

*Kinds of Kindness* is a 2024 absurdist dark comedy<sup>[2][3]</sup> anthology film directed by Yorgos Lanthimos from a screenplay he co-wrote with Efthimis Filippou. The film stars Emma Stone, Jesse Plemons, Willem Dafoe, Margaret Qualley, Hong Chau, Joe Alwyn, Mamoudou Athie, and Hunter Schafer.

*Kinds of Kindness* had its world premiere at the 77th Cannes Film Festival on May 17, 2024, and is scheduled to be released in the United States by Searchlight Pictures on June 21, 2024, and in Ireland and the United Kingdom on June 28, 2024.

## Premise

*Kinds of Kindness*, described as a "trptych fable", consists of three distinct but loosely connected stories. The first segment, "*The Death of R.M.F.*," follows a man who seeks to take charge of his own destiny after breaking away from his powerful boss. The second, "*R.M.F. is Flying*," depicts a man plagued by suspicions that his spouse, who has recently returned after being reported missing, is an imposter. The final segment, "*R.M.F. Eats a Sandwich*," revolves around a cultist's task to find a specific person with the ability to resurrect the dead.<sup>[4][5]</sup>

## Cast

- Emma Stone as:<sup>[6]</sup>
  - Rita (segment "*The Death of R.M.F.*")
  - Liz (segment "*R.M.F. is Flying*")
  - Emily (segment "*R.M.F. Eats a Sandwich*")
- Jesse Plemons as:<sup>[6]</sup>
  - Robert (segment "*The Death of R.M.F.*")
  - Daniel (segment "*R.M.F. is Flying*")
  - Andrew (segment "*R.M.F. Eats a Sandwich*")
- Willem Dafoe as:<sup>[6]</sup>
  - Raymond (segment "*The Death of R.M.F.*")
  - George (segment "*R.M.F. is Flying*")
  - Omi (segment "*R.M.F. Eats a Sandwich*")

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Theatrical release poster

Directed by	Yorgos Lanthimos
Written by	Yorgos Lanthimos Efthimis Filippou
Produced by	Ed Guiney Andrew Lowe Yorgos Lanthimos Kasia Malipan
Starring	Emma Stone Jesse Plemons Willem Dafoe Margaret Qualley Hong Chau Joe Alwyn Mamoudou Athie

- [Margaret Qualley](#) as:<sup>[6]</sup>
  - Vivian (segment "*The Death of R.M.F.*")
  - Martha (segment "*R.M.F. is Flying*")
  - twins Ruth and Rebecca (segment "*R.M.F. Eats a Sandwich*")
- [Hong Chau](#) as:<sup>[6]</sup>
  - Sarah (segment "*The Death of R.M.F.*")
  - Sharon (segment "*R.M.F. is Flying*")
  - Aka (segment "*R.M.F. Eats a Sandwich*")
- [Joe Alwyn](#) as:<sup>[6]</sup>
  - collectibles appraiser man 1 (segment "*The Death of R.M.F.*")
  - Jerry (segment "*R.M.F. is Flying*")
  - Joseph (segment "*R.M.F. Eats a Sandwich*")
- [Mamoudou Athie](#) as:<sup>[6]</sup>
  - Will (segment "*The Death of R.M.F.*")
  - Neil (segment "*R.M.F. is Flying*")
  - the morgue nurse (segment "*R.M.F. Eats a Sandwich*")
- [Hunter Schafer](#) as Anna (segment "*R.M.F. Eats a Sandwich*")<sup>[6]</sup>
- [Yorgos Stefanakos](#) as R.M.F.<sup>[7]</sup>
- [Merah Benoit](#) as Emily's daughter (segment "*R.M.F. Eats a Sandwich*")<sup>[8]</sup>

## Production

[Yorgos Lanthimos](#) and [Efthymis Filippou](#) wrote the script for the film, originally titled *And*, under development with [Element Pictures](#) and [Film4](#), and [Searchlight Pictures](#) agreed to distribute the film, which Lanthimos would direct as well. [Emma Stone](#), [Jesse Plemons](#), [Willem Dafoe](#), and [Margaret Qualley](#) were set to star in the film with plans to begin shooting in [New Orleans](#) in October.<sup>[9]</sup> In October 2022, [Hong Chau](#),<sup>[10]</sup> [Joe Alwyn](#),<sup>[11]</sup> and [Mamoudou Athie](#) joined the cast.<sup>[12]</sup> In a February 2023 interview, [Hunter Schafer](#) revealed she had "a little cameo" in the film.<sup>[13]</sup>

Filming took place in New Orleans from October 24 to December 16, 2022.<sup>[14][15]</sup> The three stories in the triptych were filmed back to back and each story took three weeks to be completed.<sup>[16]</sup> In December 2023, the film was re-titled *Kinds of Kindness*.<sup>[17]</sup>

## Release

	<a href="#">Hunter Schafer</a>
<b>Cinematography</b>	<a href="#">Robbie Ryan</a>
<b>Edited by</b>	<a href="#">Yorgos Mavropsaridis</a>
<b>Music by</b>	<a href="#">Jerskin Fendrix</a>
<b>Production companies</b>	<a href="#">Element Pictures</a> <p><a href="#">Film4</a></p> <p><a href="#">TSG Entertainment</a></p>
<b>Distributed by</b>	<a href="#">Searchlight Pictures</a>
<b>Release dates</b>	May 17, 2024 ( <a href="#">Cannes</a> ) <p>June 21, 2024 (<a href="#">United States</a>)</p> <p>June 28, 2024 (<a href="#">Ireland and United Kingdom</a>)</p>
<b>Running time</b>	165 minutes
<b>Countries</b>	<a href="#">Ireland</a> <p><a href="#">United Kingdom</a></p> <p><a href="#">United States</a></p>
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Budget</b>	\$15 million <sup>[1]</sup>

*Kinds of Kindness* had its world premiere at the 77th Cannes Film Festival in-competition on May 17, 2024.<sup>[18][19]</sup> It is scheduled to be released in the United States by Searchlight Pictures on June 21, 2024, and in Ireland and the United Kingdom on June 28, 2024.<sup>[20]</sup> The film is also scheduled to be released in Greece by Feelgood on May 30, 2024.<sup>[21]</sup>

## Reception

On the review aggregator website Rotten Tomatoes, 83% of 40 critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of 6.6/10.<sup>[22]</sup> Metacritic, which uses a weighted average, assigned the film a score of 71 out of 100, based on 20 critics, indicating "generally favorable" reviews.<sup>[23]</sup>

## Accolades

Award	Date of ceremony	Category	Recipient(s)	Result	Ref.
<u>Cannes Film Festival</u>	<u>May 25, 2024</u>	<u>Palme d'Or</u>	<u>Yorgos Lanthimos</u>	Pending	<sup>[24]</sup>

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