor said "is actually a character based on a number of KGB agents and Soviet analysts who we now know were tasked with keeping tabs on Ronald Reagan for many years".^[31]

In August 2016, it was reported Sean McNamara, who had worked as a sound engineer at the age of 18 during filming of Reagan's inauguration ceremony in 1981, had signed on to direct.^[1] John G. Avildsen had been in negotiations to direct prior to his death.^[32]

Joseph had trouble securing financing for the film with several deals made before production actually started, only for the money to never actually come through. This led to Joseph turning to outside independent financing which made up the film's \$25 million budget.^[32]

Principal photography began on September 9, 2020. Filming locations included Guthrie, Oklahoma. It was announced on October 22, 2020, that filming had shut down after several crew members tested positive for COVID-19 in the midst of the ongoing pandemic.^{[33][34]} Filming resumed on November 5, 2020.^[10]

Release



The film's promotional poster recreates a famous photo of Ronald Reagan.

The film was originally due to be released in 2021 but was then delayed to a then-unknown date.^{[34][35][36]} In March 2024, it was announced ShowBiz Direct would distribute the film and that it would be released in theaters on August 30, 2024.^[37]

See also

- Cultural depictions of Ronald Reagan



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