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| ***The Witcher***  **Genre** [Action](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Action_fiction)  [Adventure](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adventure_fiction) [Drama](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Drama_(film_and_television)) [Fantasy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fantasy_television)  **Created by** [Lauren](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lauren_Schmidt_Hissrich) [Schmidt](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lauren_Schmidt_Hissrich) [Hissrich](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lauren_Schmidt_Hissrich)  **Based on** [*The Witcher*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Witcher)by [Andrzej](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andrzej_Sapkowski) [Sapkowski](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andrzej_Sapkowski)  **Showrunner** Lauren Schmidt Hissrich  **Starring** [Henry Cavill](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_Cavill) [Anya Chalotra](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anya_Chalotra) [Freya Allan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Freya_Allan) [Eamon Farren](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eamon_Farren) [Joey Batey](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joey_Batey)  [MyAnna](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MyAnna_Buring) [Buring](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MyAnna_Buring)  [Royce](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Royce_Pierreson) [Pierreson](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Royce_Pierreson)  [Mimî M.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mim%C3%AE_M._Khayisa) [Khayisa](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mim%C3%AE_M._Khayisa)  [Wilson](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wilson_Mbomio) [Mbomio](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wilson_Mbomio)  [Anna Shaffer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anna_Shaffer) [Mahesh Jadu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mahesh_Jadu) |

***The Witcher*** is a [fantas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fantasy_television)y [drama](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Drama_(film_and_television)) television series created by [Lauren](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lauren_Schmidt_Hissrich) [Schmidt Hissrich](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lauren_Schmidt_Hissrich) for [Netflix](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Netflix). It is based on [the book series](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Witcher)[a] by Polish writer [Andrzej Sapkowski](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andrzej_Sapkowski). Set on a fictional, [medieval](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Medieval)- inspired landmass known as the Continent, *The Witcher* explores the legend of [Geralt of Rivia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geralt_of_Rivia), [Yennefer of Vengerberg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yennefer_of_Vengerberg) and [Princess](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_characters_in_The_Witcher_series#Ciri_of_Cintra) [Ciri](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_characters_in_The_Witcher_series#Ciri_of_Cintra). It stars [Henry Cavill](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_Cavill), [Anya Chalotra](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anya_Chalotra), and [Freya Allan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Freya_Allan).

The first season, consisting of eight episodes, was released on Netflix on December 20, 2019. It was based on [*The Last Wish*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Last_Wish)and [*Sword of Destiny*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sword_of_Destiny), which are collections of [short stories](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Short_stories) that precede the main *The Witcher* [saga](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saga). The second season, also consisting of eight episodes and based on the novel [*Blood of Elves*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blood_of_Elves), was released on December 17, 2021. In September 2021, Netflix renewed the series for a third season, which also consists of eight episodes, released in two volumes on June 29 and July 27, 2023. This will be followed by a fourth season, with [Liam Hemsworth](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liam_Hemsworth) taking over the role of Geralt of Rivia. In April 2024, the series was renewed for its fifth and final season.

An [animate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Animation)d [origin story](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Origin_story) film, *The Witcher: Nightmare of the Wolf*, was released on August 23, 2021. A [prequel](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prequel) [miniseries](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Miniseries), *The Witcher: Blood Origin*, was released on December 25, 2022.

# Synopsis

The story begins with Geralt of Rivia, Crown Princess Cirilla of Cintra, and the quarter-elf sorceress Yennefer of Vengerberg at different points in time, exploring formative events that shape their characters throughout the first season, before eventually merging into a single timeline.

Geralt and Ciri are linked by destiny since before she was born when he unknowingly demanded her as a reward for his services by invoking "the Law of Surprise". After the two finally meet, Geralt becomes the princess's protector and must help her and fight

against her various pursuers to prevent her Elder Blood and powerful magic from being used for malevolent purposes and keep Ciri and their world safe.

# Cast and characters

## Main

 [Henry Cavill](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_Cavill) as [Geralt of Rivia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geralt_of_Rivia), a magically enhanced monster hunter known as a "witcher". Cintran princess Ciri is his "destiny".

 [Anya Chalotra](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anya_Chalotra) as [Yennefer of Vengerberg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_characters_in_The_Witcher_series#Yennefer_of_Vengerberg), a quarter-[elf](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elf) sorceress.

 [Freya Allan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Freya_Allan) as [Ciri](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_characters_in_The_Witcher_series#Ciri_of_Cintra), Cirilla Fiona Elen Riannon, the [crown princess](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Crown_princess) of Cintra, granddaughter of Queen Calanthe and daughter of Pavetta, from whom she inherited the Elder Blood. She is linked to Geralt by destiny.

 [Eamon Farren](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eamon_Farren) as [Cahir Mawr Dyffryn aep Ceallach](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_characters_in_The_Witcher_series#Cahir_Mawr_Dyffryn_aep_Ceallach),

Tom Canton [Mecia Simson](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mecia_Simson) [Kim Bodnia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kim_Bodnia)

[Graham](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Graham_McTavish) [McTavish](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Graham_McTavish)

Cassie Clare [Hugh Skinner](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hugh_Skinner) [Bart Edwards](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bart_Edwards)

**Composers** [Sonya](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sonya_Belousova) [Belousova](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sonya_Belousova)

[Giona Ostinelli](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Giona_Ostinelli)

[Joseph](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joseph_Trapanese) [Trapanese](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joseph_Trapanese)[1]

**Country of origin** United States

Poland[2][3]

nicknamed the "Black Knight", a Nilfgaardian army commander who leads the invasion of Cintra and the

**Original language**

English

hunt for Cirilla.

[Joey Batey](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joey_Batey) as [Jaskier](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_characters_in_The_Witcher_series#Dandelion_(Jaskier)), a traveling [bard](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bard) who befriends Geralt and accompanies him on his path.

[MyAnna Buring](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MyAnna_Buring) as Tissaia de Vries (seasons 1–3), [mentor](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mentor) to Yennefer and the [Rectrix](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rector_(academia)) of Aretuza, a training

**No. of seasons** 3

**No. of episodes** 24

**Production**

academy for female [mages](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mage_(fantasy)).

[Mimî M. Khayisa](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mim%C3%AE_M._Khayisa) as Fringilla Vigo, a sorceress who trained alongside Yennefer. She eventually leads the Nilfgaardian invasion alongside Cahir.

[Anna Shaffer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anna_Shaffer) as [Triss Merigold](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_characters_in_The_Witcher_series#Triss_Merigold), a sorceress, the court mage of Temeria and advisor to King Foltest.

[Royce Pierreson](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Royce_Pierreson) as Istredd, an adept sorcerer and historian who befriends Yennefer at Aretuza.

[Wilson Mbomio](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wilson_Mbomio) as Dara, a refugee elf boy whom Cirilla befriends after the Slaughter of Cintra.

[Mahesh Jadu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mahesh_Jadu) as [Vilgefortz of Roggeveen](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_characters_in_The_Witcher_series#Vilgefortz), a charismatic sorcerer who rallies the northern mages to halt the invading Nilfgaardian army in Sodden. He later becomes the leader of the Brotherhood of Mages.

Tom Canton as Filavandrel (seasons 2–3; guest season 1), former king of the elves and Francesca's husband.

[Mecia Simson](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mecia_Simson) as Francesca Findabair (seasons 2– present), an elven sorceress, the current queen of the elves, and Filavandrel's wife who has made it her mission to lead her people into freedom and independence.

[Kim Bodnia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kim_Bodnia) as Vesemir (season 2), the oldest living witcher and Geralt's mentor and father figure.

**Executive producers**

Lauren Schmidt Hissrich

Simon Emanuel

[Alik Sakharov](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alik_Sakharov)

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[Mike](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mike_Ostrowski) [Ostrowski](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mike_Ostrowski)

Karol Żbikowski

 [Theo James](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Theo_James) has a vocal cameo in Season 1 as a young Vesemir. He reprises his role in the animated prequel film *The Witcher: Nightmare of the Wolf*.

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| **Producer** Beau DeMayo  **Production** Hungary  **locations** (season 1)  United Kingdom (seasons 2–3)  **Cinematography** Jean-Philippe  Gossart  Gavin Struthers  **Editors** Liana Del Giudice  Nick Arthurs Jean-Daniel Fernandez-  Qundez  Xavier Russell  **Camera setup** [Single-camera](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Single-camera_setup)  **Running time** 47–67  minutes  **Production** Little Schmidt  **companies** Productions Hivemind  [Platige](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Platige_Image) [Image](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Platige_Image)[5][6]  **Original release**  **Network** [Netflix](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Netflix)  **Release** December 20,  2019 –  present  **Related**  *The Witcher: Nightmare of the Wolf*  *The Witcher: Blood Origin* |

 [Graham McTavish](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Graham_McTavish) as Sigismund Dijkstra (season 3; recurring season 2), head of the Redanian Intelligence and ally of Philippa Eilhart. McTavish also voiced Deglan in the animated prequel *Nightmare of the Wolf*.[7]

 Cassie Clare as Philippa Eilhart (season 3; guest season 2), the shapeshifting court sorceress of King Vizimir of Redania as well as Dijkstra's partner in crime. She has close ties to the Brotherhood.

 [Hugh Skinner](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hugh_Skinner) as Prince Radovid (season 3), the prince of Redania and Philippa Eilhart's ally.

 [Bart Edwards](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bart_Edwards) as Duny, the "Urcheon of Erlenwald" / Emperor Emhyr var Emreis ("The White Flame") (season 3; guest seasons 1–2), Pavetta's husband and Ciri's father, once afflicted by a [curse](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Curse) that transformed him into a [hedgehog](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hedgehog) man until midnight.

## Recurring

 [Jodhi May](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jodhi_May) as [Queen Calanthe](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_characters_in_The_Witcher_series#Queen_Calanthe), ruler of the Kingdom of Cintra and grandmother of Princess Cirilla.

 [Adam Levy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adam_Levy_(actor)) as [Mousesack](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_characters_in_The_Witcher_series#Mousesack) (seasons 1–2), the court [druid](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Druid) of Cintra and advisor to Queen Calanthe.

 [Björn Hlynur Haraldsson](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bj%C3%B6rn_Hlynur_Haraldsson) as King Eist Tuirseach (season 1), husband to Queen Calanthe and step- grandfather of Cirilla.

 [Lars Mikkelsen](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lars_Mikkelsen) as Stregobor (seasons 1–3), resident mage in the town of Blaviken and the Rector of Ban Ard, the academy for male mages.

 [Therica Wilson-Read](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Therica_Wilson-Read&action=edit&redlink=1) as Sabrina Glevissig, a sorceress who trained alongside Yennefer.

 [Shaun Dooley](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shaun_Dooley) as [King Foltest](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_characters_in_The_Witcher_series#King_Foltest) (seasons 1–2), the king of Temeria, whose [incestuous](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Incest) relationship with his sister created a daughter.

 Terence Maynard as Artorius Vigo (seasons 1–3), court mage from Toussaint and uncle of Fringilla.

 Judit Fekete as Vanielle of Brugge (season 1), a sorceress and one of the mages who fought during the

Battle of Sodden Hill.

 Paul Bullion as Lambert (season 2), a witcher at Kaer Morhen and friend of Geralt.

 Yasen Atour as Coën (season 2), a witcher at Kaer Morhen and friend of Geralt.

 [Ania Marson](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ania_Marson) as Voleth Meir (season 2), a demon who came to the plane with the Conjunction of the Spheres, who feeds on pain and fear.

 Ed Birch as Vizimir (seasons 2–3), the king of Redania.

[Chris Fulton](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chris_Fulton) (season 2) and Sam Woolf (season 3) as Rience, a renegade mage set on a hunt for Ciri.

Aisha Fabienne Ross as Lydia van Bredevoort (seasons 2–3), Rience's disfigured liaison who gets him out of prison on her master's orders.

Kaine Zajaz as Gage (seasons 2–3), Francesca's brother.

## Notable guest stars

### Introduced in season 1

 [Emma Appleton](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emma_Appleton) as Renfri of Creyden, a princess-turned-bandit who leads a gang of brigands and has a bloody grudge against Stregobor.

 [Mia McKenna-Bruce](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mia_McKenna-Bruce) as Marilka, daughter of Blaviken's alderman.

 Tobi Bamtefa as Sir Danek, a Cintran commander of Calanthe's royal guard.  [Maciej Musiał](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maciej_Musia%C5%82) as Sir Lazlo, a Cintran knight charged with protecting Cirilla.

