

Housekeeping for Beginners

Housekeeping for Beginners (Macedonian: Домаќинство за почетници, romanized: *Domakinstvo za početnici*) is a 2023 drama film written, directed and edited by Goran Stolevski. It stars Anamaria Marinca, Alina Serban, Samson Selim, Vladimir Tintor, Mia Mustafi, and Džada Selim. It is an international co-production between North Macedonia, Croatia, Serbia, Kosovo, Poland, Australia and the United States.

The film premiered on 6 September 2023, at the 80th Venice International Film Festival, where it won the Queer Lion. It was selected as the Macedonian entry for the Best International Feature Film at the 96th Academy Awards.^[4] It was released in the United States on 5 April 2024, and later in Australia on 9 May 2024.

Summary

Dita is forced to raise her girlfriend's two daughters even though she has never aspired to be a mother. A touching tale about an odd family's battle to be together emerges when their separate wills collide.

Cast

- Anamaria Marinca as Dita
- Alina Serban as Suada
- Samson Selim as Ali
- Vladimir Tintor as Toni
- Mia Mustafi as Vanesa
- Džada Selim as Mia
- Sara Klimoska as Elena
- Rozafa Celaj as Flora
- Ajse Useini as Teuta

Production

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Theatrical release poster

Directed by	Goran Stolevski
Written by	Goran Stolevski
Produced by	Blerta Basholli <div>Marija Dimitrova</div> <div>Beata Rzezniczek</div> <div>Klaudia Smieja</div> <div>Milan Stojanovic</div> <div>Anikca Tilic</div>
Starring	Anamaria Marinca <div>Alina Serban</div> <div>Samson Selim</div> <div>Vladimir Tintor</div> <div>Mia Mustafi</div> <div>Džada Selim</div>
Cinematography	Naum Doksevski
Edited by	Goran Stolevski
Music by	Alen Sinkauz <div>Nenad Sinkauz</div>
Production companies	List Production

In May 2022, it was announced [Goran Stolevski](#) would direct the film, with Marija Dimitrova serving as producer.^[5] [Principal photography](#) began by July 2022.^[6] In February 2023, it was announced [Anamaria Marinca](#) had joined the cast of the film.^[7]

Release

It had its world premiere in the [Orizzonti](#) section at the [80th Venice International Film Festival](#) on 6 September 2023.^[8] In August 2023, prior to the festival premiere, [Focus Features](#) acquired distribution rights to the film.^[9] It was also invited at the [28th Busan International Film Festival](#) in 'World Cinema' section and was screened on 5 October 2023.^[10] It was released in the United States on 5 April 2024,^[11] after being previously scheduled to be released on 26 January 2024.^[12] It will be

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Distributed by	<div>Focus Features</div> <div>(United States)</div> <div>Maslow</div> <div>Entertainment</div> <div>(Australia)</div> <div>Universal Pictures</div> <div>(International)</div>
Release dates	<div>6 September 2023</div> <div>(Venice)</div> <div>5 April 2024</div> <div>(United States)</div> <div>9 May 2024</div> <div>(Australia)</div>
Running time	107 minutes ^[1]
Countries	<div>Poland</div> <div>Serbia</div> <div>Australia</div> <div>Croatia</div> <div>Kosovo</div> <div>North Macedonia</div> <div>United States</div>
Languages	<div>Albanian</div> <div>Macedonian</div> <div>Romani</div>
Box office	\$301,777 ^{[2][3]}

released in Australia on 9 May 2024, with Maslow Entertainment co-distributing the film with Focus Features and Universal Pictures.^[13]

Reception

Accolades

Award	Date of ceremony	Category	Recipient(s)	Result	Ref.
<u>Venice Film Festival</u>	<u>9 September 2023</u>	<u>Orizzonti Award for Best Feature Film</u>	<u>Goran Stolevski</u>	Nominated	[8]
		<u>Queer Lion</u>		Won	[14]
		<u>Premio Fondazione Fai Persona Lavoro Ambiente – Special Mention</u>		Won	
<u>Chicago International Film Festival</u>	<u>22 October 2023</u>	<u>Gold Q-Hugo</u>	<i>Housekeeping for Beginners</i>	Nominated	[15]
		<u>Silver Q-Hugo</u>		Won	
<u>European Film Awards</u>	<u>9 December 2023</u>	<u>University Film Award</u>		Nominated	[16]

See also

- List of submissions to the 96th Academy Awards for Best International Feature Film
- List of Macedonian submissions for the Academy Award for Best International Feature Film

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