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Suncoast (film)

Suncoast is a 2024 American coming-of-age drama film written and directed by Laura Chinn, in her feature directorial debut. It stars Laura Linney, Nico Parker and Woody Harrelson.^[2] The film's screenplay, written by Chinn and based on her life experience from the early 2000s, was included in the 2020 Black List.^{[3][4]}

The film premiered at the Sundance Film Festival on January 21, 2024. It was released in selected theaters in the United States on February 2, 2024, followed by a streaming release on Hulu on February 9, by Searchlight Pictures.

Plot

A semi-autobiographical coming-of-age story about a young woman dealing with her brother's serious illness and forming an unusual friendship with an eccentric activist.

Cast

- Nico Parker as Doris
- Laura Linney as Kristine
- Woody Harrelson as Paul Warren
- Daniella Taylor as Laci
- Ella Anderson as Brittany
- Amarr as Nate
- Ariel Martin as Megan Kaminski
- Keyla Monterroso Mejia as Nurse Mia
- Pam Dougherty as Sue
- Jason Burkey as Officer Chauncey
- Parker Sack as Adam
- Matt Walsh as Mr. Ladd
- Scott MacArthur as Sweet n' Low

Production

In August 2022, it was reported that Woody Harrelson and Laura Linney would star in the film, and be distributed by Searchlight Pictures.^[5]

<i>Suncoast</i>	
 <div>Official poster</div>	
Directed by	<u>Laura Chinn</u>
Written by	<u>Laura Chinn</u>
Produced by	<u>Jeremy Plager</u> <div>Francesca Silvestri</div> Kevin Chinoy
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Starring	<u>Laura Linney</u> <div><u>Nico Parker</u></div> <u>Woody Harrelson</u> <div><u>Matt Walsh</u></div>
Cinematography	<u>Bruce Francis Cole</u>
Edited by	<u>Sara Shaw</u>
Music by	<u>Este Haim</u> <div>Christopher Tracey</div>
Production companies	<u>Freestyle Picture Company</u>

Principal photography began in <u>Charleston, South Carolina</u> on September 20, 2022. ^[6] Filming halted later that month due to Hurricane Ian. ^{[7][8]} Filming resumed in <u>Moncks Corner, South Carolina</u> in October 2022. ^{[9][10]}	7 Deuce Entertainment
	Distributed by <u>Searchlight Pictures</u>
The film completed post-production in late 2023. ^[11]	Release dates January 21, 2024 (<u>Sundance</u>) February 2, 2024 (<u>United States</u>) February 9, 2024 (<u>Hulu</u>)
	Running time 109 minutes ^[1]
	Country United States
	Language English

Release

Suncoast premiered in the U.S. Dramatic Competition at the 2024 Sundance Film Festival on January 21, 2024.^[12] The film was released in selected theaters in the United States for a one-week engagement on February 2, 2024, followed by a streaming release on February 9 on Hulu in the United States, on Star+ in Latin America, and on Disney+ in other territories, by Searchlight Pictures.^{[13][14]}

Reception

Audience viewership

According to the streaming aggregator JustWatch, *Suncoast* was the third most streamed film in the United States during the week of February 4 to February 11, 2024.^[15] According to the streaming aggregator Reelgood, It was the ninth most streamed film in the United States during the week of February 14, 2024.^[16]

Critical response

On the review aggregator website Rotten Tomatoes, 76% of 97 critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of 6.6/10. The website's consensus reads: "A well-acted depiction of grief and self-discovery, *Suncoast* often overcomes its reliance on broad coming-of-age tropes with a light touch and a charming ensemble cast."^[17] Metacritic, which uses a weighted average, assigned the film a score of 61 out of 100, based on 23 critics, indicating "generally favorable" reviews.^[18]

Pete Hammond of *Deadline Hollywood* gave the film a positive review and wrote, “For Chinn this is clearly all personal, and though she has worked as a showrunner in television projects such as Florida Girls, this fine and moving drama marks a leap forward in a career that undoubtedly will be one to watch.”^[19] Esther Zuckerman of *IndieWire* graded the film a C+.^[20]

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