 Natasha Culzac as Toruviel, an elven warrior serving Filavandrel.

 [Amit Shah](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amit_Shah_(actor)) as Torque, a sylvan ("horned devil") who works for Filavandrel.

 [Julian Rhind-Tutt](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Julian_Rhind-Tutt) as Giltine, the [enchanter](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Enchanter_(fantasy)) of Aretuza who brings adepts into their perfect physical forms after they graduate.

 Gaia Mondadori as Princess Pavetta, the daughter of Queen Calanthe and mother of Ciri.  [Josette Simon](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Josette_Simon) as Eithne, the Queen of the [Dryads](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dryad) of Brokilon Forest.

 Nóra Trokán as the Dryad General.

 [Marcin Czarnik](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marcin_Czarnik) as Ronin Mage, an [assassin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Assassin) sent to murder Queen Kalis and her baby daughter.

 Blair Kincaid as Crach an Craite, a member of a royal clan from the Skellige Isles, who was invited to Pavetta's betrothal event.

 [Lucas Englander](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lucas_Englander) as Chireadan, a healer elf from the Redanian city of Rinde.  [Jordan Renzo](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jordan_Renzo) as Eyck of Denesle, a virtuous yet pompous knight.

 [Ron Cook](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ron_Cook) as Borch Three Jackdaws, a man who is actually the golden [dragon](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dragon) Villentretenmerth.

 Jeremy Crawford as Yarpen Zigrin, the leader of a gang of dwarven mercenaries and friend of Geralt.

 [Ella-Rae Smith](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ella-Rae_Smith) as Fola, a young sorceress in Aretuza.

 [Francis Magee](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Francis_Magee) as Yurga, a travelling merchant in Sodden, rescued from monsters by Geralt.  [Jack Bandeira](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jack_Bandeira) as Caldemeyn, a young alderman of Blaviken.

 [Anna-Louise Plowman](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anna-Louise_Plowman) as Zola, Yurga's wife who offers Cirilla sanctuary in her rural home in Sodden.

 [Frida Gustavsson](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frida_Gustavsson) as Ma/Visenna, mother of Geralt of Rivia.

### Introduced in season 2

 [Kristofer Hivju](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kristofer_Hivju) as Nivellen, an aristocrat who has been transformed into a beast through a curse.

 Agnes Born as Vereena, a bruxa and Nivellen's lover.

 Basil Eidenbenz as Eskel, a witcher at Kaer Morhen and close friend of Geralt.  Jota Castellano as Gwain, a witcher at Kaer Morhen.

 Nathanial Jacobs as Everard, a witcher at Kaer Morhen.

Chuey Okoye as Merek, a witcher at Kaer Morhen.

[Kevin Doyle](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kevin_Doyle_(actor)) as Ba'lian, an elf seeking refuge in the most unexpected places of the Continent.

[Niamh McCormack](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Niamh_McCormack) as Lara Dorren, an extremely powerful, ancient Elven sorceress who fell in love with a human mage, Ciri's ancestor.

[Adjoa Andoh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adjoa_Andoh) as Mother Nenneke, the wise High Priestess of the Temple of Melitele in Ellander and an old friend of Geralt.

[Simon Callow](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Simon_Callow) as Codringher, an investigator and partner of Fenn who helps Istredd. [Liz Carr](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liz_Carr) as Fenn, an investigator and partner of Codringher who helps Istredd.

Rebecca Hanssen as Meve, queen of Lyria. Richard Tirado as Demavend, king of Aedirn. [Edward Rowe](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edward_Rowe_(actor)) as Henselt, king of Kaedwen. Luke Cy as Ethain, king of Cidaris.

[Sam Hazeldine](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sam_Hazeldine) as Eredin, king of the legendary Wild Hunt.

### Introduced in season 3

 Beau Holland as Vespula, Jaskier's on-and-off lover.

 [Robbie Amell](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robbie_Amell) as Gallatin, commander of the Scoia'tael elves and an old friend of Cahir who's vying for leadership over the elves with Francesca.

 [Catherine McCormack](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catherine_McCormack) as Anika, a [druid](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Druid) healer and old family friend of Geralt who seeks her help to identify the source of a mind-manipulation spell.

 [Tracy-Ann Oberman](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tracy-Ann_Oberman) as Queen Hedwig of Redania, the wife of King Vizimir.

 Cal Watson as Eva, a handmaiden at the Redanian court and Philippa Eilhart's lover.

 [Safiyya Ingar](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Safiyya_Ingar) as Keira Metz, a Temerian sorceress who runs a business specialising on magic portals.

 Giuseppe Lentini as Molnar Giancardi, a dwarf and owner of Giancardi's Bank in Gors Velen.  Stuart Thompson as Fabio Sachs, a young man who works at Giancardi's Bank in Gors

Velen.

 Rochelle Rose as Margarita Laux-Antille, a sorceress and new headmistress of Aretuza.  [Michalina Olszańska](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michalina_Olsza%C5%84ska) as Marti Södergren, a sorceress from the Brotherhood.

 Ryan Hayes as Artaud Terranova, a sorcerer from the Brotherhood.

 Philip Philmar as Gerhart of Aelle, the oldest living sorcerer and member of the Chapter.  Poppy Almond as Bianca d'Este, a sorceress from the Brotherhood.

 Harvey Quinn as Radcliffe of Oxenfurt, a sorcerer from the Brotherhood.  Nathan Laryea as Valdo Marx, a bard and Jaskier's rival.

 Frances Pooley as Teryn, a half-elf girl with a strong resemblance to Ciri who was magically brainwashed into believing that she is someone else.

 Dempsey Bovell as Otto Dusan, a [werewolf](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Werewolf) and ally of Anika who Geralt helped out before.

 Hiftu Quasem as Falka, a half-elven rebel princess who was burnt at the stake for her crimes and appears in Ciri's visions.

 Jim Sturgeon as Aplegatt, a royal messenger.

 [Meng'er Zhang](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Meng%27er_Zhang) as Milva, a highly skilled archer and one of the only non-dryad inhabitants of the Brokilon Forest.

 The Rats:

 [Ben Radcliffe](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ben_Radcliffe) as Giselher, the leader of the criminal gang The Rats.

 Christelle Elwin as Mistle, a member of a group of young criminals known as the Rats.

Fabian McCallum as Kayleigh, a member of the criminal gang The Rats. Aggy K. Adams as Iskra, an elf and a member of the criminal gang The Rats. Connor Crawford as Aske, a member of the criminal gang The Rats.

Juliette Alexandra as Reef, a member of the criminal gang The Rats.

# Episodes

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| **Season** | | **Episodes** | | **Originally released** |
|  | 1 | 8 | | December 20, 2019 |
|  | 2 | 8 | | December 17, 2021 |
|  | 3 | 8 | 5 | June 29, 2023 |
| 3 | July 27, 2023 |

## Season 1 (2019)

The first season is based on [*The Last Wish*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Last_Wish)and [*Sword of Destiny*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sword_of_Destiny).[8] A website with timelines for the show, along with in-depth summaries of events, was later created by Netflix.[9]

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| **No. overall** | **No. in season** | **Title** | **Directed by** | **Written by** | **Original release date** |
| 1 | 1 | "The End's Beginning" | [Alik](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alik_Sakharov) [Sakharov](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alik_Sakharov) | [Lauren Schmidt Hissrich](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lauren_Schmidt_Hissrich) | December 20, 2019 |
| Following Geralt of Rivia's battle with a [kikimora](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kikimora) in 1231, he enters the town of Blaviken and meets Renfri, a cursed princess-turned-bandit. She is hunted by the wizard Stregobor, who believes her evil for being born during an eclipse. Stregobor lures Geralt to his hideout, seeking to hire him to kill Renfri, but Geralt refuses. Renfri later offers Geralt a counter-proposal, but he refuses with an ultimatum: leave or die. Renfri feigns agreement with the ultimatum, but upon waking up the next morning, Geralt realizes Renfri will not stop until Stregobor is dead, and he rushes to stop her. After killing her men, he fights and fatally wounds Renfri, whose dying words tell of a girl in the forest who is his eternal destiny. Stregobor arrives to take Renfri's body for autopsy. When Geralt opposes, the townsfolk forces him to leave, urged on by Stregobor. In 1263, Nilfgaard conquers the northern kingdom of Cintra. Princess Cirilla, also known as Ciri, is sent away by her grandmother, Queen Calanthe, to escape and find Geralt. Cahir, a Nilfgaardian officer, captures Cirilla, but seeing the burning city and castle triggers her powers, allowing her to escape.  Based on "The Lesser Evil" from *The Last Wish*.[8] | | | | | |
| 2 | 2 | "Four Marks" | Alik Sakharov | Jenny Klein | December 20, 2019 |
| In 1206, hunchback Yennefer from Vengerberg of Aedirn is sold to Tissaia de Vries by her father. She is taken to Aretuza for training in magic, but finds the practice difficult. She forms a friendship with Istredd, even revealing her quarter-[elf](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elf) heritage, which caused her deformity. Unbeknownst to either, Tissaia and Stregobor were using Yennefer and Istredd respectively to spy on each other. Later, Yennefer witnesses Tissaia turning three students into eels to act as conduits powering Aretuza with magic. In 1240, Geralt is hired to investigate grain thefts in Posada and is followed by Jaskier the bard. They encounter a [Sylvan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Silvanus_(mythology)) named Torque, who knocks them unconscious and takes them to his mountain cave. There, Geralt meets Filavandrel, the elven king, and urges he lead his people to better lands after being banished by the humans. Instead of killing them, Filavandrel frees Geralt and Jaskier, taking the witcher's words to heart. In 1263, Cirilla encounters Dara, a boy in the woods, who guides her to a refugee camp. Dara returns to save her when the camp is attacked by Cahir's forces; she later realizes Dara is an elf.  Based on "The Edge of the World" from *The Last Wish*.[8] | | | | | |
| 3 | 3 | "Betrayer Moon" | Alex Garcia Lopez | Beau DeMayo | December 20, 2019 |
| In 1210, Yennefer and Istredd become lovers while finishing their training. While Yennefer has the chance to transform her body into her ideal image during graduation, the Brotherhood of Sorcerers discuss the allocation of their newly initiated to their respective kingdoms. Through Stregobor's scheming, Yennefer is assigned to Nilfgaard instead of her preferred Aedirn due to her elven blood. Yennefer angrily breaks off her relationship with Istredd, knowing only he could have told Stregobor about her heritage. Having missed graduation, Yennefer undergoes the painful transformation to be beautiful at the cost of her fertility. With her new body, Yennefer charms Aedirn's King Virfuril into taking her as advisor, sending Fringilla to Nilfgaard instead. In 1243, Geralt enters the kingdom of Temeria to investigate a monster, assisted by Triss Merigold, King Foltest's sorceress advisor. He identifies the monster as a [Strzyga](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Strzyga), a creature born from a curse he later discovers was placed by the [courtier](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Courtier) Ostrit who learned about the [affair](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Incest) between Foltest and his sister, Princess Adda. Using Ostrit as bait, Geralt battles to contain the Striga until dawn, which lifts the curse. In 1263, Cirilla enters a dense forest in a trance as Dara follows to help.  Based on "The Witcher" from *The Last Wish*.[8] | | | | | |
| 4 | 4 | "Of Banquets, Bastards and Burials" | Alex Garcia Lopez | [Declan de Barra](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Declan_de_Barra) | December 20, 2019 |
| In 1240, having served Aedirn for thirty years, Yennefer, along with Queen Kalis of Lyria, is ambushed by an assassin. In the ensuing chase, Yennefer flees, unable to save Kalis and her newborn daughter from the assassin. In 1249, Geralt accompanies Jaskier to the betrothal feast of Princess Pavetta, Queen Calanthe's daughter. Urcheon of Erlenwald (also named Duny) interrupts to demand Pavetta's hand through the Law of Surprise, having saved her father's life several years earlier. Urcheon suffers from a curse that transformed him into a humanoid [hedgehog](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hedgehog) creature. Despite Pavetta's acceptance, Calanthe refuses and a brawl ensues. When Calanthe tries killing Urcheon, Pavetta activates her power, unleashing a maelstrom until Geralt and Mousesack intervene. Wanting her daughter happy, Calanthe marries Duny and Pavetta, which | | | | | |

