

The Resort (film)

The Resort is a 2021 American horror film written and directed by Taylor Chien. It stars Bianca Haase, Brock O'Hurn, Michael Vlamis, and Michelle Randolph. The movie was shot in 2019, and hip-hop artist Quavo helped produce it after being encouraged by main producer Will Meldman. [3]

The film focuses on four friends who head to Hawaii to investigate reports of a haunting at an abandoned resort in hopes of finding the infamous "Half-Faced Girl". [4][5]

Plot

Lex, a writer who studies <u>horror fiction</u>, and her three friends travel to a <u>Hawaiian island</u> to investigate reports of a haunting at an abandoned hotel resort. The group starts off joking and playing in a scenic waterfall, but it quickly turns into a night of horror when they can't find the way they came, their flashlights are dying, and the Half-Face Girl from the ghost stories about the resort begins coming after them.

Bree is the first death, when a security car locks everyone but her out of it, the engine starts on its own and drives her off the resort balcony. After Chris confirms Bree's state, the three take off in order to exit and escape the Half-Face Girl. Sam is then possessed, causing concern from the rest of the group. He tries to strangle Chris, only for Lex to stab him in the neck with scissors. Due to his new nature, he doesn't quite die, and the Half-Face Girl rips off Sam's face. The Half-Face Girl then stalks after Lex and Chris, who attempt to exit in an elevator. Chris sacrifices himself so that Lex can get up the elevator as the Half-Face Girl tries to climb up and reach her.

Upon exiting, Lex finds Bree, who is badly injured and blinded from the crash. Seemingly possessed, Bree sings happy birthday to Lex, before igniting a flame beneath herself. Lex narrates this all from a hospital bed to a skeptical detective, who's unsure how to take all that she's saying, especially since the photos she took aren't on her phone anymore. Lex claims that it's also hard to watch all your friends die to something so unbelievable. When the

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Theatrical release poster

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Starring	Bianca Haase
	Brock O'Hurn
	Michael Vlamis
	Michelle Randolph
Cinematography	Adriaan Kirchner
Edited by	Joe Homokay
Music by	John "Fingazz" Stary
Production companies	Double Down Pictures
	Moonbase
Distributed by	Vertical Entertainment
Release date	April 30, 2021
Running time	75 minutes
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detective gets up to make a call to his station, under the guise of scouring the island to help find whoever caused the deaths of her friends, Lex starts fooling with her camera. After taking a picture of the detective, she notices that he has similar veins to that of the possessed, and

Country	United States
Language	English
Box office	\$191,996 ^{[1][2]}

lowers her phone. The place around her crumbles, revealing that she's still back at the resort. She never left.

Cast

- Bianca Haase as Lex
- Brock O'Hurn as Chris
- Michael Vlamis as Sam
- Michelle Randolph as Bree
- Dave Sheridan as Detective
- Dante Jimenez as Mike
- Romualdo Castillo as Henry
- Andy Bumatai as Helicopter Pilot
- Rebecca Jarvis as Jessica
- Avery Pascual as Sarah
- Casey Dacanay as Mrs. Kendall
- Joaquin Veizaga as Preston
- Danika Massey as Paranormal P.I. Host
- Brandon B. Graham as The Haunting Of Kilahuna Narrator

Release

The film received a limited release in the United States on April 30, 2021, by Vertical Entertainment. [6]

Reception

On the <u>review aggregator</u> website <u>Rotten Tomatoes</u>, 42% of 19 critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of $3.70/10.^{[7]}$

Bobby LePire of *Film Threat* gave it a 7.5 out of 10 and wrote: "*The Resort* takes a while to get to the good stuff, and the rhythm is interrupted every now and then. But the scares are effective, the cast does what they can with the material, and the cinematography is great. [8]

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