

# Dawn of the Beast

***Dawn of the Beast*** is a 2021 American horror film written by Anna Shields and directed by Bruce Wemple. It stars Francesca Anderson, Adrián Burke, Chris Cimperman, Ariella Mastroianni, Roger Mayer and Anna Shields. The film is about graduate students searching for a bigfoot.<sup>[2][3][4]</sup>

## Synopsis

Aiming to see Bigfoot, students venture deep into an area of the Northeastern wilderness that is known for its strange creature sightings. Soon, they learn that there is a much more sinister evil lurking in the woods, the Wendigo.<sup>[5]</sup>

## Cast

- Francesca Anderson as Marie
- Adrián Burke as Chris
- Chris Cimperman as Jake
- Ariella Mastroianni as Isabella
- Roger Mayer as Cashier
- Willard Morgan as Dr. Dennis Kasdan
- Anna Shields as Lilly
- Grant Schumacher as Everett
- LeJon Woods as Oz
- J.Louris, JR as Shop Owner
- Shawn Maloy as The Sasquatch

## Production

Wemple and the crew designed *Dawn of the Beast* to resemble "Kind of a monster Gore Fest, classic, you know, seventies, eighties drive-in popcorn flick for everyone." Scriptwriter Anna Shields and Wemple, who helped develop the story, did not want the film to take itself too seriously and "lean into some of those cliches and some of those tropes", comparing the desired result to that of the *Evil Dead* films.<sup>[6]</sup>

## Release

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Official release poster

<b>Directed by</b>	Bruce Wemple
<b>Written by</b>	Anna Shields
<b>Produced by</b>	Roger Mayer Cole Payne
<b>Starring</b>	Francesca Anderson Adrián Burke Chris Cimperman Ariella Mastroianni Roger Mayer Anna Shields Grant Schumacher LeJon Woods
<b>Music by</b>	Nate VanDeusen
<b>Production companies</b>	377 Films Travers Terror
<b>Distributed by</b>	Uncork'd Entertainment

The film was released in United States on April 6, 2021 by Uncork'd Entertainment digitally and on DVD.<sup>[7][8][9]</sup>

<b>Release date</b>	April 6, 2021 <sup>[4]</sup>
<b>Running time</b>	82 minutes
<b>Country</b>	United States
<b>Language</b>	English

## Reception

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Critical reception for the film was mixed, with common praise centering on the gore and effects while common criticism focused on *Dawn of the Beast's* pacing.<sup>[5]</sup> Phil Wheat of Nerdly rate the film 4 out of 5, praising the film as having "decent gore and SUPERB monster effects". *Rue Morgue* felt that the movie had a good concept, but took too long to show any action and was "dragged down by its own bloated script".<sup>[10]</sup> Horror Society was more favorable, writing "Overall, *Dawn*

of the Beast will not be for everyone. In fact, I can see some of you bitching about it but if you are in the mood for something a little different then I would highly recommend this crazy ass movie. You won't see anything like it for some time."<sup>[11]</sup>

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