

# Late Bloomers (2023 film)

***Late Bloomers*** is a 2023 American coming-of-age comedy drama film, directed by Lisa Steen in her directorial debut, from a screenplay by Anna Greenfield. It stars Karen Gillan, Margaret Sophie Stein, Jermaine Fowler, Talia Balsam and Kevin Nealon. Principal photography took place in New York.

The film had its world premiere at South by Southwest on March 10, 2023, and is scheduled to be released on June 7, 2024, by Vertical.

## Synopsis

Louise, an aimless twenty-something musician who is recently single, is injured when she drunkenly breaks her hip. The subsequent physical therapy sees her associate with people twice her age, and she meets Antonina, a Polish lady who speaks no English, and is hired to be her caretaker.<sup>[1]</sup>

## Cast

- Karen Gillan as Louise
- Margaret Sophie Stein as Antonina
- Jermaine Fowler as Brick
- Talia Balsam as Dorothy
- Kevin Nealon as Al
- Michelle Twarowska as Sylvia

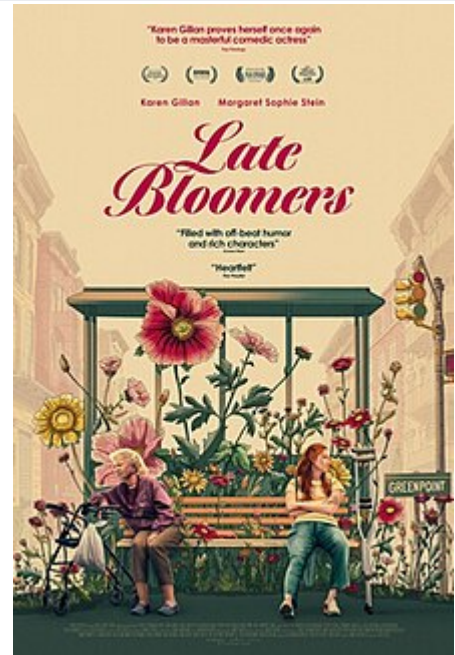
## Production

The script was written by Anna Greenfield and based on her personal experiences. Greenfield collaborated on the film with Lisa Steen, whom she had known since college.<sup>[2]</sup> In July 2022, Karen Gillan, Margaret Sophie Stein, and Jermaine Fowler were revealed to have joined the cast, and principal photography was said to have wrapped in Brooklyn, New York. The film was produced by We're Doin' Great and Park Pictures.<sup>[3]</sup>

## Release

The film had its world premiere at the South by Southwest Festival in Austin, Texas on March 10, 2023.<sup>[4]</sup> In March 2024, Vertical acquired distribution rights to the film.<sup>[5]</sup> It is scheduled to be

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Theatrical release poster

<b>Directed by</b>	Lisa Steen
<b>Screenplay by</b>	Anna Greenfield
<b>Produced by</b>	Sam Bisbee Alexandra Barreto Taylor Feltner
<b>Starring</b>	<u>Karen Gillan</u> <u>Margaret Sophie Stein</u> <u>Jermaine Fowler</u> <u>Talia Balsam</u> <u>Kevin Nealon</u>
<b>Cinematography</b>	John de Menil
<b>Edited by</b>	Anisha Acharya
<b>Music by</b>	Osei Essed
<b>Production companies</b>	We're Doin' Great Park Pictures

released on June 7, 2024.<sup>[6]</sup>

## Reception

### Critical reception

On the review aggregator website Rotten Tomatoes, 80% of 10 critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of 6.10/10.<sup>[7]</sup> Metacritic, which uses a weighted average, assigned the film a score of 58 out of 100, based on 5 critics, indicating "mixed or average" reviews.<sup>[8]</sup>

In *Deadline Hollywood*, Damon Wise described *Late Bloomers* as "an intimate, defiantly female-fronted indie, showcasing an engaging and refreshingly vanity-free performance from Karen Gillan".<sup>[9]</sup> Jason Bailey of *The Playlist* felt the film was predictable in places and had familiar tropes, but described it as "about as well-acted and enjoyable a version of this particular thing as you're likely to find."<sup>[10]</sup> Samantha Bergeson of *IndieWire* gave the film a grade of D, writing that "the film doesn't open up in time to blossom into something great", and its "whispers of emotional depth...come too little and too late."<sup>[4]</sup>

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<b>Distributed by</b>	<u>Vertical</u>
<b>Release dates</b>	March 10, 2023 (SXSW)  June 7, 2024 (United States)
<b>Running time</b>	89 minutes
<b>Country</b>	United States
<b>Language</b>	English

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