

Consecration (film)

Consecration is a 2023 <u>supernatural horror-thriller film</u> directed by <u>Christopher Smith</u> from a script he co-wrote with Laurie Cook, and starring <u>Jena Malone</u>, <u>Danny Huston</u> and <u>Janet Suzman</u>. Shot in Scotland on the <u>Isle of Skye</u>, the film was released in the United Kingdom and United States on February 10, 2023.

Synopsis

An English woman arrives at a <u>convent</u> on the <u>Isle of Skye</u> looking to find out the truth about her Priest brother's death, but discovers that he was himself also a suspect in a murder investigation. The protagonist had powers as a child, with no recollection of her past. After learning of her brother's death she travels to Scotland to uncover the secrets the convent is keeping. [3]

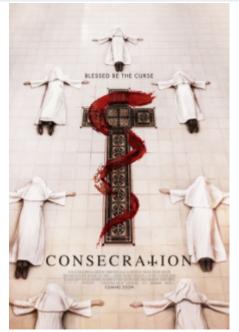
Cast

- Jena Malone as Dr. Grace Fario
 - Daisy Allen as Young Grace
- Danny Huston as Father Romero
- Janet Suzman as Mother Superior
- Thoren Ferguson as DCI Officer Harris
- Eilidh Fisher as Sister Meg
- Alexandra Lewis as Sister Beth
- Jolade Obasola as Sister Matilda
- Will Keen as Dr. John Holmes
- Steffan Cennydd as Michael Fario
 - Kit Rakusen as Young Michael
- Ian Pirie as Vincent Fario
- Shaun Scott as Father Carol

Production

The project was first reported in <u>Variety</u> in July 2021 with a shooting schedule set for later that summer, [4] and an aim to pitch the film to sellers at the <u>2021 Cannes Film Festival</u>. [5] In October 2021, <u>Jena Malone</u>, <u>Danny Huston</u> and <u>Janet Suzman</u> were cast. [6]

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Theatrical release poster

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Directed by	Christopher Smith
Written by	Christopher Smith
	Laurie Cook
Produced by	Laurie Cook
	Jason Newmark
	Xavier Marchand
	Casey Herbert
	Stuart Ford
Starring	Jena Malone
	Danny Huston
	Janet Suzman
Cinematography	Rob Hart
	Shaun Mone
Edited by	Arthur Davis
Music by	Nathan Halpern
Production companies	AGC Studios
	Moonriver Content
	Newscope Films
	Bigscope Films

The film was produced by <u>AGC Studios</u>, produced by Xavier Marchand of Moonriver Content, Jason Newmark of Newscope Films and Laurie Cook of Bigscope Films who was also cowriter. It was financed by AGC with additional financing by Sherborne Capital. Smith told <u>Entertainment Weekly</u> he was inspired to make the film by due to his inherent fascination with all denominations of religion apparent strange essence saying "I'm never more spooked out than if I walk into a church or a temple. I wanted to make a movie about religion but do it seriously." [7]

Distributed by	IFC Films
Release date	February 10, 2023
Running time	90 minutes
Countries	United Kingdom
	United States
Language	English
Box office	\$2.4 million ^{[1][2]}

Principal photography took place in October 2021 in London and Scotland. [8]

Release

<u>IFC Films</u> distributed the film theatrically in the United States with <u>Shudder</u> having the first streaming window. <u>[9]</u> *Consecration* was released on February 10, 2023, in the United Kingdom and United States; March 3, 2023 on VOD; and May 19, 2023, on Shudder. <u>[10]</u> The film was screened at the <u>Glasgow Film</u> Festival on March 11, 2023. <u>[11]</u>

Reception

On the <u>review aggregator</u> website <u>Rotten Tomatoes</u>, 42% of 62 critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of 5/10. The website's consensus reads: "Despite being blessed with Jena Malone in the lead, *Consecration* serves up Catholic-themed horror that's far more hoary than hallowed." Metacritic gave the film a weighted average score of 40 out of 100, based on 12 critics, indicating "mixed or average reviews". [13]

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