

# The Devil Conspiracy

**The Devil Conspiracy** is a 2022 science fiction horror film written and produced by Ed Alan and directed by Nathan Frankowski. It stars Alice Orr-Ewing, Joe Doyle, Eveline Hall, Peter Mensah, Joe Anderson, Spencer Wilding, Brian Caspe and James Faulkner.

Filmed in the <u>Czech Republic</u> it was released at the <u>Brussels International Fantastic Film Festival</u> on September 10, 2022, and in theaters on January 13, 2023. The film received generally negative reviews from critics.

#### **Plot**

In a celestial conflict, <u>Lucifer</u> leads a rebellion and is cast into <u>Hell</u> by <u>God</u>. <u>Archangel Michael</u> attempts to chain Lucifer, but denies his plea for support.

In modern times, Laura investigates the angels' battle and is skeptical of its reality. A biotech firm, secretly a Luciferworshipping cult, aims to free Lucifer using the Shroud of Turin. The cult's leader Liz kills Father Marconi, steals the Shroud, and plans to use it to create a vessel for Lucifer.

Michael, possessing a priest, learns of a prophecy involving a wicked woman and a beast birthing Lucifer's vessel. Lucifer breaks free as cultists bring Laura and three other women: Sophia, Brenda, and Mia to their facility. The <u>Beast of the Earth</u> captures Laura and Sophia, but Lucifer possesses Sophia and kills the rest judging them as inadequate leaving only Laura for Lucifer to possess. Michael rescues Laura, encountering fallen angels who reveal the cult's plan to bring Hell to Earth.

Lucifer manipulates Laura, who momentarily breaks free, attempting suicide. Liz arrives, and Lucifer repossesses Laura to stop her. Michael retrieves his sword with the help of trapped souls. Laura gives birth to a child, fulfilling the prophecy. Michael reveals God's plan for the child to destroy Lucifer. Liz then decides to protect the baby and orders the cult's massacre.

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Theatrical release poster

Directed by	Nathan Frankowski
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Cinematography	Milan Chadima
Edited by	Nathan Frankowski
Music by	Anne-Kathrin Dern
Production companies	Czech Anglo Productions Film Mode Entertainment MBM3 Films

Michael saves Laura, and together they confront Liz, revealing the truth. Laura escapes with the child, and Michael battles the Beast. He closes the portal to Hell using explosives, destroying the facility. The child, now safe, is taken to the Vatican.

In the aftermath, Michael frees trapped souls from Hell, narrating the world's salvation. Liz spots the child in a forest, whispering "Lucifer." Lucifer's essence escapes but is then absorbed by the child.

#### Cast

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September 10, 2022 (Brussels) January 13, 2023
111 minutes
Czech Republic United States
English
\$984,341 <sup>[1]</sup>

- Alice Orr-Ewing as Laura Milton
- Joe Doyle as Father Marconi/Michael
- Eveline Hall as Liz
- Peter Mensah as Archangel Michael
- Joe Anderson as Lucifer
- Brian Caspe as Dr. Laurent
- James Faulkner as Cardinal Vincini
- Spencer Wilding as Beast of the Ground
- Victoria Chilap as Brenda
- Wendy Rosas as Sophia
- Natalia Germani as Alina

### **Production**

<u>Principal photography</u> took place in <u>Prague</u> and other <u>Czech Republic</u> locations from March to April 2019, under the working title, dEvil.

# Release and box office

*The Devil Conspiracy* was released at the <u>Brussels International Fantastic Film Festival</u> on September 10, 2022. [3] It was released theatrically on January 13, 2023, in the United States and Canada. [4] It grossed \$765,218 in the United States and Canada. In Russia it grossed \$193,793 and grossed \$25,330 in Colombia, making a worldwide total of \$984,341. [1]

## **Critical reception**

On the <u>review aggregator</u> website <u>Rotten Tomatoes</u>, 26% of 23 critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of 4.10/10. <u>Metacritic</u>, which uses a <u>weighted average</u>, assigned the film a score of 37 out of 100, based on six critics, indicating "generally unfavorable" reviews. [6]

Dennis Harvey writing for <u>Variety</u> said "If they're game for CGI-laden eye candy that treats Biblical prophesies with about as much respectful seriousness as the <u>National Treasure</u> franchise did American history, they'll be rewarded with a lively if overstuffed popcorn diversion". Describing it as a mashup of <u>The Da Vinci Code</u> and <u>Rosemary's Baby</u>, he praised Frankowski's "colorful stylistic" direction but called Alan's script "jumbled". Matt Donato from <u>IGN</u> gave the film a score of six out of ten, saying *The Devil Conspiracy* is a high-concept religious action flick with horror influences that sells its ambitions short but still entertains despite itself". [8]

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