

Fear (2023 film)

Fear is a 2023 American <u>horror</u> <u>thriller</u> directed by <u>Deon</u> <u>Taylor</u>, <u>[5]</u> co-written by Taylor and John Ferry, and starring <u>Joseph Sikora</u>, <u>Andrew Bachelor</u>, <u>Annie Ilonzeh</u>, <u>Ruby Modine</u>, <u>Iddo Goldberg</u>, <u>Terrence Jenkins</u>, <u>Jessica Allain</u> and <u>Tip "T.I."</u> Harris. <u>[6]</u>

The film was released in the United States on January 27, 2023. It received generally negative reviews and grossed \$2.1 million.

Plot

A weekend vacation turns sinister when a group of friends confronts their worst fears one by one.

Cast

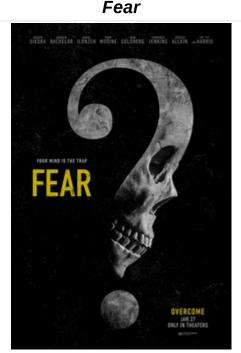
- Joseph Sikora as Rom
- Andrew Bachelor as Benny
- Annie Ilonzeh as Bianca
- Ruby Modine as Serena
- Iddo Goldberg as Michael
- Terrence Jenkins as Russ
- Jessica Allain as Meg
- Tip "T.I." Harris as Lou

Production

Fear, originally titled *Don't Fear*, was shot in 17 days in Kyburz, California, [1] during the COVID-19 pandemic in August 2020. [7]

The film's score was composed by <u>Geoff Zanelli</u>, who scored several of Taylor's previous films. [8]

Release



Theatrical	release	poster
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Directed by	Deon Taylor	
Written by	Deon Taylor	
	John Ferry	
Produced by	Roxanne Avent	
	Omar Joseph	
	Heather Kritzer	
	Deon Taylor	
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Starring	Joseph Sikora	
	Andrew Bachelor	
	Annie Ilonzeh	
	Ruby Modine	
	Iddo Goldberg	
	Terrence Jenkins	
	Jessica Allain	
	Tip "T.I." Harris	
Cinematography	•	
	Duskin ^[1]	
Edited by	Peck Prior	

Fear was set to be released on <u>Valentine's Day</u> weekend in 2022, as the first release of Hidden Empire Film Group's new distribution company, Hidden Empire Releasing. [9] The film was released in the United States on January 27, 2023. [10] It released via video on demand on April 25, 2023.

Reception

On the <u>review aggregator</u> website <u>Rotten Tomatoes</u>, 21% of 19 critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of 3.9/10. [11]

Matthew Monagle of *The Austin Chronicle* wrote, "It is frustrating to watch *Fear* carelessly oscillate between creature

Music by	Geoff Zanelli
Production company	Hidden Empire Film Group
Distributed by	Hidden Empire Releasing
Release date	January 27, 2023
Running time	98 minutes ^[2]
Country	United States
Language	English
Box office	\$2.1 million ^{[3][4]}

feature, haunted house movie, and folk horror... In the end, the scariest thing about *Fear* is its stock video opening montage — not a compliment any director wants to hear." [12] Katie Walsh of the *Tribune News Service* praised the cinematography, score and sound design, but criticized the script as "prov[ing] that it is possible to have too many ideas for just one film." She added, "Deadliest of all, *Fear* is just not scary. The jump scares don't land, the fears themselves are all a bit silly and it feels like Taylor is holding back for the majority of the run time." Common Sense Media's Jeffrey M. Anderson gave the film 2/5 stars, writing, "Despite a diverse cast and a nifty location, this soggy, inert horror movie unfolds with a most unimaginative collection of worn-out genre staples, starting with its bland title."

<u>Richard Roeper</u> of the <u>Chicago Sun-Times</u> gave the film 3/4 stars, writing, "There's nothing subtle or deeply original about *Fear*, though it does feature some impressive albeit low-budget special effects, first-rate production design and strong performances from the cast; it knows we've seen a dozen other movies about a group of friends who meet up in the country for what they hope will be an idyllic weekend, only to see things quickly go from mildly disturbing to truly weird to deeply concerning to horrifying bloody."

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