

Rosaline (film)

Rosaline is a 2022 American romantic comedy film directed by Karen Maine, written by Scott Neustadter and Michael H. Weber, and starring Kaitlyn Dever, Isabela Merced, Kyle Allen, Sean Teale, Christopher McDonald, Minnie Driver, and Bradley Whitford. It is based on the 2012 young adult novel *When You Were Mine* by Rebecca Serle, which in turn was inspired by William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*.

The film had its world premiere on October 6, 2022, at the El Capitan Theatre and was released on October 14, 2022, on Hulu in the United States, Disney+ internationally and Star+ in Latin America. The film was removed from Disney+ on May 26, 2023, but was later made available digitally on September 26, 2023.^[1]^[2]

Plot

Rosaline is a forward-thinking, ambitious young lady from the House Capulet. She has been secretly seeing Romeo, a member of the Capulets' rivals, the Montagues, and promises to meet him at the Capulet masquerade ball. Rosaline misses the ball due to a meeting with a suitor, Dario Penza, that goes awry when they are trapped on a boat in a storm; meanwhile, Romeo becomes smitten with Rosaline's cousin Juliet. Rosaline follows Romeo and sees him wooing Juliet.

Lord and Lady Capulet call on Rosaline's father Adrian, bringing Tybalt and Juliet with them. Rosaline informs Juliet that she knows of the latter's liaison with Romeo and spends more time with her, hoping to make Juliet forget about Romeo. Rosaline writes letters to Romeo and becomes dismayed when he does not write back. She learns Romeo is still courting Juliet and helps her spurn him, but Juliet finds a necklace engraved with Romeo's and Rosaline's names and realizes her cousin's plan. Juliet confidently declares Romeo will not return to Rosaline.

Rosaline convinces her friend Count Paris to court Juliet to distract from his homosexuality; the Capulets heartily accept the suit, to Juliet's dismay. Rosaline finds a letter from Romeo to Juliet and realizes the two are about to elope. Rosaline and Dario infiltrate the Montague estate, intending to stop the wedding, but are caught by guards and escape on horseback. Dario tells



Official release poster

Directed by	Karen Maine
Screenplay by	Scott Neustadter <div>Michael H. Weber</div>
Based on	<i>When You Were Mine</i> <div>by Rebecca Serle and Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare</div>
Produced by	Shawn Levy <div>Dan CohenDan Levine</div>
Starring	Kaitlyn Dever <div>Isabela MercedKyle AllenSean TealeChristopher McDonald</div>

Rosaline he is rejoining the navy. Rosaline realizes she did not truly love Romeo and sends his letters back to Juliet, but the message is intercepted by Tybalt. Romeo kills Tybalt in a duel; their respective fathers demand that Romeo and Juliet's marriage be annulled and declare war on each other.

Dario and Rosaline come to Juliet's room, offering to smuggle her and Romeo to safety, only to learn that Juliet has already carried out her plan to fake her death. Rosaline is assumed to have been at fault, but escapes with the help of her father. She arrives at Juliet's body to find Romeo still alive, as Dario had informed him of the plan. Rosaline tells Romeo to pretend to be dead, and scolds the arriving Montagues and Capulets for their feud. The families depart. Rosaline and Dario see Romeo and Juliet off at the docks before sharing a kiss.

In a mid-credits scene, Romeo and Juliet try to find common interests on the boat.

Cast

- Kaitlyn Dever as Rosaline Capulet
- Isabela Merced as Juliet Capulet
- Kyle Allen as Romeo Montague
- Sean Teale as Dario Penza
- Christopher McDonald as Lord Capulet
- Minnie Driver as Nurse Janet
- Bradley Whitford as Adrian Capulet, Rosaline's father
- Spencer Stevenson as Paris
- Nico Hiraga as Steve the Courier
- Alistair Toovey as Tybalt
- Alhaji Fofana as Benvolio
- Nicholas Rowe as Lord Montague
- Miloud Mourad Benamara as the Custodian
- Lew Temple as Mr. Danieli

Production

In May 2021, it was announced that 20th Century Studios had picked up the film, after initially starting development over at MGM. It was also announced that Karen Maine had been hired to direct the film based on a screenplay by Scott Neustadter and Michael H. Weber, which in turn is based on the 2012 young adult novel *When You Were Mine* by Rebecca Serle.^[3]

That same month, Kaitlyn Dever was cast in the title role.^[3] Later in June 2021, Isabela Merced was cast as Juliet.^[4] In July 2021, Kyle Allen was cast as Romeo.^[5] That same month, Bradley Whitford was cast.^[6] In August, Minnie Driver signed on to play a take on the Nurse from the original story.^[7]

	<u>Minnie Driver</u> <u>Bradley Whitford</u>
Cinematography	<u>Laurie Rose</u>
Edited by	<u>Jennifer Lee</u>
Music by	<u>Drum & Lace</u> <u>Ian Hultquist</u>
Production companies	<u>20th Century Studios</u> <u>21 Laps Entertainment</u>
Distributed by	<u>Hulu</u> (United States) <u>Disney+</u> (international; via <u>Star</u>) <u>Star+</u> (Latin America)
Release dates	October 6, 2022 (<u>El Capitan Theatre</u>) October 14, 2022 (United States)
Running time	96 minutes
Country	United States
Language	English

Filming began in Tuscany, Italy, in September 2021 and concluded that October.^{[8][9][10]}

Music

Drum & Lace and Ian Hultquist were attached to compose the film by May 2022.^[11] The two used instruments such as the harpsichord, lute, wooden flutes, and Renaissance drums alongside contemporary instruments like drum machines and analog and soft synths for the score, which was recorded in New York City. The two also had a 15-piece string ensemble.^[12]

Marketing

First look images were revealed on August 11, 2022.^{[13][14]} The official trailer was released on September 22, 2022, set to Icona Pop's 2012 song "I Love It".^{[15][16]} Writing for IndieWire, Samantha Bergeson stated that "*Rosaline* in part acts as a who's-who of Gen Z Hollywood", citing Dever, Merced, and Allen starring in the upcoming films *Ticket to Paradise*, *Madame Web*, and the now cancelled live-action *Masters of the Universe*, respectively.^{[15][17]}

Release

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Reception

Audience viewership

According to Whip Media, *Rosaline* was the sixth most streamed movie across all platforms in the United States during the week of October 16, 2022,^{[22][23]} and the 8th most streamed movie across all platforms in the United States during the week of October 21, 2022.^[24]

Critical response

On the review aggregator website Rotten Tomatoes, 74% of 81 critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of 6.5/10. The website's consensus reads: "*Rosaline* covers well-trod territory, but Kaitlyn Dever's engaging performance in the title role makes this period romance easy to love."^[25] Metacritic assigned the film a weighted average score of 61 out of 100 based on 17 critics, indicating "generally favorable reviews".^[26]

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