

The Listener (film)

The Listener is a 2022 American drama film directed by Steve Buscemi and written by Alessandro Camon. It stars Tessa Thompson in the film's only on-screen role as a helpline volunteer.

The film premiered at the 2022 Venice International Film Festival, and was released in the United States by Vertical Entertainment on March 29, 2024.

Plot

Cast

Tessa Thompson as Beth

Voice cast

- Margaret Cho as Corinne
- Rebecca Hall as Laura
- Alia Shawkat as Sharon
- Logan Marshall-Green as Michael
- Derek Cecil as Andy
- Blu del Barrio as Jinx
- Ricky Velez as Ellis
- Jamie Hector as Ray
- Casey Wilson as Ruby
- Bobby Soto as Chris

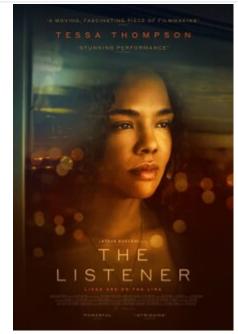
Production

The Listener was directed by Buscemi from a script by Alessandro Camon. It is an American <u>co-production</u> between Olive Productions, Sight Unseen Pictures, and Hantz Motion Pictures.

<u>Principal photography</u> took place in <u>Los Angeles</u> between August and September 2021. [2]

Release

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Theatrical release poster

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Directed by	Steve Buscemi
Written by	Alessandro Camon
Produced by	Wren Arthur
	Steve Buscemi
	Oren Moverman
	Lauren Hantz
	Tessa Thompson
Starring	Tessa Thompson
Cinematography	Anka Malatynska
Edited by	Kate Williams
Music by	Aska Matsumiya
Production	Hantz Motion
companies	Pictures
	Olive Productions
	Sight Unseen
	Pictures
Distributed by	Vertical
	Entertainment

The Listener premiered as the closing film of the Giornate Degli Autori section of the 2022 Venice International Film Festival on September 9, 2022. [3][4] It also screened in Industry Selects section of the 2022 Toronto International Film Festival. [5]

In February 2024, Vertical Entertainment acquired distribution rights to the film in North America, United Kingdom and Ireland, scheduling it for a day-and-date release in the United States on March 29, 2024. [6]

Release dates	September 9, 2022 (<u>Venice</u>) March 29, 2024 (United States)
Running time	96 minutes ^[1]
Country	United States
Language	English

Reception

On the <u>review aggregator</u> website <u>Rotten Tomatoes</u>, 71% of 31 critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of 6.50/10. <u>Metacritic</u>, which uses a <u>weighted average</u>, assigned the film a score of 63 out of 100, based on 7 critics, indicating "generally favorable" reviews. [8]

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