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| lifts his curse. Duny, thankful for Geralt's aid, insists he take a reward. Geralt jokingly invokes the Law of Surprise for something Duny has but does not yet know. The crowd then immediately learns Pavetta is pregnant. In 1263, Nilfgaard's forces resume their pursuit of Cirilla, Pavetta's daughter, with Mousesack as their prisoner. Meanwhile, Cirilla and Dara encounter the dryad queen Eithne in Brokilon Forest, while Cahir and Fringilla track Ciri's location.  Based on "A Question of Price" from *The Last Wish*, and "Sword of Destiny" from *Sword of Destiny*.[8] | | | | | |
| 5 | 5 | "Bottled Appetites" | [Charlotte](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charlotte_Br%C3%A4ndstr%C3%B6m) [Brändström](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charlotte_Br%C3%A4ndstr%C3%B6m) | Sneha Koorse | December 20, 2019 |
| In 1256, seven years after Pavetta's betrothal, Geralt and Jaskier discover a [Djinn](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jinn) and accidentally release it. Initially, it seems that Jaskier is the Djinn's 'master', but then he falls seriously ill. Geralt seeks help from the nearest healer, the elf Chireadan, but since they need a mage to heal Jaskier, Chireadan reluctantly refers them to Yennefer. Although Yennefer cures Jaskier, her plan is to use him to capture the Djinn and force it to grant her her wish of regaining her fertility. As Jaskier uses his last wish, nothing happens and it is revealed that it is Geralt, not Jaskier, who has actually gained the wishes. Geralt realizes the Djinn will kill Yennefer, so he uses his third and final wish to save her (but the wish itself is not revealed). The Djinn leaves. Now free and safe, Yennefer asks what his third wish was, but Geralt falls asleep after they have sex without answering. In 1263, Cahir hires a doppler to assume the identity of Mousesack; the doppler copies his physical form and memories, then kills him. Later, Eithne allows Ciri to stay in Brokilon, but "Mousesack" arrives and requests Ciri and Dara leave with him.  Based on "The Last Wish" from *The Last Wish*.[8] | | | | | |
| 6 | 6 | "Rare Species" | Charlotte Brändström | Haily Hall | December 20, 2019 |
| In 1262, Geralt, Jaskier, Yennefer, and a group of monster hunters are invited on a [dragon](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dragon) hunt by Borch and his bodyguards along with a band of [dwarves](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dwarf_(folklore)). After camping overnight, they find the Reavers have left. On their way, the bridge collapses, and Borch's group sacrifices themselves to save the rest. Geralt and Yennefer reconcile before finding a dead dragon in its den, guarded by the bodyguards. Borch, revealed as a golden dragon, explains he protected the dragon's egg as he knew the group wouldn't harm it. They defend the egg from the Reavers, and Borch rewards the dwarves with dragon teeth. Geralt reveals his third wish to Yennefer, linking their fates together. Feeling that her emotions are insincere, Yennefer ends their relationship and departs. This leaves Geralt angry and hurt, he blames Jaskier for his misfortunes before leaving him.  Based on "The Bounds of Reason" from *Sword of Destiny*.[8] | | | | | |
| 7 | 7 | "Before a Fall" | Alik Sakharov & Marc Jobst | [Mike Ostrowski](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mike_Ostrowski) | December 20, 2019 |
| In 1263, with Nilfgaard poised to invade Cintra, Geralt decides to invoke his Law of Surprise and claim Ciri to protect her, but Calanthe, unwilling to give up the last remaining strand of her daughter's life, offers a different young girl in Ciri's place. After realising the deception, Geralt confronts Calanthe and is then imprisoned by Eist. After visiting Istredd and failing to reignite their relationship, Yennefer returns to Aretuza with the sorcerer Vilgefortz. When he announces his intention to rally mages to oppose Nilfgaard, she declines. The Brotherhood votes to remain neutral, but Tissaia, Vilgefortz, Triss and other mages resolve to fight. Tissaia convinces Yennefer to join. Nilfgaard invades Cintra, sacking the city and breaching the castle. Calanthe tries to send Ciri away with Geralt, but he has escaped his cell and is nowhere to be found. Ciri fends for herself after escaping Cintra, stealing a horse from a woman who offers her shelter. Later, she is discovered by her old friends who suddenly turn on her, and her powers activate.  Based on "Something More" from *Sword of Destiny*.[8] | | | | | |
| 8 | 8 | "Much More" | Marc Jobst | Lauren Schmidt Hissrich | December 20, 2019 |
| Having escaped from Cintra, Geralt defends a merchant from undead monsters, but is wounded and loses consciousness. Yennefer and the mages reinforce the keep of Sodden Hill, aiming to prevent Nilfgaardian forces from invading the remaining Northern Kingdoms. The Nilfgaardians launch their attack, and a battle starts. Tissaia attempts to talk down Fringilla, but Fringilla disables her. Vilgefortz fights Cahir, but loses and is thrown down a hill. When Vilgefortz wakes up, he kills a Northern sorcerer, revealing himself to be a turncoat. Nilfgaardian soldiers begin to overrun the fort, but Yennefer channels a massive stream of fire, annihilating much of the army before seemingly disappearing. Ciri is awakened by the woman she stole the horse from earlier, and discovers the dead bodies around her. The woman takes her to her farm. Geralt | | | | | |

dreams about his mother Visenna, who abandoned him as a child to be made into a witcher, then wakes to find himself on the merchant's cart. When they arrive at the merchant's farm, he hears the woman talk to the man about Ciri. He heads into the forest, where Ciri and Geralt finally meet and embrace. She asks Geralt who Yennefer is.

Based on "Something More" from *Sword of Destiny*.[8]

## Season 2 (2021)

The second season is based on "A Grain of Truth" from *The Last Wish*,[10] [*Blood of Elves*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blood_of_Elves), and the beginning of [*Time of Contempt*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Time_of_Contempt).[11]

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| **No. overall** | **No. in season** | **Title** | **Directed by** | **Written by** | **Original release date** |
| 9 | 1 | "A Grain of Truth" | [Stephen](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stephen_Surjik) [Surjik](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stephen_Surjik) | [Declan de Barra](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Declan_de_Barra) | December 17, 2021 |
| On the battlefield after the victory of the Northern Kingdoms, Geralt and Ciri encounter Tissaia, who tells them that Yennefer is dead. Traveling with Ciri, Geralt stops to visit his friend Nivellen and discovers that he has been cursed into a beast by a priestess for vandalizing a temple. Geralt investigates the nearby village and determines that a Bruxa, a vampire, caused the villagers to flee. He returns and sees the Bruxa drinking Nivellen's blood. Geralt fights and kills it, which lifts Nivellen's curse. Nivellen reveals that he loved the Bruxa and did nothing to stop her from attacking the village, and that his curse stemmed from him raping the priestess. Nivellen begs Geralt to kill him but Geralt refuses. In Aretuza, Tissaia tortures Cahir for information on Nilfgaard. Fringilla has taken Yennefer captive and is heading towards Cintra, but their party is ambushed on the road.  Based on "A Grain of Truth" from *The Last Wish*.[10] | | | | | |
| 10 | 2 | "Kaer Morhen" | Stephen Surjik | Beau DeMayo | December 17, 2021 |
| Yennefer and Fringilla are captured by elves, who are digging near a ruined monolith. Their leader, sorceress Francesca Findabair, is having visions of a white-robed figure she believes to be the elven prophet Ithlinne. Yennefer and Fringilla also dream of robed figures, red and black, respectively. The three sorceresses find a hidden a passage leading to a magic hut. There, they meet the Deathless Mother, a mysterious being who takes on a different form for each – Yennefer sees a younger Tissaia, Fringilla sees Emperor Emhyr, and Francesca sees Ithlinne – and reveals the path each must take to achieve their greatest desire. The sorceresses are released. Fringilla joins Francesca to form an elven-Nilfgaardian alliance; Yennefer calls them fools and discovers she has lost her magic. Geralt and Ciri join the remaining witchers at Kaer Morhen. Eskel arrives late, after hunting an [leshy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leshy). The witchers are partying when their medallions start vibrating, indicating a monster is near. Geralt discovers Eskel was infected by the leshy and has been transformed into one. Unable to control his leshy side, Eskel attacks Vesemir, forcing Geralt to kill him. Realizing Kaer Morhen is not safe, Geralt agrees to train Ciri in combat. | | | | | |
| 11 | 3 | "What Is Lost" | Sarah O'Gorman | *Teleplay by* : [Lauren](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lauren_Schmidt_Hissrich) [Schmidt Hissrich](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lauren_Schmidt_Hissrich) & Clare Higgins  *Story by* : Clare Higgins | December 17, 2021 |
| Ciri continues to train in swordsmanship, fitness, and agility. Vesemir investigates the mutated leshy. Yennefer makes her way to Aretuza; Tissaia informs her that her absence has aroused suspicions regarding her allegiance among the Brotherhood, and implores her to lie low. Stregobor interrogates Yennefer, until Tissaia intervenes. She later reveals to Yennefer that she knows that she lost her magic. The Council of the Brotherhood decrees that to prove her loyalty, Yennefer must execute Cahir. During the execution ceremony, in front of an audience of the Brotherhood and the Northern monarchs, Yennefer releases Cahir and the two escape. A pregnant Francesca and the elves settle in Cintra under the protection of Nilfgaard. In Kaer Morhen, Geralt reveals to Ciri that she may have inherited magical powers from her mother. They track down the leshy. During the battle, a [centipede](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Centipede)-like monster called a myriapod appears and kills the leshy before pursuing Ciri. Geralt kills the myriapod. | | | | | |
| 12 | 4 | "Redanian Intelligence" | Sarah O'Gorman | Sneha Koorse | December 17, 2021 |
| Triss arrives at Kaer Morhen, having been invited by Geralt to help Ciri in magical training. Geralt, Ciri, and Triss investigate the origins of the myriapod and leshy, finding that they are connected to monoliths. Ciri confesses that she toppled a monolith in Cintra. Triss portals Geralt to Istredd who is known for studying monoliths. Vesemir discovers that Ciri has Elder blood, long thought extinct and rumored to be an ingredient in mutagens used to create more witchers but the art had been lost a long time ago. Now wanted, Yennefer and Cahir escape to the city of Oxenfurt in the North where a pogrom against elves is taking place. In Redania, Sigismund Dijkstra and Philippa Eilhart, spymaster and court mage respectively to King Vizimir, began to plot the seizure of Cintra. They recruit the imprisoned elf Dara as an informant. Meanwhile, Yennefer and Cahir discover that a figure called The Sandpiper, revealed to be Jaskier, is smuggling elves to Cintra. With Jaskier's help, Yennefer, Cahir, and Dara board the ship bound for Cintra. After Jaskier leaves, Yennefer finds that he has gotten into trouble. | | | | | |
| 13 | 5 | "Turn Your Back" | [Ed](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edward_Bazalgette) [Bazalgette](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edward_Bazalgette) | Haily Hall | December 17, 2021 |

