

Blood for Dust is a 2023 American action crime thriller film written by David Ebeltoft, directed by Rod Blackhurst. It stars Scoot McNairy, Kit Harington and Josh Lucas.

Blood for Dust won the Best Feature award at the 2023 San Diego International Film Festival. The film was released in the United States on April 19, 2024 to generally favourable reviews from critics.

Premise

Cliff, a former salesman with a checkered past, is pulled back into a life of crime after losing his job. Desperate to keep his family afloat, he's lured by his old colleague, Ricky, into trafficking drugs and guns for a cartel. As Cliff delves deeper, his once straight-laced life turns into a high-stakes game of survival.^[2]

Cast

- Scoot McNairy as Cliff^[3]
- Nora Zehetner as Amy
- Ethan Suplee as Slim
- Amber Rose Mason as Rebecca
- Stephen Dorff as Gus
- Josh Lucas as John^[3]
- Kit Harington as Ricky^[3]

Production

In May 2022, it was announced that McNairy, Harington and Lucas were cast in the film.^{[4][5][6]}

The film was shot in and around Billings, Montana, with principal photography wrapped in December 2022.^[7]

Release

Blood for Dust premiered at the Tribeca Film Festival in June 2023.^[8] The film had its European premiere at the Deauville American Film Festival in France on September 3, 2023.^{[9][10]}

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Film poster

Directed by	Rod Blackhurst
Screenplay by	David Ebeltoft
Story by	Rod Blackhurst David Ebeltoft
Produced by	Noah Lang Mark Fasano Nathan Klingher Bobby Campbell Arun Kumar Ari Novak Petr Jákł Bernard Kira Ryan Winterstern
Starring	<u>Scoot McNairy</u> <u>Kit Harington</u> <u>Josh Lucas</u> <u>Stephen Dorff</u>

In March 2024, The Avenue acquired the distribution rights to the film, with a release date on April 19, 2024.^[11]

Reception

Critical response

On the review aggregator website Rotten Tomatoes, 78% of 46 critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of 6.5/10. The website's consensus reads: "A grim throwback with a terrific cast, *Blood for Dust* is a spare and familiar story told with sturdy execution."^[12] Metacritic, which uses a weighted average, assigned the film a score of 58 out of 100, based on 5 critics, indicating "mixed or average" reviews.^[13]

Peter Debruge of *Variety* gave the film a positive review and wrote, "Bolstered by a strong, poker-faced ensemble with the good sense to underplay whatever menace each brings to the table, *Blood for Dust* does a fine job of making a familiar gambit feel unpredictable."^[14]

Jordan Mintzer of *The Hollywood Reporter* also gave the film a positive review and wrote, "Well-executed without breaking new ground."^[15]

Accolades

Blood for Dust won the Best Feature award at the 2023 San Diego International Film Festival.^[16]

At the Raindance Film Festival the film was nominated for Best International Film award, with McNairy nominated for Best Actor award.

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Cinematography	Justin Derry
Edited by	Justin Oakey
Music by	Nick Bohun
Production companies	R. U. Robot Studios Highland Film Group Gramercy Park Media Nickel City Pictures Witchcraft Motion Picture Company Short Porch Pictures BondIt Media Capital GoodWizard Productions JaiD7 Pictures Studio 507
Distributed by	The Avenue
Release dates	June 2023 (<u>Tribeca Film Festival</u>) April 19, 2024 (United States)
Running time	104 minutes ^[1]
Country	United States
Language	English

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