

# Madres

*Madres* (<u>lit.</u> 'Mothers') is a 2021 American <u>horror film</u> written by Mario Miscione and Marcella Ochoa directed by Ryan Zaragoza. It stars Ariana Guerra, <u>Tenoch Huerta</u>, <u>Elpidia Carrillo</u>, Kerry Cahill, Jennifer Patino, Britton Webb, and Evelyn Gonzalez. The film is the seventh installment in the anthological <u>Welcome to the Blumhouse</u> film series. [1][2]

<u>Jason Blum</u> serves as a producer under his <u>Blumhouse Television</u> banner.

### **Plot**

A Mexican American couple who are approaching the due date for their firstborn child. After moving to a farming community in California, the wife develops unusual symptoms with accompanying horrific visions. Together they try to determine if the combination of these strange occurrences is related to a legendary curse, or something even more evil. In the end, they have a healthy child named Jose, but the infertility drugs will still continue.

#### Cast

- Tenoch Huerta as Beto
- Elpidia Carrillo as Anita
- Kerry Cahill as Nurse Carol
- Ariana Guerra as Diana
- Jennifer Patino as Veronica
- Britton Webb as Man
- Evelyn Gonzalez as Marisol
- René Mena as Rafael Ernesto
- Jason Bayle as Dr. Nelson
- Ashleigh Lewis as Nurse Molly
- Robert Larriviere as Dr. Bell
- Joseph Garcia as Tomas
- Betsy Borrego as Pregnant Woman
- Harlon Miller as Man
- Rachel Whitman Groves as Woman
- Amelia Rico as Gabriela
- Leydi Morales as Rosa
- Sam Fisicaro as Woman
- Sharon Elizabeth Smith as Receptionist



Gustavo Munoz as Rafael

#### Release

The film was released in the United States on October 1, 2021 by Amazon Studios. [3]

# Reception

On review aggregator website <u>Rotten Tomatoes</u>, the film holds an approval rating of 72% based on 18 reviews, with an average rating of  $5.80/10.^{4}$  <u>Metacritic</u> assigned the film a weighted average score of 43 out of 100, based on 5 critics, indicating "mixed or average reviews". [5]

#### **Accolades**

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| Award ceremony                 | Category  | Recipient                               | Result    | Ref. |
|--------------------------------|---|---|-----------|------|
| NAACP<br>Image<br>Awards       | Outstanding<br>Writing in a<br>Television Movie<br>or Special | Mario<br>Miscione,<br>Marcella<br>Ochoa | Nominated | [6]  |
| Imagen<br>Foundation<br>Awards | Best Primetime<br>Program -<br>Special or Movie               | Madres                                  | Nominated | [7]  |
|                                | Best Actress -<br>Drama<br>(Television)                       | Ariana<br>Guerra                        | Nominated |      |

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| Cinematography | Felipe Vara de  |  |
|                | Rey             |  |
| Edited by      | Kristina        |  |
|                | Hamilton-       |  |
|                | Grobler         |  |
| Music by       | Isabelle        |  |
|                | Engman-         |  |
|                | Bredvik         |  |
|                | Gerardo Garcia  |  |
|                | Jr.             |  |
| Production     | Blumhouse       |  |
| company        | Television      |  |
| Distributed by | Amazon Studios  |  |
| Release date   | October 8, 2021 |  |
| Running time   | 83 minutes      |  |
| Country        | United States   |  |
| Languages      | English         |  |
|                | Spanish         |  |
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