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| Rience, a fire mage, is freed from prison and tasked to find Ciri by the sorceress Lydia, who is serving an unknown master. Geralt and Istredd travel to the fallen monolith outside Cintra. Yennefer, having disembarked from the ship, rescues Jaskier from Rience; they are then separated and captured by city guards. Vesemir reveals his plan to create new witchers to Ciri. Ciri agrees but insists on being the first candidate. Investigating the ruins of the monolith, Geralt and Istredd hypothesize that the monoliths are gateways that, when activated, allow monsters to enter their world. Geralt learns from Istredd that Yennefer is alive. Triss, attempting to dissuade Ciri, conducts a ritual in hopes of discovering Ciri's source of power. They uncover Ithlinne's prophecy, which predicts that a child of the Elder blood will destroy the world. Ciri's powers activate the Cintra monolith, causing a [Chernobog](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chernobog) to appear, which then flies away. Geralt portals back to Kaer Morhen, stopping Ciri from taking part in the conversion. Cahir arrives at Cintra. Yennefer summons the Deathless Mother and disappears; she is tasked with delivering Ciri to a location outside Cintra. | | | | | |
| 14 | 6 | "Dear Friend" | Louise Hooper | Matthew D'Ambrosio | December 17, 2021 |
| Geralt and Ciri are attacked by the Chernobog. Geralt kills it, but Roach, his horse, is fatally wounded. At Kaer Morhen, Rience steals mutagens and escapes after ambushing Vesemir and Triss. Geralt puts Roach out of her misery. He and Ciri head to the Temple of Melitele. Yennefer arrives, realizing Ciri's significance for restoring her magic. Francesca gives birth to the first full elf in years. Cahir reveals Emhyr's visit to Cintra. Istredd discovers a connection between Ciri and Lara Dorren, a legendary elven warrior. Yennefer warns Geralt about Jaskier's trouble. Rience, the fire mage, hunts for Ciri. Rience appears at the temple with the Michelet Brothers. Geralt holds him off as Yennefer teaches Ciri to open a portal. Rience escapes, and Yennefer and Ciri disappear through the portal. Triss tells Tissaia about Ciri's Elder blood. | | | | | |
| 15 | 7 | "Voleth Meir" | Louise Hooper | [Mike Ostrowski](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mike_Ostrowski) | December 17, 2021 |
| Yennefer and Ciri portal to the home of the woman who took Ciri in and discover the family was murdered by Rience. Meanwhile, Geralt frees Jaskier from prison. Jaskier tells him about Yennefer's lost magic and her muttered incantation. Recognizing the incantation, Geralt realizes Yennefer is in league with Voleth Meir (the Deathless Mother), a demon that feeds on pain. The birth of Francesca's baby causes the elves to focus on rebuilding instead of fighting for Nilfgaard. Frustrated with her slipping grasp on power, Fringilla assassinates four of the White Flame's generals and intimidates Cahir into vouching for her to the emperor. Tissaia tells Vilgefortz about Ciri, betraying Triss. Dara quits spying for Dijkstra. Ciri inadvertently reads Yennefer's mind and sees her betrayal. Upset, she has an outburst that alerts a nearby Nilfgaardian patrol, but Geralt and Jaskier, aided by Yarpen Zigrin's dwarven crew, arrive in time to defeat them. Geralt draws his blade on Yennefer while Yarpen and Jaskier take Ciri to Kaer Morhen. In the castle, Francesca and Filavandrel awaken to find their baby murdered and Francesca's outburst of pain gives Voleth Meir the strength to break free and possess Ciri. | | | | | |
| 16 | 8 | "Family" | Ed Bazalgette | Lauren Schmidt Hissrich | December 17, 2021 |
| At Kaer Morhen, Voleth Meir possessing Ciri's body murders several witchers. Geralt, Vesemir and the remaining witchers are unable to contain her, but Yennefer offers herself as a host to Voleth Meir, freeing Ciri from her control. Ciri teleports herself, Geralt and Yennefer to an unknown world where Voleth Meir leaves Yennefer's body, recreates her own and rejoins the Wild Hunt who threaten to abduct Ciri before she teleports them back to Kaer Morhen. There, Yennefer discovers her powers have returned and Geralt decides they must leave as Ciri's power and right to the throne of Cintra will make her a target. Meanwhile, the Northern monarchs meet with Tissaia and put a bounty on Ciri. In Redania, Francesca, who blames the Northern kingdoms for the loss of her baby, kills human babies in retaliation. Later, she learns of Ciri's Elder blood and resolves to seek her out as the hope of the elvenkind. Emperor Emhyr, revealed to be Ciri's father Duny, arrives to Cintra, reveals it was him who had Francesca's newborn killed, and takes action against Fringilla and Cahir. | | | | | |

## Season 3 (2023)

The third season is based on [*Time of Contempt*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Time_of_Contempt)and details from [*Blood of Elves*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blood_of_Elves)and [*Baptism of Fire*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baptism_of_Fire_(novel)).[12]

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| **Volume 1** | | | | | |
| 17 | 1 | "Shaerrawedd" | [Stephen](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stephen_Surjik) [Surjik](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stephen_Surjik) | [Mike Ostrowski](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mike_Ostrowski) | June 29, 2023 |
| Having left Kaer Morhen, Geralt, Yennefer and Ciri are on the run from bounty hunters while continuing Ciri's training in fighting and sorcery. After six months, they settle down in a home provided by Yarpen Zigrin, but when a jackapace attacks on Rience's orders, the exposed trio decide to lure Rience into a trap to deal with him once and for all. Francesca Findabair's Scoia'tael are looking for Ciri whom they see as the destined savior of the elves. In Redania, King Vizimir is disillusioned with his spymaster Dijkstra and his court mage Philippa Eilhart's failure to capture Ciri whom he intended to marry, so he entrusts the task to his brother Radovid. Redanians secretly negotiate about Ciri with Jaskier whom they supported in his altruistic actions as the Sandpiper. At the elven ruins of Shaerrawedd, Geralt, Yennefer, Ciri, Jaskier and Yarpen's party are confronted by both Rience's men and the Scoia'tael. A three-way battle ensues and Yennefer learns Rience acts on behalf of an unknown powerful mage, suggesting they seek help from Tissaia de Vries. Jaskier tells Philippa and Radovid he will help them get Ciri, but they need to win her trust by taking out Rience. | | | | | |
| 18 | 2 | "Unbound" | Stephen Surjik | Tania Lotia | June 29, 2023 |
| Yennefer and Ciri travel incognito to Aretuza, but Ciri's uncontrolled magic hinders and compromises them, causing conflict between the two until they reconcile over their similar backgrounds. At Aretuza, Triss Merigold, now a teacher, discovers several students to be missing. In Nilfgaard-controlled Cintra, a demoted Fringilla escapes imprisonment and Cahir is saved from attackers by Gallatin, his elf friend and member of the Scoia'tael. Geralt and Jaskier visit Codringher and Fenn for information on Rience and the investigators reveal Rience and his mastermind's base of operations to be a Redanian castle of Vuilpanne. Later, Rience interrogates Codringher and Fenn about Geralt before murdering them, spied on by Philippa. At Vuilpanne, Geralt slays a monster, who turns out to be three women transformed by mutagenic sorcery, and he also saves a distraught half-elven girl from the fortress. After getting to safety, the girl recognizes Geralt and claims to be Ciri. | | | | | |
| 19 | 3 | "Reunion" | Gandja Monteiro | Haily Hall | June 29, 2023 |
| Geralt brings the half-elven girl to his friend Anika, a druidess, who learns that the girl's name is Teryn and she was subjected to mind-control magic. Geralt tries to extract information from Teryn, but an unknown mage possesses her and attacks everyone. Later, an injured Anika reveals to Geralt that his mother Visenna, her old friend, passed away. In Gors Velen, Yennefer meets Tissaia de Vries while Ciri causes mayhem in the city, drawing attention to herself once more when she exposes a con artist thanks to her witcher knowledge. After slaying a runaway [wyvern](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wyvern), she is robbed and while pursuing the thief, she encounters Yennefer and other sorceresses who take her to a bathhouse. Disillusioned and frustrated with their behavior, Ciri runs away after a fight with Yennefer. Istredd is looking for the Book of Monoliths, a tome of ancient and dangerous elven magic. Rience meets with Lydia to discuss their next steps. After Gallatin informs Emperor Emhyr of Francesca's actions, Emhyr instructs Cahir to prove his loyalty which leads Cahir to murder Gallatin, breaking down afterwards. On the run from Gors Velen, Ciri is ambushed by the Wild Hunt, but she is saved by Geralt. | | | | | |
| 20 | 4 | "The Invitation" | Gandja Monteiro | Rae Benjamin | June 29, 2023 |
| Emperor Emhyr commands Cahir to assassinate Francesca. Upon reaching her and the Scoia'tael, Cahir persuades her to join forces in their search for Ciri. Fringilla enjoys her newfound freedom. Aboard a ship to Aretuza, Geralt, Ciri, Jaskier, and the rest of the crew are attacked by an aeschna which Geralt and Ciri kill. At Aretuza, Yennefer convinces the Brotherhood of Sorcerers to host a conclave for mages to strengthen unity of the North against Nilfgaard. Later, Yennefer visits the Redanian court to invite Philippa Eilhart and try win the support of King Vizimir who orders not only Philippa, but Dijkstra and Radovid to attend as well. On her way back, Yennefer is ambushed. Meanwhile, Triss and Istredd investigate the missing Aretuzan students and Book of Monoliths, respectively. Similarly to Yennefer and Geralt, they arrive at the conclusion that Stregobor is the mastermind behind those events as well as Rience's actions. Ciri and Jaskier are kept in a safe haven outside of Aretuza. There, Jaskier is approached by Radovid and they confess their romantic feelings for one another and kiss. Geralt, Yennefer, and the Northern mages gather at Aretuza to begin the conclave with a banquet. | | | | | |
| 21 | 5 | "The Art of Illusion" | [Loni](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Loni_Peristere) | Clare Higgins | June 29, 2023 |

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|  |  |  | [Peristere](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Loni_Peristere) |  |  |
| Once the banquet is over, Geralt and Yennefer discuss the night's events in retrospective. Despite his disdain, Geralt socializes with the revelling sorcerers as Yennefer reminds him they need to lie low in order to expose Stregobor during the following conclave. Their plans change, however, when Yennefer is alerted by Istredd and Triss about Stregobor's possession of the Book of Monoliths. Geralt and Istredd pretend a fight to cover for Yennefer as she breaks into Stregobor's study where they discover the book, as well as apparent evidence of kidnapping half-elven students. Stregobor is arrested by Tissaia, Vilgefortz and Artorius, and the banquet is deemed a diplomatic success. Once Yennefer and Geralt put all the pieces of the night together, however, they realize the mastermind behind Rience's actions and the kidnappings is Vilgefortz who only framed Stregobor. Scouting the halls to clear their path, Geralt is distracted by sounds of a distant fight and ambushed at knife-point by Dijkstra. | | | | | |
| **Volume 2** | | | | | |
| 22 | 6 | "Everybody Has a Plan 'til They Get Punched in the Face" | Loni Peristere | [Javier Grillo-Marxuach](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Javier_Grillo-Marxuach) | July 27, 2023 |
| Dijkstra takes Geralt prisoner. Redanian soldiers led by Philippa along with several Northern mages strike a coup and arrest mages led who collaborated with Nilfgaard under Vilgefortz. Disbelieving the accusation, Tissaia frees the apprehended mages only for Vilgefortz to reveal himself as the traitor and flee Aretuza to capture Ciri. Before that, he allows Nilfgaardian and Scoia'tael forces led by Cahir and Francesca invade Aretuza. This starts a battle between them and the Northern mages. Radovid seemingly tries to kidnap Ciri, but is caught red-handed by Jaskier. Geralt, Ciri, and Yennefer are ambushed by Rience, but they manage to kill him together. Yennefer then decides to join the battle which leaves Aretuza in ruins as many die on both sides, including Filavandrel and Stregobor. Geralt and Ciri are saved from the Scoia'tael by Cahir who had a change of heart, but soon they are encountered by Vilgefortz. Geralt commands Ciri to run and engages the mage in combat, but Vilgefortz easily defeats Geralt and follows Ciri to the tower of Tor Lara. Grievously wounded, Geralt is found by Triss who takes him to Brokilon. Just before being captured at Tor Lara, Ciri taps into the power of a monolith, unleashing an explosion which destroys the tower. | | | | | |
| 23 | 7 | "Out of the Fire, Into the Frying Pan" | Bola Ogun | Matthew D'Ambrosio | July 27, 2023 |
| At Aretuza, Jaskier finds and confronts Radovid about his attempt to capture Ciri for Redania and the two part ways. Jaskier also reunites with Yennefer who informs him that Ciri is missing. In Brokilon, dryads led by Queen Eithné take care of the wounded Geralt. Teleported through a portal at Tor Lara, Ciri finds herself in the wasteland of the Korath desert. Struggling to find water or food, she is encountered by a unicorn she names "Little Horse" who keeps her company. Wandering the desert for days, Ciri is tormented by visions of the past and future, her loved ones and Falka, a half-elven princess burnt at the stake for her crimes. When a desert monster attacks Ciri and wounds Little Horse, Ciri is persuaded by the vision of Falka to use dangerous fire magic to heal the unicorn. As she does, a violent fiery vision nearly consumes her before she relinquishes her magic and loses consciousness, waking up surrounded by bounty hunters. Jaskier visits Brokilon and finds out the forest has become a refuge for people escaping the war between the North and Nilfgaard. As he finds a slowly recovering Geralt, he informs him of rumors about Ciri being on her way to Nilfgaard. | | | | | |
| 24 | 8 | "The Cost of Chaos" | Bola Ogun | Mike Ostrowski & Troy Dangerfield | July 27, 2023 |
| Searching for Ciri, Yennefer meets with Crach an Craite who tells her about the rumors that Ciri is on her way to Nilfgaard. Yennefer and other mages raid Vilgefortz's fortress, but they find it empty save for the corpses of kidnapped Aretuzan students. Later, they encounter Philippa who blames Tissaia for the tragic outcome of the Thanedd Coup. At Aretuza, a guilt-ridden and resigned Tissaia commits suicide. With the old Brotherhood of Sorcerers gone, the remaining mages decide to take over and stop Vilgefortz. In Redania, King Vizimir orders Dijkstra to murder Philippa as a scapegoat for the failed coup, but Philippa, forewarned, orchestrates Vizimir's assassination and crows Radovid the new king. Geralt, healed by Yennefer, sets out to save Ciri from Emhyr, accompanied by Jaskier and a young archer Milva. Fringilla and Francesca arrive in Nilfgaard, plotting against Emhyr, but when Fringilla accidentally reveals the truth about Nilfgaard's part in the murder of her baby, Francesca leaves swearing revenge. Later on, Emhyr welcomes Ciri to the Nilfgaardian court but, seemingly unbeknownst to him, she turns out to be Teryn posing as Ciri. Captured by bounty hunters, Ciri is saved by a bandit group called the Rats who encourage her to kill her kidnapper.  When the Rats ask her name, Ciri introduces herself as "Falka". | | | | | |

