

Out of Death

Out of Death is a 2021 American action thriller film^[3] directed by Mike Burns and starring Bruce Willis and Jaime King.^{[4][5][6]}

Plot

Photojournalist Shannon Mathers embarks on a solo hike to scatter her father's ashes. Along the way, she witnesses a secret drug deal involving corrupt cop Billie Jean Stanhope. Shannon hides and takes pictures of it, but she is discovered and chased. Newly retired city police officer Jack Harris just lost his wife to cancer and went to a remote mountain cabin owned by his niece Pam to get over his loss. While walking thoughtfully in the woods, Jack runs into Jean as she is about to execute Shannon. He draws his gun and tries to take Shannon away, but from then on they must escape a network of violent and corrupt cops and their sheriff Hank Rivers, who is running for mayor.

Cast

- Bruce Willis^[7] as retired police officer Jack Harris^{[8][9]}
- Jaime King^[7] as Shannon Mathers^{[8][9]}
- Lala Kent^[10] as Deputy Officer Billie Jean Stanhope^{[8][9]}
- Michael Sirow^[7] as Hank Rivers^[9]
- Tyler Olson^[7] as Tommy Rivers^[9]
- Kelly Greyson^[7] as Pam Harris^{[8][9]}
- Mike Burns^[7] as Officer Frank Rogers

Production

Filming occurred in November 2020. Complications with COVID-19 safety protocols created difficulties in getting the cast and crew cleared to shoot and delayed production for several days. As a result, the entire film was shot in nine days and all of Bruce Willis's scenes, which included 25 pages of dialogue, were shot in only one day.^[11] *Out of Death* is one of the last films to star Willis, who retired from acting because he was diagnosed with frontotemporal dementia.

Release

<i>Out of Death</i>	
 <div>From the producers of <i>THE IRISHMAN</i> and <i>LONE SURVIVOR</i></div> <div>JAIME KING BRUCE WILLIS</div> <div><i>OUT OF DEATH</i></div> <div>JUSTICE IS A MOVING TARGET</div>	
 <div>Theatrical release poster</div>	
Directed by	Mike Burns
Written by	Bill Lawrence
Produced by	Randall Emmett <div></div> George Furla <div></div> Chad A. Verdi <div></div> Luillo Ruiz <div></div> Shaun Sanghani
Starring	Jaime King <div></div> Bruce Willis <div></div> Kelly Greyson <div></div> Mike Burns
Cinematography	Peter Holland
Edited by	R.J. Cooper
Music by	Jacob Bunton <div></div> Mike Burns
Production companies	EFO

The film received a limited theatrical run and was released on demand by Vertical Entertainment on July 16, 2021.^{[9][12][13]}

Reception

Box office

Out of Death grossed \$0 in North America^[12] and \$95,813 in other territories,^[2] plus \$427,383 with home video sales.^[12]

Critical response

On Rotten Tomatoes, the film holds an approval rating of 0% based on 12 reviews and an average rating of 2.5/10.^[9]

Peter Bradshaw of *The Guardian* rated it 2 out of 5 and wrote:

"The film squanders one or two promising plot ideas, and winds up making a hamfisted paean of praise to the idea of "open carry" gun ownership."^[14] Todd Jorgenson of Cinemalogue gave the film a negative review and stated, "The cryptic title is about the only intriguing facet of this formulaic cat-and-mouse thriller."^[15] Brian Orndorf of Blu-ray.com gave the film a 'D-' and stated, "The latest stop on the 'Is Bruce Willis okay?' tour of VOD cinema."^{[a][17]} Peter Sobczynski of eFilmCritic.com gave the film 1 out of 5 stars and stated, "An astonishingly lethargic and empty-headed action-thriller."^[18] Mark Dujcik of Mark Reviews Movies gave the film 0.5 out of 4 stars and stated, "One ends up feeling pretty bad for everyone involved."^[19]

Accolades

As with all 2021 movies in which he appeared, Bruce Willis received a Golden Raspberry Award nomination for his performance in this movie in the category **Worst Performance by Bruce Willis in a 2021 Movie**. The category was later retracted after his family announced his retirement due to aphasia.^{[20][21]}

Notes

- a. On March 30, 2022 Willis's family announced his retirement following a diagnosis of aphasia. On February 16, 2023, Willis's family announced that he had been diagnosed with frontotemporal dementia.^[16]

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