

White Men Can't Jump (2023 film)

White Men Can't Jump is a 2023 American sports comedy film directed by Calmatic, and written by Kenya Barris and Doug Hall from a story they co-wrote with Ron Shelton.^[1] It is a remake of the 1992 film of the same name. It stars Sinqua Walls and Jack Harlow, in his acting debut, in the lead roles, alongside Teyana Taylor, Laura Harrier, Vince Staples, Myles Bullock, and Lance Reddick in one of his final film performances before his death in March 2023.^[2]

White Men Can't Jump was released on May 19, 2023, on Hulu. The film received mixed-to-negative reviews from critics. The film has an accompanying soundtrack.

Premise

In this modern remix of the iconic film, seemingly opposite street hoopers, Jeremy, an injury prone former star, and Kamal, a has-been prodigy, team up to take one final shot at living out their dreams.^[3]

—Hulu

Cast

- Sinqua Walls as Kamal
- Jack Harlow as Jeremy
- Lance Reddick as Benji
- Teyana Taylor as Imani
- Laura Harrier as Tatiana
- Myles Bullock as Renzo
- Vince Staples as Speedy
- Zak Steiner as Phillip Williamson
- J. Alphonse Nicholson as Jermaine
- Aiden Shute as Drew
- Bentley Green as Jacoby
- Andrew Schulz as TJ
- James Earl as Mooch

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Promotional release poster

Directed by	Calmatic
Screenplay by	Kenya Barris <div>Doug Hall</div>
Story by	Ron Shelton <div>Kenya BarrisDoug Hall</div>
Based on	<i>White Men Can't Jump</i> <div>by Ron Shelton</div>
Produced by	Kenya Barris <div>Paul Hall</div>
Starring	<div>Sinqua WallsJack HarlowTeyana TaylorLaura HarrierVince StaplesMyles BullockLance Reddick</div>

Additionally, [Stan Verrett](#), [Blake Griffin](#), [Taylor Rooks](#) and [Tyler Herro](#) play themselves.

Production

In January 2017, [Kenya Barris](#) was reported to be developing a *White Men Can't Jump* remake produced by [NBA](#) star [Blake Griffin](#) and [NFL](#) player [Ryan Kalil](#).^[4] In November 2021, [Calmatic](#) was revealed to be the director.^[5] In March 2022, rapper and actor [Jack Harlow](#) was cast in the film, in the role originally played by [Woody Harrelson](#).^[6] In April 2022, [Sinqua Walls](#) was cast as Kamal Allen, the equivalent of [Wesley Snipes](#)' character in the original 1992 film.^[7] Other characters include [Jermaine](#), who often antagonizes Kamal; [Bobby](#), Kamal's boss; and an opposing fan who trash-talks Kamal.^[8] Barris produced the film under his [Khalabo Ink Society](#) banner alongside [Hall](#), and [Kalil](#), [Griffin](#), and [Noah Weinstein](#) executive produce under their [Mortal Media](#) banner.^[7] On May 5, 2022, [Lance Reddick](#), [Teyana Taylor](#), and [Laura Harrier](#) were cast in the film.^[9] Additional castings included [Tamera "Tee" Kissen](#), [Myles Bullock](#), [Vince Staples](#), and [Zak Steiner](#).^[10]

Cinematography	Tommy Maddox-Upshaw
Edited by	Jonathan Schwartz
Music by	Marcelo Zarvos
Production companies	20th Century Studios <div>Khalabo Ink Society</div>
Distributed by	Hulu
Release date	May 19, 2023
Running time	101 minutes
Country	United States
Language	English

Filming began on May 11, 2022, in Los Angeles, with [Tommy Maddox-Upshaw](#) as the cinematographer.^[11] It wrapped up by July 2022.^[10] The film was scored by [Marcelo Zarvos](#) and will feature a soundtrack by [DJ Drama](#).^{[12][13]} By January 11, 2023, the film was in post-production.^[14]

Release

Streaming

White Men Can't Jump was released on May 19, 2023, on [Hulu](#).^[15]

Reception

Audience viewership

According to [Whip Media's TV Time](#), *White Men Can't Jump* was the fifth most streamed film across all platforms in the United States, during the week of May 21, 2023,^[16] and the ninth during the week of May 28, 2023.^[17]

Critical response

On the [review aggregator](#) website [Rotten Tomatoes](#), 26% of 88 critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of 4.5/10. The website's consensus reads: "Never mind being able to get air - the *White Men Can't Jump* remake struggles to come up with reasons for its own existence."^[18] [Metacritic](#), which uses a [weighted average](#), assigned the film a score of 40 out of 100, based on 23 critics, indicating "mixed or average" reviews.^[19]

Wendy Ide of *The Observer* gave the film three out of five stars, writing, "It's fine. But the abrasive edges of the original have been smoothed in favour of a safer, more generic template sport movie approach."^[20] Robert Daniels of *RogerEbert.com* gave it one out of four stars, calling it "as unimaginative as it is corny, as dull as it is cheap, and as unfulfilling as any cash grab for a well-known property could be."^[21]

Accolades

Lance Reddick received a nomination for Outstanding Supporting Performance in a TV Movie or Limited Series at the 2023 Black Reel Awards for Television.^{[22][23]}

See also

- List of basketball films

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