# Production

## Development

[Andrzej Sapkowski](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andrzej_Sapkowski)'s [*The Witcher*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Witcher)book series was initially scheduled to be adapted into a standalone Netflix film, but Kelly Luegenbiehl, Vice President of International Originals at Netflix, dissuaded the producers. She recalled asking them, "How can you take eight novels and just turn it into a film? There's so much material here. Through a number of conversations, the producers got really excited about the idea of

using the source material for a longer-running series."[13] In May 2017, [Netflix](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Netflix) announced the start of

production on an English-language drama TV series based on the books.[14][15]

In December 2017, it was reported that [Lauren Schmidt Hissrich](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lauren_Schmidt_Hissrich) would serve as [showrunner](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Showrunner) on the show.[16] In April 2018, Schmidt Hissrich revealed that the script for the pilot episode was finished and that the first season would be eight episodes long.[17] In 2017, it was reported that Andrzej Sapkowski would

serve as a [creative consultant](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Creative_consultant) on the show, but in January 2018, Sapkowski denied any direct involvement.[18] However, he met with Schmidt Hissrich in April 2018,[19][20] and in May 2018, she stated that Sapkowski was on the creative team of the project.[21] In August, Andrew Laws was revealed as production designer.[22] In December, [*Radio Times*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Radio_Times)reported directors [Alik Sakharov](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alik_Sakharov) and [Charlotte](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charlotte_Br%C3%A4ndstr%C3%B6m) [Brändström](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charlotte_Br%C3%A4ndstr%C3%B6m) had joined the project.[23]

Netflix announced a second season on November 13, 2019,[24][25] under the working title "Mysterious Monsters",[26] with production set to begin in London in early 2020, for a planned release in 2021.[27] In April 2021, Netflix's co-[chief executive officer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chief_executive_officer) and [chief content office](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chief_content_officer)r, [Ted Sarandos](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ted_Sarandos), confirmed that the second season was expected to premiere in Q4 2021.[28][29] In July 2021, it was announced that the second season would premiere on December 17, 2021.[30] On September 25, 2021, Netflix announced that the series had been renewed for a third season.[31] In April 2023, it was announced that the third season would be split into two volumes, to be released on June 29 and July 27, 2023, respectively.[32] In the midst of filming the fourth season, Netflix renewed the series for a fifth and final season in April 2024.[33]

## Writing

The first season was told in a non-linear manner, spanning different time periods. Schmidt Hissrich said this was inspired by [Christopher Nolan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christopher_Nolan)'s 2017 film [*Dunkirk*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dunkirk_(2017_film)).[34] She pointed out that Yennefer's story covers around 70 years and Ciri's only about 2 weeks.[35] Schmidt Hissrich also said that Yennefer and Cirilla

were given more prominence to allow the viewers to understand them better. By showing their backstories, along with Geralt's, "we get down to the soul of the story. It's the story of a broken family. It's a story of three people who are on their own in the world, really orphans all living in the margins of society who are

determined to not need anyone, and yet of course they do."[36]

Schmidt Hissrich said the story for the second season will build on the foundations of the first season, becoming more focused; the characters will interact with each other more frequently.[37] "When I talk about *The Witcher*, I always talk about how these three characters coming together — Geralt, Ciri, and Yennefer

— they come together as a family. It's the most important part of the series for me," Schmidt Hissrich said. "And when you start to imagine someone's family, you also need to understand their family of origin. For Geralt, it's his brothers, it's the brotherhood of the witchers. So I'm really excited to get back in and meet Vesemir, his father figure, for the first time and all of these men that he was raised with since he was seven

years old."[38]

## Casting

In September 2018, Netflix announced that [Henry Cavill](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_Cavill) would play [Geralt of Rivia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geralt_of_Rivia).[39][40] He was selected from

more than 200 actors;[41] Cavill actively campaigned for the role, being a long-time fan of the [video game](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Witcher_(video_game_series)) [adaptations](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Witcher_(video_game_series)).[42] In October 2018, [Freya Allan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Freya_Allan) and [Anya](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anya_Chalotra)

[Chalotra](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anya_Chalotra) were cast as Princess Cirilla and Yennefer of Vengerberg respectively, while [Jodhi May](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jodhi_May), [Björn Hlynur](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bj%C3%B6rn_Hlynur_Haraldsson) [Haraldsson](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bj%C3%B6rn_Hlynur_Haraldsson), [Adam Levy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adam_Levy_(actor)), [MyAnna Buring](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MyAnna_Buring), [Mimi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mimi_Ndiweni) [Ndiweni](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mimi_Ndiweni), and Therica Wilson-Read also joined.[43] More casting was announced later that month, including [Eamon Farren](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eamon_Farren), [Joey Batey](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joey_Batey), [Lars Mikkelsen](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lars_Mikkelsen), [Royce](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Royce_Pierreson) [Pierreson](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Royce_Pierreson), [Maciej Musiał](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maciej_Musia%C5%82), [Wilson Radjou-Pujalte](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wilson_Radjou-Pujalte), and

[Anna Shaffer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anna_Shaffer).[44]



[Freya Allan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Freya_Allan), [Henry Cavill](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_Cavill) and [Anya Chalotra](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anya_Chalotra) at the 2019 San Diego Convention for *The Witcher*

In February 2020, Netflix announced [Kim Bodnia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kim_Bodnia) had been cast as Vesemir, an experienced witcher and a mentor to Geralt.[45] Other additions included [Kristofer Hivju](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kristofer_Hivju),[46] Yasen Atour, Agnes Born, Paul Bullion, Thue Ersted Rasmussen,[47] Aisha Fabienne Ross, and [Mecia Simson](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mecia_Simson).[45] In September 2020, it was announced that Basil Eidenbenz would replace Rasmussen in the role of Eskel.[48] In November 2020, Rebecca Hanssen was announced for the role of Queen Meve.[49]

In March 2021, [Kevin Doyle](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kevin_Doyle_(actor)) was cast as Ba'Lian, an original character who does not appear in the novels. Cassie Clare, [Adjoa Andoh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adjoa_Andoh), [Liz Carr](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liz_Carr), [Simon Callow](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Simon_Callow), [Graham McTavish](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Graham_McTavish), and [Chris Fulton](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chris_Fulton) were cast as Philippa Eilhart, Nenneke, Fenn, Codringher, Dijkstra, and Rience, respectively.[50]

In April 2022, [Robbie Amell](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robbie_Amell), [Meng'er Zhang](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Meng%27er_Zhang), [Hugh Skinner](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hugh_Skinner), and Christelle Elwin joined the cast in the third season with recurring roles.[51] In July 2022, [Michalina Olszańska](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michalina_Olsza%C5%84ska), Ryan Hayes, Kate Winter, Martyn Ellis, Harvey Quinn, and Poppy Almond were cast.[52]

In October 2022, Netflix announced that [Liam Hemsworth](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liam_Hemsworth) would be replacing Henry Cavill as Geralt of Rivia from the start of Season 4.[53] In January 2024 it was announced that Laurence Fishburne was cast as [Regis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Regis_(The_Witcher)).[54]

The series' [casting director](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Casting_director) is Sophie Holland.[55]

## Filming

In April 2018, Schmidt Hissrich revealed that the show would be filmed in [Central and Eastern Europe](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Central_and_Eastern_Europe).[56]

[Principal photography](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Principal_photography) for the first season began on October 31, 2018, in [Hungary](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hungary).[44] Much of the series was filmed at Mafilm Studios near [Budapest](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Budapest); the outdoor set included the exterior of wizard [Stregobor's](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vajdahunyad_Castle) [household](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vajdahunyad_Castle). The hall in Cintra was constructed at Origo Studios on the outskirts of Budapest. [Fort Monostor](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fort_Monostor) (Monostori Erőd) and the nearby forest was used for some exterior scenes in Cintra. The Battle of Marnadal was filmed in the hills of a village in Hungary, [Csákberény](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cs%C3%A1kber%C3%A9ny). The village that was Yennefer's original home was filmed at the [Skanzen Village Museum](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hungarian_Open_Air_Museum), an open-air site near [Szentendre](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Szentendre) some 30 kilometres (20 mi) north of Budapest; this location was also used in scenes with Ciri in an area with a windmill. The production used the exteriors of [Burg Kreuzenstein](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burg_Kreuzenstein), a castle near [Leobendorf](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leobendorf), Austria, for the abandoned

fictional castle Vizima, but the interiors were filmed at Origo Studios.[57]

In March 2019, production commenced on [Gran Canaria](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gran_Canaria), in the [Canary Islands](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canary_Islands), Spain. Some scenes were to be shot on the islands of [La Palma](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/La_Palma) and [La Gomera](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/La_Gomera), as well.[58] Scenes of the Sorcerers' Aretuza Academy (Tower of the Gull) were shot on Roque de Santo Domingo in Garafía, an islet, and enhanced with CGI. The interiors, however, used for the graduation ball were at the Kiscelli Museum in [Óbuda](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/%C3%93buda). The

museum was a monastery in the 18th century. This location was also used for the conclave of the Northern Mages. The [Barranco de Fataga](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fataga) area on Gran Canaria island was used for some scenes of arid landscapes. Scenes of Ciri traveling in the desert were filmed in the Natural Dune Reserve of [Maspalomas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maspalomas_Dunes) on Gran Canaria. Most of episode six was filmed on [La Palma](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/La_Palma) island.[59]

Filming of the first season concluded in [Ogrodzieniec Castle](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ogrodzieniec_Castle) in Poland. The ruins of this medieval castle, dating from the 1300s, were the backdrop for scenes including the fictional Vilgefortz of Roggeveen and Triss Merigold. The ruins were also included when shooting the Battle of Sodden Hill in the final episode

of Season 1.[59][60] Filming for the first season wrapped in May 2019.[61]

Filming for the second season began in London in early 2020 but was halted for two weeks in March due to concerns over the [COVID-19 pandemic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/COVID-19_pandemic)[62] and actor Kristofer Hivju's confirmation that he had tested positive for COVID-19.[63] Then, in May 2020, film and television productions that were filming in the UK were given permission to resume filming, including season two of *The Witcher.*[64] The show resumed preproduction in July and officially resumed filming on August 12, 2020,[65][66] with filming for the second season expected to extend into early 2021.[67] On November 7, 2020, production was halted again after a number of crew members had tested positive for COVID-19.[68] Production resumed two weeks later on November 24, 2020, and continued in December despite Cavill's on-set injury. Filming for the second season wrapped on April 2, 2021.[69]

Filming locations for the second season were all in the UK and included Cathedral Cave and Hodge Close Quarry in the Lake District,[70] Low Force Waterfall in the North Pennines,[71] and Bourne Wood in Farnham.[72]

Filming for the third season began on April 4, 2022,[73] and wrapped in September 2022.[74] Part of the season was filmed at the [Krk](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Krk) island in [Croatia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Croatia), with the help of the Croatian Audiovisual Centre (HAVC).[75] Some of the scenes were filmed at the [Fusine Lakes](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Fusine_Lakes&action=edit&redlink=1) in [Tarvisio](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tarvisio), [Italy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Italy), and at [Predjama Castle](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Predjama_Castle) and [Nanos](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nanos_(plateau)), both located in [Slovenia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Slovenia).[76]

The fourth season began filming in April 2024 at [Longcross Studios](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Longcross_Studios) in the UK.[77]

