

The Believer (2021 film)

The Believer is a 2021 American horror film written and directed by Shan Serafin. It stars Aidan Bristow, Sophie Kargman, Susan Wilder, Lindsay Ginter, Robbie Goldstein and Billy Zane.^[1] It runs for 91 minutes. The film is about a woman driven murderously insane by a mad doctor's strange alternative therapy.^{[2][3]}

Plot

An out-of-work nuclear scientist, struggles with tension in his marriage after his wife mysteriously terminates her pregnancy without his consent. As his physical health begins to inexplicably deteriorate, his wife's behavior grows increasingly bizarre and he seeks clarity from his therapist. Exhausted by his job search, strange events begin to occur in the home and his medical condition progressively declines. Dr. Benedict recommends they try an alternative therapy, but it only makes matters worse. Lucas questions Benedict's effectiveness as his grip on reality begins to fade. Violet arouses his ever-deepening suspicions, and after a visit from two mysterious guests, her insidious behavior becomes disturbingly pervasive. Lucas' anger and frustration turns to fear as Violet's sinister intentions are revealed. Lucas tries in vain to escape the evil web she has spun, but by the time he discovers the truth, it might be too late.

Cast

- Aidan Bristow as Lucas
- Sophie Kargman as Violet
- Susan Wilder as Charlotte
- Lindsey Ginter as Gus
- Robbie Goldstein
- Billy Zane as Dr. Benedict

Release

Freestyle Releasing releases *The Believer* On-Demand on April 2, 2021.^[4]

Reception

Alex Saveliev of *Film Threat* gave it a five out of ten and he wrote:

The Believer



Official release poster

Directed by	<u>Shan Serafin</u>
Written by	Shan Serafin
Produced by	Joshua Minyard Aidan Bristow Arthur Chtiyan William Day Frank Raul Gazteazoro Sophie Kargman Leo Livshetz
Starring	Aidan Bristow Sophie Kargman Susan Wilder <u>Lindsey Ginter</u> Robbie Goldstein <u>Billy Zane</u>

While admirable in its ambition, the end result just doesn't quite gel. Cool poster, though.^[5]

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Cinematography	John Nodorft
Edited by	Matthew Rundell
Music by	Kevin Lax <u>Jeff Toyne</u>
Production companies	Gypsy Lane Films 611 Films Relentless Escargot Productions
Distributed by	Artist View Entertainment <u>Freestyle Releasing</u>
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Country	United States
Language	English

External links

- *The Believer* (<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt6174150/>) at IMDb

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