

Swan Song (2021 Todd Stephens film)

(Redirected from Swan Song (Todd Stephens film))

Swan Song is a 2021 American drama film, written, directed, and produced by Todd Stephens. It stars Udo Kier, Jennifer Coolidge, Linda Evans, Michael Urie, Ira Hawkins, and Stephanie McVay.

It had its world premiere at South by Southwest on March 17, 2021. It was released in a limited release on August 6, 2021, prior to video on demand on August 13, 2021, by Magnolia Pictures.

Plot

Retired hairdresser Pat Pitsenbarger, once renowned as the "Liberace of Sandusky", takes a long walk to style his former client's hair for her funeral.^[3]

Cast

- Udo Kier as Pat Pitsenbarger
- Jennifer Coolidge as Dee Dee Dale
- Linda Evans as Rita Parker Sloan
- Michael Urie as Dustin
- Ira Hawkins as Eunice
- Stephanie McVay as Sue
- Tom Bloom as Walter Shanrock
- Justin Lonesome as Miss Velma
- Thom Hilton as Gabriel
- Shanessa Sweeney as Ro Ro
- Bryant Carroll as Lyle
- Shelby Garrett as Evie
- Catherine Albers as Janie
- Dave Sorboro as Josiah
- Roshon Thomas as Shaundell
- Annie Kitral as Miss Gertie
- Eric Eisenbrey as David
- Jonah Blechman as Tristan
- Tim Murray as Nurse
- Cheryl Talley-Sharp as Phyllis
- Ray Perrin as Scottie

Release

Swan Song	
 <div>Theatrical release poster</div>	
Directed by	Todd Stephens
Written by	Todd Stephens
Produced by	Todd Stephens <p>Eric Eisenbrey</p> <p>Tim Kaltenecker</p> <p>Rhet Topham</p> <p>Stephen Israel</p>
Starring	Udo Kier <p>Jennifer Coolidge</p> <p>Linda Evans</p> <p>Michael Urie</p> <p>Ira Hawkins</p> <p>Stephanie McVay</p>
Cinematography	Jackson Warner Lewis
Edited by	Spencer Schilly

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Reception

Swan Song received positive reviews from film critics. On the review aggregator website Rotten Tomatoes, 92% of 102 critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of 7.3/10. The website's consensus reads: "Udo Kier's layered performance lends *Swan Song* a nuance and poignancy that offset its potentially outlandish story."^[7] On Metacritic, the film holds a rating of 65 out of 100, based on 26 critics, indicating "generally favorable reviews".^[8]

Accolades

On December 14, 2021, Udo Kier was nominated for an Independent Spirit Award for Best Male Lead and Stephens for an Independent Spirit Award for Best Screenplay.^[9] On January 21, 2022, the film itself was nominated for a GLAAD Media Award for Outstanding Film – Limited Release.^[10]

Year	Award	Category	Recipient(s)	Result	Ref.
2022	<u>Independent Spirit Awards</u>	<u>Best Male Lead</u>	<u>Udo Kier</u>	Nominated	^[9]
2022	<u>Independent Spirit Awards</u>	<u>Best Screenplay</u>	<u>Todd Stephens</u>	Nominated	^[9]
2022	<u>GLAAD Media Awards</u>	<u>Outstanding Film – Limited Release</u>	<i>Swan Song</i>	Nominated	^[10]

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Music by	Chris Stephens
Production companies	Luna Pictures House of Gemini XYZ Films
Distributed by	<u>Magnolia Pictures</u>
Release dates	March 17, 2021 (SXSW) August 6, 2021 (United States)
Running time	105 minutes
Country	United States
Language	English
Box office	\$177,903 ^{[1][2]}

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