## Music

[Sonya Belousova](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sonya_Belousova) and [Giona Ostinelli](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Giona_Ostinelli) composed the soundtrack for the first season. The duo collaborated with several soloists and artists; the soundtrack features many medieval instruments to match

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the medieval-inspired setting of the series.[78] More than 60

different instruments from around the world were used to create the soundtrack.[79][80] The original song "[Toss a Coin to Your](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Toss_a_Coin_to_Your_Witcher) [Witcher](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Toss_a_Coin_to_Your_Witcher)", composed by Belousova and Ostinelli and sung by Batey in the second episode, became a [viral hit](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Viral_phenomenon) shortly after the

series's release.[81] Users have created [mods](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mod_(video_gaming)) to [patch](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patch_(computing)#Video_games) the song into [the video game adaptions of *The Witcher*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Witcher_(video_game_series)).[82] All violin solos for the series were performed by [Lindsay Deutsch](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lindsay_Deutsch).[83]

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| **No.** | **Title** | **Length** |
| 1. | "Geralt of Rivia" | 1:52 |
| 2. | "[Toss a Coin to Your Witcher](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Toss_a_Coin_to_Your_Witcher)" (feat. [Joey](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joey_Batey) [Batey](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joey_Batey)) | 3:10 |
| 3. | "Happy Childhoods Make For Dull Company" (feat. Rodion Belousov) | 3:16 |
| 4. | "The Time of Axe and Sword Is Now" (feat. [Declan de Barra](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Declan_de_Barra), [Lindsay Deutsch](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lindsay_Deutsch)) | 4:56 |
| 5. | "They're Alive" (feat. Lindsay Deutsch, Burak Besir) | 1:41 |
| 6. | "Tomorrow I'll Leave Blaviken For Good" | 1:33 |
| 7. | "Her Sweet Kiss" (feat. Joey Batey) | 2:00 |
| 8. | "It's an Ultimatum" | 3:54 |
| 9. | "Round of Applause" (feat. Rodion Belousov) | 1:09 |
| 10. | "Marilka That's My Name" | 2:47 |
| 11. | "I'm Helping the Idiot" (feat. Arngeir Hauksson) | 2:44 |
| 12. | "The Knight Who Was Taught to Save Dragons" (feat. Rodion Belousov) | 5:05 |
| 13. | "Ragamuffin" | 4:28 |
| 14. | "The Last Rose of Cintra" (feat. Declan de Barra) | 2:23 |
| 15. | "Late Wee Pups Don't Get to Bark" (feat. Lindsay Deutsch) | 2:39 |
| 16. | "You Will Rule This Land Someday" | 4:31 |
| 17. | "The Fishmonger's Daughter" (feat. Joey Batey) | 1:16 |
| 18. | "Blaviken Inn" (feat. Lindsay Deutsch) | 1:34 |
| 19. | "Man in Black" | 4:04 |
| 20. | "The Great Cleansing" (feat. Lindsay Deutsch) | 4:04 |
| 21. | "The Law of Surprise" | 4:30 |
| 22. | "Battle of Marnadal" | 4:17 |
| 23. | "Pretty Ballads Hide Bastard Truths" (feat. Rodion Belousov) | 2:19 |
| 24. | "Giltine the Artist" | 1:42 |
| 25. | "Everytime You Leave" | 2:07 |
| 26. | "Rewriting History" (feat. Rodion Belousov) | 3:54 |
| 27. | "The End's Beginning" (feat. Declan de Barra) | 2:18 |
| 28. | "Gold Dragons Are the Rarest" (feat. Rodion Belousov) | 5:49 |
| 29. | "Bonfire" (feat. Lindsay Deutsch) | 2:14 |
| 30. | "Children Are Our Favorite" | 3:16 |
| 31. | "Do You Actually Have What It Takes" | 4:52 |
| 32. | "Point Me to Temeria" | 0:56 |
| 33. | "Djinni Djinn Djinn" | 2:09 |
| 34. | "Here's Your Destiny" | 3:48 |
| 35. | "Two Vows Here Tonight" | 3:02 |

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| [**Soundtrack album**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Soundtrack_album) **by** [**Sonya**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sonya_Belousova)[**Belousova**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sonya_Belousova) **and** [**Giona Ostinelli**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Giona_Ostinelli) |
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| [**Genre**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Music_genre)[Soundtrack](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Soundtrack) |
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| 36. "Bread, Breasts and Beer" (feat. Lindsay Deutsch) | 1:50 |
| 37. "Would You Honor Me With a Dance" | 2:03 |
| 38. "Four Marks" (feat. Rodion Belousov) | 4:17 |
| 39. "The Pensive Dragon Inn" (feat. Lindsay Deutsch) | 1:28 |
| 40. "A Gift for the Princess" | 2:48 |
| 41. "You're in Brokilon Forest" | 2:41 |
| 42. "Today Isn't Your Day Is It" | 1:38 |
| 43. "Lovely Rendez-vous à la montagne" | 2:39 |
| 44. "Blame Destiny" | 4:44 |
| 45. "The White Flame Has Brought Us Together" | 3:35 |
| 46. "He's One of the Clean Ones" (feat. Lindsay Deutsch) | 2:24 |
| 47. "You Lost Your Chance to Be Beautiful" | 5:13 |
| 48. "Yennefer of Vengerberg" | 3:10 |
| 49. "Shouldn't You Know When Someone Is Pretending" (feat. Lindsay Deutsch) | 2:21 |
| 50. "You'll Have to Fight It Until Dawn" | 9:04 |
| 51. "I'm the One with the Wishes" | 7:33 |
| 52. "Chaos Is All Around Us" | 4:29 |
| 53. "The Curse of the Black Sun" | 6:50 |
| 54. "Battle of Sodden" | 4:01 |
| 55. "The Song of the White Wolf" (feat. Declan de Barra) | 3:45 |

### Total length: 2:45:00

In October 2021, it was confirmed that [Joseph Trapanese](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joseph_Trapanese) would be scoring the soundtrack for the second season. Trapanese, having previously collaborated with Netflix as the composer for [*Shadow & Bone*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shadow_and_Bone_(TV_series)), replaced Belousova and Ostinelli.[1] Showrunner Lauren Schmidt Hissrich also revealed that new songs performed by Batey would be featured on the soundtrack.[84]

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| **No.** | **Title** | **Length** |
| 1. | "The Golden One" (feat. [Joey Batey](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joey_Batey)) | 3:23 |
| 2. | "Nilfgaard Attacks" | 2:38 |
| 3. | "Nivellen" | 3:28 |
| 4. | "Some Wounds Can't Be Healed" | 1:31 |
| 5. | "Kaer Morhen" | 1:43 |
| 6. | "Leshen" | 6:10 |
| 7. | "Power and Purpose" | 4:42 |
| 8. | "Aretuza Loses Another" | 1:35 |
| 9. | "The Pendulum" | 2:16 |
| 10. | "Witcher Training" | 2:11 |
| 11. | "Myrapod Chase" | 3:12 |
| 12. | "Stay With Me" | 3:11 |
| 13. | "Who Did This to You?" | 1:46 |
| 14. | "The Key to the Future" | 1:44 |
| 15. | "Done Dealing in Debts" | 4:50 |
| 16. | "Burn Butcher Burn" (feat. Joey Batey) | 2:39 |
| 17. | "Remembering Cintra" (feat. Sonya Belousova, Giona Ostinelli) | 4:39 |

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| 18. "Elder Blood" | 2:43 |
| 19. "Chernobog" | 2:14 |
| 20. "Melitele" | 4:02 |
| 21. "Fire Fucker" | 4:53 |
| 22. "Whoreson Prison Blues" (feat. Joey Batey) | 2:07 |
| 23. "Sworn to Protect" (feat. Sonya Belousova, Giona Ostinelli) | 4:36 |
| 24. "Elves' Allegiance" | 1:34 |
| 25. "I Believe in You" | 2:33 |
| 26. "Pain and Desperation" | 5:20 |
| 27. "Tell Me What You Want" | 3:19 |
| 28. "Basilisks" | 6:59 |
| 29. "We're Your Family" | 3:01 |
| 30. "You Belong With Us" | 1:36 |
| 31. "The Wild Hunt" | 2:25 |
| 32. "The White Flame" | 2:48 |

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| [**Soundtrack album**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Soundtrack_album) **by** [**Joseph**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joseph_Trapanese)[**Trapanese**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joseph_Trapanese) |
| **Released** December 17, 2021 |
| [**Genre**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Music_genre)[Soundtrack](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Soundtrack) |
| **Length** 1:42:00 |
| [**Label**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Record_label)Maisie Music Publishing |

In June 2022, it was confirmed Trapanese would return to score the soundtrack for the third season.[85] Besides new songs performed

by Joey Batey, the score features a new song "A Little Sacrifice" performed by Freya Allan and inspired by a short story of the same name from [*The Sword of Destiny*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sword_of_Destiny). Many songs also feature the Polish folk metal band [Percival Schuttenbach](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Percival_(band)) who previously worked on the soundtrack for *The Witcher 3: Wild Hunt*.

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| ***The Witcher: Season 3 (Soundtrack from the Netflix Original Series)*** |
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| [**Soundtrack album**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Soundtrack_album) **by** [**Joseph**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joseph_Trapanese)[**Trapanese**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joseph_Trapanese) |
| **Released** July 27, 2023 |
| [**Genre**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Music_genre)[Soundtrack](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Soundtrack) |
| **Length** 2:22:00 |
| [**Label**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Record_label)Sony Music Entertainment |

**Disk 1**

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| **No.** | **Title** | **Length** |
| 1. | "I Importune You" (feat. Percival Schuttenbach) | 1:12 |
| 2. | "A Time of Contempt" (feat. Percival Schuttenbach) | 5:59 |
| 3. | "Shaerrawedd" (feat. Percival Schuttenbach) | 3:10 |
| 4. | "Shaerrawedd Brawl" (feat. Percival Schuttenbach) | 2:08 |
| 5. | "Stay Together" | 4:22 |
| 6. | "A Mission for You" | 2:07 |
| 7. | "Changing Destiny is a Weighty Business" (feat. Percival Schuttenbach) | 3:07 |
| 8. | "Extraordinary Things" (feat. Joey Batey) | 3:19 |
| 9. | "Girl from Cintra" (feat. Sonya Belousova, Giona Ostinelli, Percival Schuttenbach) | 3:49 |
| 10. | "Vuilpanne" (feat. Percival Schuttenbach) | 3:19 |
| 11. | "Whispers of a Dozen Bounties" | 4:29 |
| 12. | "Death Itself" | 1:15 |
| 13. | "Let Me Guess, You Have a Plan?" (feat. Percival Schuttenbach) | 0:31 |
| 14. | "He's a Spoon" | 1:38 |
| 15. | "Emhyr van Emreis" | 2:31 |

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| 16. "Lessons in Smiling" | 1:07 |
| 17. "Aeschna" | 1:58 |
| 18. "She Was Gone" (feat. Percival Schuttenbach) | 3:01 |
| 19. "You Sure About This?" | 3:53 |
| 20. "Alone at Last" | 1:35 |
| 21. "All is Not as It Seems" (feat. Percival Schuttenbach, Nathan Armarkwei Laryea, GLOR1A, Josh Weller) | 3:40 |
| 22. "War is Brewing" | 3:35 |
| 23. "The Melange (A Witcher Tango)" (feat. Percival Schuttenbach) | 4:31 |
| 24. "Serious Accusations" | 4:01 |
| 25. "Should Have Chosen a Side" | 1:38 |

**Total length: 1:12:00**

**Disk 2**

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| **No.** | **Title** | **Length** |
| 1. | "Break the Bind" | 2:36 |
| 2. | "Gambit" (feat. Percival Schuttenbach) | 2:22 |
| 3. | "Failure of Judgement" (feat. Percival Schuttenbach) | 2:59 |
| 4. | "He Always Finds Us" (feat. Percival Schuttenbach) | 2:43 |
| 5. | "My Daughter" | 1:32 |
| 6. | "I Thought You Were Dead" | 2:06 |
| 7. | "Arrogance Will Be Your Undoing" | 3:55 |
| 8. | "Tor Lara" (feat. Percival Schuttenbach) | 1:31 |
| 9. | "Korath" | 4:16 |
| 10. | "A Little Sacrifice" (feat. Freya Allan, Percival Schuttenbach) | 2:52 |
| 11. | "Little Horse" (feat. Percival Schuttenbach) | 1:16 |
| 12. | "Water" (feat. Percival Schuttenbach) | 2:16 |
| 13. | "Dust and Oblivion" | 3:28 |
| 14. | "You Will Change Everything" (feat. Percival Schuttenbach) | 4:14 |
| 15. | "Enchanted Flowers" (feat. Joey Batey, Percival Schuttenbach) | 3:01 |
| 16. | "Brokilon" | 2:11 |
| 17. | "Skellige" | 1:39 |
| 18. | "Fine Work" | 1:35 |
| 19. | "Chaos Has Consequences" (feat. Percival Schuttenbach) | 4:47 |
| 20. | "Mend What is Broken" (feat. Percival Schuttenbach) | 4:52 |
| 21. | "Long Live the King" | 1:55 |
| 22. | "Auspicious Day" | 2:15 |
| 23. | "Rats" (feat. Percival Schuttenbach) | 3:05 |
| 24. | "Fair Fight" (feat. Percival Schuttenbach) | 3:36 |
| 25. | "The Ride of the Witcher" (feat. Joey Batey, Percival Schuttenbach) | 3:23 |

# Marketing

### Total length: 1:10:00

Netflix released the first teaser for the series at [San Diego Comic-Con](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Diego_Comic-Con) on July 19, 2019.[86][87] The first full trailer was revealed at [Lucca Comics & Games](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lucca_Comics_%26_Games) on October 31, 2019.[88][89] Netflix released a final trailer on December 12, 2019.[90] On October 29, 2021, Netflix released the official trailer for season 2.[91][92][93]

# Release

In April 2019, Netflix's Ted Sarandos told investors in an earnings call that the series would be released in late 2019.[94] The series premiered on December 20, 2019.[89] The second season premiered on December 17, 2021.[95] The third season was released in two volumes, with the first five episodes premiering on June 29 and the last three episodes on July 27, 2023, respectively.[32]

## Specials

On August 26, 2020, a [making-of](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Making-of) about the first season of the show titled *Making The Witcher* was released on Netflix.[96] On September 2, 2020, the making-of series *The Witcher: A Look Inside the Episodes* premiered on Netflix.[97]

With the release of the second season, Netflix released on December 17, 2021, *Making The Witcher: Season 2*,[98] *The Witcher Bestiary Season 1, Part 1*,[99] *The Witcher Bestiary Season 1, Part 2*,[100] *The Characters of the Continent*,[101] and *The Witcher: Fireplace*.[102][103]

On July 27, 2023, along with the third season's second-part premiere, Netflix released the making-of special

*Making The Witcher: Season 3*.[104]

# Reception

## Critical reception

### Season 1

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| **Season** | [**Rotten Tomatoes**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rotten_Tomatoes) | [**Metacritic**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Metacritic) |
| 1 | 68% (91 reviews)[105] | 54 (18 reviews)[106] |
| 2 | 95% (63 reviews)[107] | 69 (23 reviews)[108] |
| 3 | 79% (47 reviews)[109] | 71 (14 reviews)[110]  65 (7 reviews)[111] |

For the first season, [Rotten Tomatoes](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rotten_Tomatoes) collected 91 reviews and identified 68% of them as positive, with an average rating of 6.26/10. The website's critics consensus reads: "Though the world of *The Witcher* at times feels only half-formed, Henry

Cavill brings brawny charisma to a series teeming with subversive fantasy elements and dark humor."[105]

[Metacritic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Metacritic) calculated a weighted average score of 54 out of 100 based on 17 critics, indicating "mixed or average reviews".[106]

In a positive review of the first season, Erik Kain of [*Forbes*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Forbes)wrote, "If you're looking for an original dark fantasy with some horror elements, some bare skin and plenty of blood and gore (and monsters) look no further",[112] while James Whitbrook of [*io9*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Io9)said, "if you are willing to sit through those trudging opening

episodes, punctuated by a cool fight here or an intriguing character scene there, *The Witcher* slowly but surely finds itself a fantastical slice of bloody, schlocky fun."[113] Conversely, [*Entertainment Weekly*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Entertainment_Weekly)critic Darren Franich said, "My destiny is to never watch this borefest ever again", awarding the first season an F

rating.[114] Franich drew criticism when he confessed to watching only the first, second, and fifth

episodes.[115] Raisa Bruner from [*Time*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Time_(magazine))gave a positive review to the show and commented, "Each episode

gets stronger as the season progresses, and ultimately satisfies the fantasy itch."[116] Scott Bryan from the [*BBC*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BBC), was more negative towards the show by criticizing it for relying too much on the gameplays, and how they didn't know how to properly adapt it into a TV show.[117] Critic William Hughes from [*The A.V.*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_A.V._Club)

[*Club*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_A.V._Club)commented in a positive review: "*The Witcher* is by no means perfect; even ignoring the earlier structural flaws, its efforts at comedy often come off sounding a bit too modern for the rest of its setting, and the characters' tendency to monologue to any unspeaking object or person they can find—horses, mute companions, literal dead babies—verges on comedic. But when the worst thing you can say about a series is that every episode ends up being better than the one that preceded it, that leaves an exciting amount of

room to grow."[118]

*The Witcher* author [Andrzej Sapkowski](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andrzej_Sapkowski) commented favorably on the show, stating, "I was more than happy with [Henry Cavill](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_Cavill)'s appearance as The Witcher. He's a real professional. Just as [Viggo Mortensen](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Viggo_Mortensen) gave his face to [Aragorn](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aragorn) (in [*The Lord of the Rings*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Lord_of_the_Rings_(film_series))), so Henry gave his to Geralt — and it shall be forever so." Sapkowski added, "I shall be happy if the viewers — and readers — take anything away, anything that shall enrich them in some way. Also, I sincerely hope to leave the viewers — and readers — hot. In every sense. Not tepid, not lukewarm."[119] Author Tom Long from [*The Detroit News*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Detroit_News)praised the series for its

action sequences and performances, and gave the show a B rating.[120] Matthew Aguilar from

ComicBook.com gave a positive response by rating the show with 4 out of 5: "The Witcher brings the world's rich characters, sharp wit, and stylish action to life in a truly delightful way, and whether you're a fan of the novels or the games, you're going to find something to love."[121] Critic Daniel D'Addario was more negative with the show and commented: "This is a show with moments of drama and of gruesome violence cut through with a glancing humor that too often feels tossed-off and out-of-place in the world the

show has created."[122]

### Season 2

The second season received positive reviews. [Rotten Tomatoes](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rotten_Tomatoes) reports a 95% approval rating with an average rating of 7.9/10, based on 62 reviews. The website's critical consensus reads, "*The Witcher* 's second season expands on its first in all the best ways—and most importantly, it remains a whole lot of

fun."[107] [Metacritic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Metacritic) calculated a weighted average score of 69 out of 100 based on 23 critics, indicating

"generally favorable reviews".[108]

Critic Sheena Scott from [*Forbes*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Forbes)favorably commented: "Throughout the episodes, characters repeatedly point out their resemblance—a similar attitude, the same hairstyle—to keep on reminding the viewers of their daughter-father bond. But as the ending of Season 2 indicates, it looks like it is this very bond that may

be put into jeopardy in the next season."[123] Angie Han from [*The Hollywood Reporter*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Hollywood_Reporter), praised the series

for being an improvement over its previous season, although it may not be perfect. She commented: "In its second outing, *The Witcher* feels confident enough to open itself up to that whole array of feelings."[124] In

a more negative review, Roxana Hadadi from [*Vulture*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vulture_Magazine)stated, "In its second season, *The Witcher* is most engaging when exploring the alliances and allegiances between Geralt, Yennefer, and Ciri and when using those three to consider Nivellen's insistence that 'Monsters are born of deeds alone. Unforgivable ones.' But in its attempt to build a bigger world, the series falls prey to more fantasy tropes than it masters."[125] Author Leigh Butler deemed the second season an improvement over its previous season, praising its deeper themes, better storyline, performances, and finally approaching its potential, and stated, "Season 2 (so far) is better, and working its way toward potentially great. When it comes down to it, there is really

only one thing any story needs to accomplish, and *The Witcher* has accomplished it."[126]

James Whitbrook from [*io9*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Io9)said, "The new focus on character-building might mean less focus on specific short stories from Sapkowski's collection of *Witcher* tales, but it makes the show's world feel more expansive and nuanced in ways it didn't until late in the show's first season, while still keeping things

centered on the characters as the sense of scale expands."[127] Nick Schagerw stated in a negative review,

"Even by typical fantasy-genre standards, the show indulges in so much make-believe terminology, and at such an incessant clip, that it quickly proves easier to give up trying to make heads or tails of every detail and instead just go with the wonky narrative flow",[128] while Allison Keene from [*Paste*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paste_(magazine))commented in a positive review, "More than anything though, *The Witcher* 's excellent Season 2 is a deeper dive into a rich

world that shines in its focus on Ciri and Geralt's relationship, and how that connection influences everything around them. Though there are plenty of things to quibble over from book to screen (or from videogame screen, although the show is expressly pulled from the page), *The Witcher* is perhaps best

viewed and accepted as a fresh translation of an old fable."[129] Critic Carly Lane from [*Collider*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Collider_(website))gave

positive feedback: "By comparison, Season 2 is finally settling into its stride and has an even better sense of what works while discarding more of what didn't — although there are still the occasional unannounced time-jumps forward, or surprise character introductions, that demand attentiveness rather than any distracted

background viewing."[130]

### Season 3

For the third season, [Rotten Tomatoes](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rotten_Tomatoes) reports a 79% approval rating with an average rating of 7.1/10, based on 47 reviews. The website's critical consensus reads, "Capably shouldered by Henry Cavill's gruff charm, *The Witcher*'s plotty third season pays a fittingly fond farewell to this particular Geralt of Rivia."[109] [Metacritic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Metacritic) calculated a weighted average score of 71 out of 100 based on 14 critics indicating "generally favorable reviews" for the first five episodes[110] and a score of 65 out of 100 based on 7 critics indicating "generally favorable reviews" for the last three.[111]

## Audience viewership

According to Parrot Analytics, *The Witcher*, in its US debut, was the third most "in demand" original streaming series, behind [*Stranger Things*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stranger_Things)and [*The Mandalorian*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Mandalorian).[131] Parrot's process measures "demand expressions", which is "its globally standardized TV-demand measurement unit that reflects the desire, engagement, and viewership of a series weighted by importance."[132] On December 31, 2019, Parrot Analytics reported that *The Witcher* became the most-in-demand TV series in the world, across all platforms.[133]

On December 30, 2019, [Netflix](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Netflix) issued a number of official lists, including the Most Popular TV Shows of 2019. The series was among the most viewed in the U.S. market, where *The Witcher* was ranked second among series.[134] On January 21, 2020, Netflix announced that the first season had been viewed by over

76 million viewers on its service within its first month of release.[135] Netflix had recently changed its viewership metric, from 70% of an episode under the previous metric, down to two minutes under the new

metric. The new metric gives viewing figures 35% higher on average than the previous one.[136] The 76 million views in its first month based on the new metric (at least two minutes or more) is the largest for a Netflix series launch since the introduction of the new viewership metric.[137][138]

*The Witcher* was, until the release of [*Bridgerton*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bridgerton)and [*Squid Game*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Squid_Game), Netflix's [most watched original series](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_most_watched_Netflix_Original_Programming) launch at the time, with 541 million hours viewed in the first 28 days of release, and season two achieved 484 million hours watched.[139]

Upon the release of the first batch of episodes for the third season, it was reported that the show had experienced a 30% drop in viewership compared to the previous season.[140]

Sales of *The Witcher 3: Wild Hunt* in December 2019 were 554% greater than those from December 2018, attributed to renewed interest in the series due to the show.[141]

**Accolades**

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| **Year** | **Award** | **Category** | **Nominee(s)** | **Result** | **Ref.** |
| 2020 | [British Society of](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/British_Society_of_Cinematographers) [Cinematographers](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/British_Society_of_Cinematographers) | Best Cinematography in a Television Drama | Gavin Struthers | Nominated | [142] |
| [Dragon Awards](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dragon_Awards) | Best Science Fiction or Fantasy TV Series | [Lauren Schmidt Hissrich](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lauren_Schmidt_Hissrich) | Nominated | [143] |
| [Webby Awards](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Webby_Awards) | Video – Trailer People's Voice | Lucy Bond, Jed Finkelstein, Oleg Loginov, and Rebecca Salt | Won | [144] |
| 2021 | [BMI Film & TV](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BMI_Film_%26_TV_Awards) [Awards](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BMI_Film_%26_TV_Awards) | BMI Streaming Series Award | [Sonya Belousova](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sonya_Belousova) | Won | [145] |
| [Hollywood Music In](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/11th_Hollywood_Music_in_Media_Awards) [Media Awards](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/11th_Hollywood_Music_in_Media_Awards) | [Best Main Title Theme – TV](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hollywood_Music_in_Media_Award_for_Best_Main_Title_Theme_%E2%80%93_TV_Show/Limited_Series) [Show/Limited Series](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hollywood_Music_in_Media_Award_for_Best_Main_Title_Theme_%E2%80%93_TV_Show/Limited_Series) | Sonya Belousova and [Giona](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Giona_Ostinelli) [Ostinelli](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Giona_Ostinelli) | Nominated | [146] |
| [Best Original Song in a TV](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hollywood_Music_in_Media_Award_for_Best_Original_Song_in_a_TV_Show/Limited_Series) [Show/Limited Series](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hollywood_Music_in_Media_Award_for_Best_Original_Song_in_a_TV_Show/Limited_Series) | Sonya Belousova, Giona Ostinelli, and Jenny Klein | Nominated |
| [Saturn Awards](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/46th_Saturn_Awards) | [Best Fantasy Television](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saturn_Award_for_Best_Fantasy_Television_Series) [Series](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saturn_Award_for_Best_Fantasy_Television_Series) | *The Witcher* | Nominated | [147] |
| [Best Actor on Television](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saturn_Award_for_Best_Actor_on_Television) | [Henry Cavill](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_Cavill) | Nominated |
| [Best Performance by a](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saturn_Award_for_Best_Performance_by_a_Younger_Actor_in_a_Television_Series) [Younger Actor in a Television](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saturn_Award_for_Best_Performance_by_a_Younger_Actor_in_a_Television_Series) [Series](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saturn_Award_for_Best_Performance_by_a_Younger_Actor_in_a_Television_Series) | [Freya Allan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Freya_Allan) | Nominated |
| 2022 | [Art Directors Guild](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Art_Directors_Guild_Awards_2021) [Awards](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Art_Directors_Guild_Awards_2021) | [Excellence in Production](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Art_Directors_Guild_Award_for_Excellence_in_Production_Design_for_a_One-Hour_Period_or_Fantasy_Single-Camera_Series) [Design for a One-Hour](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Art_Directors_Guild_Award_for_Excellence_in_Production_Design_for_a_One-Hour_Period_or_Fantasy_Single-Camera_Series) [Period or Fantasy Single-](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Art_Directors_Guild_Award_for_Excellence_in_Production_Design_for_a_One-Hour_Period_or_Fantasy_Single-Camera_Series) [Camera Series](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Art_Directors_Guild_Award_for_Excellence_in_Production_Design_for_a_One-Hour_Period_or_Fantasy_Single-Camera_Series) | Andrew Laws (for "A Grain of Truth") | Nominated | [148] |
| [British Academy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2022_British_Academy_Television_Craft_Awards) [Television Craft](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2022_British_Academy_Television_Craft_Awards) [Awards](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2022_British_Academy_Television_Craft_Awards) | [Best Make-Up & Hair Design](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/British_Academy_Television_Craft_Award_for_Best_Make-Up_%26_Hair_Design) | Barrie Gower, Sarah Gower and Deb Watson | Won | [149] |
| Best Sound: Fiction | James Bain, Robert Farr, Matthew Collinge, Matt Davies, Alyn Sclosa, and Rob Prynne | Nominated |
| [Best Special, Visual &](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/British_Academy_Television_Craft_Award_for_Best_Special%2C_Visual_%26_Graphic_Effects) [Graphic Effects](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/British_Academy_Television_Craft_Award_for_Best_Special%2C_Visual_%26_Graphic_Effects) | Oliver Cubbage, Dadi Einarsson, Jet Omoshebi, Aleksandar Pejic, Stefano Pepin, and Gavin Round | Won |
| [Costume Designers](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Costume_Designers_Guild_Awards_2021) [Guild Awards](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Costume_Designers_Guild_Awards_2021) | [Excellence in Sci-Fi/Fantasy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Costume_Designers_Guild_Award_for_Excellence_in_Sci-Fi/Fantasy_Television) [Television](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Costume_Designers_Guild_Award_for_Excellence_in_Sci-Fi/Fantasy_Television) | Lucinda Wright (for "Family") | Nominated | [150] |
| [Critics' Choice Super](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2nd_Critics%27_Choice_Super_Awards) [Awards](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2nd_Critics%27_Choice_Super_Awards) | Best Science Fiction/Fantasy Series | *The Witcher* | Nominated | [151] |
| Best Actor in a Science Fiction/Fantasy Series | Henry Cavill | Nominated |
| [Golden Reel Awards](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Golden_Reel_Awards_2021) | Outstanding Achievement in Sound Editing – Series 1 Hour – Comedy or Drama – Sound Effects and Foley | Matthew Collinge, Rob Turner, Alyn Sclosa, Rob Prynne, Adam Oakley, Rob Weatherall, Zoe Freed, and | Won | [152] |

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|  |  |  | Rebecca Heathcote (for "A Grain of Truth") |  |  |
| Outstanding Achievement in Sound Editing – Series 1 Hour – Comedy or Drama – Music | Arabella Winter (for "A Grain of Truth") | Nominated |
| [Hollywood Critics](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2nd_Hollywood_Critics_Association_TV_Awards) [Association TV](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2nd_Hollywood_Critics_Association_TV_Awards) [Awards](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2nd_Hollywood_Critics_Association_TV_Awards) | Best Actor in a Streaming Series, Drama | Henry Cavill | Nominated | [153] |
| [Make-Up Artists and](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Make-Up_Artists_and_Hair_Stylists_Guild_Awards_2021) [Hair Stylists Guild](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Make-Up_Artists_and_Hair_Stylists_Guild_Awards_2021) [Awards](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Make-Up_Artists_and_Hair_Stylists_Guild_Awards_2021) | [Best Special Makeup](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Make-Up_Artists_and_Hair_Stylists_Guild_Award_for_Best_Special_Makeup_Effects_in_Television%2C_Limited/Miniseries%2C_or_New_Media_Series) [Effects in Television,](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Make-Up_Artists_and_Hair_Stylists_Guild_Award_for_Best_Special_Makeup_Effects_in_Television%2C_Limited/Miniseries%2C_or_New_Media_Series) [Limited/Miniseries, or New](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Make-Up_Artists_and_Hair_Stylists_Guild_Award_for_Best_Special_Makeup_Effects_in_Television%2C_Limited/Miniseries%2C_or_New_Media_Series) [Media Series](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Make-Up_Artists_and_Hair_Stylists_Guild_Award_for_Best_Special_Makeup_Effects_in_Television%2C_Limited/Miniseries%2C_or_New_Media_Series) | Barrie Gower and Deb Watson | Nominated | [154] |
| [Primetime Creative](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/74th_Primetime_Creative_Arts_Emmy_Awards) [Arts Emmy Awards](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/74th_Primetime_Creative_Arts_Emmy_Awards) | [Outstanding Fantasy/Sci-Fi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Primetime_Emmy_Award_for_Outstanding_Fantasy/Sci-Fi_Costumes) [Costumes](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Primetime_Emmy_Award_for_Outstanding_Fantasy/Sci-Fi_Costumes) | Lucinda Wright and Rebecca Jempson (for "Family") | Nominated | [155] |
| [Outstanding Special Visual](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Primetime_Emmy_Award_for_Outstanding_Special_Visual_Effects) [Effects in a Season or a](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Primetime_Emmy_Award_for_Outstanding_Special_Visual_Effects) [Movie](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Primetime_Emmy_Award_for_Outstanding_Special_Visual_Effects) | Dadi Einarsson, Gavin Round, Bruno Baron, Matthias Bjarnason, Sebastien Francoeur, Aleksandar Pejic, Oliver Cubbage, Mateusz Tokarz, and Stefano Pepin | Nominated |
| [Outstanding Stunt](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Primetime_Emmy_Award_for_Outstanding_Stunt_Coordination) [Coordination for a Drama](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Primetime_Emmy_Award_for_Outstanding_Stunt_Coordination) [Series, Limited or Anthology](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Primetime_Emmy_Award_for_Outstanding_Stunt_Coordination) [Series or Movie](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Primetime_Emmy_Award_for_Outstanding_Stunt_Coordination) | Adam Horton | Nominated |
| [Saturn Awards](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/47th_Saturn_Awards) | [Best Fantasy Series](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saturn_Award_for_Best_Fantasy_Television_Series) [(Streaming)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saturn_Award_for_Best_Fantasy_Television_Series) | *The Witcher* | Nominated | [156] |
| [Visual Effects](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/20th_Visual_Effects_Society_Awards) [Society Awards](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/20th_Visual_Effects_Society_Awards) | [Outstanding Animated](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Visual_Effects_Society_Award_for_Outstanding_Animated_Character_in_an_Episode_or_Real-Time_Project) [Character in an Episode or](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Visual_Effects_Society_Award_for_Outstanding_Animated_Character_in_an_Episode_or_Real-Time_Project) [Real-Time Project](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Visual_Effects_Society_Award_for_Outstanding_Animated_Character_in_an_Episode_or_Real-Time_Project) | Hannes Faupel, Stéphane Paccolat, Ivan Cadena Ayala, and Laurent Fortin (for " Leshy Eskel; Tree Branch Creature") | Nominated | [157]  [158] |
| Marko Chulev, Rasely Ma, Mike Beaulieu, and Robin Witzsche (for "Nivellen the Cursed Man") | Won |
| 2024 | [British Academy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2024_British_Academy_Television_Craft_Awards) [Television Craft](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2024_British_Academy_Television_Craft_Awards) [Awards](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2024_British_Academy_Television_Craft_Awards) | Best Sound: Fiction | Matthew Collinge, James Bain, Robert Farr, Tom Melling, Matt Davies, Alyn Sclosa | Nominated | [159] |
| Best Special, Visual and Graphic Effects | Tim Crosbie, Caimin Bourne, Jet Omoshebi, Dan Weir, Cinesite, David Stephens | Won |

# Prequels

## Films

In January 2020, Netflix announced an animated [spin-off](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spin-off_(media)) film titled *The Witcher: Nightmare of the Wolf*, focusing on the origin story of Geralt's mentor and fellow witcher Vesemir. [Lauren Schmidt Hissrich](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lauren_Schmidt_Hissrich) and Beau DeMayo worked on the film, with production by [Studio Mir](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Studio_Mir).[160] It was released on August 23, 2021.[161]

On September 25, 2021, a second animated feature film was announced.[31][162] In November 2023, it was announced that the film would be titled *The Witcher: Sirens of the Deep* and would be based on the short story "A Little Sacrifice" from *Sword of Destiny*. Studio Mir will return to produce the film, which will be written by series writers [Mike Ostrowski](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mike_Ostrowski) and Rae Benjamin, produced by Lauren Schmidt Hissrich, and

directed by Kang Hei Chul who served as a storyboard artist on *Nightmare of the Wolf*. It will be released in late 2024.[163]

## Series

A live-action prequel limited series, *The Witcher: Blood Origin*, was announced by Netflix in July 2020. Set 1200 years before Geralt's time, it shows the origin of the Witchers. Schmidt Hissrich developed the prequel as executive producer, and [Declan de Barra](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Declan_de_Barra) served as showrunner.[164] In July 2021, [Michelle Yeoh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michelle_Yeoh) and

[Sophia Brown](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sophia_Brown_(actress)) joined the cast. Filming began in August 2021 in the United Kingdom,[165][166] with [Lenny](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lenny_Henry) [Henry](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lenny_Henry), [Mirren Mack](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mirren_Mack), [Nathaniel Curtis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nathaniel_Curtis), [Dylan Moran](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dylan_Moran), [Jacob Collins-Levy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jacob_Collins-Levy), Lizzie Annis, Huw Novelli,

Francesca Mills, Amy Murray and Zach Wyatt joining the cast.[167] The series premiered on December 25, 2022, and consists of four episodes.[168]

# Notes

a. Original title of the book series in [Polish](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Polish_language): *Wiedźmin*. Previously the name has had a number of different translations, including the [German](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German_language): *Hexer* and [Russian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russian_language): Ведьмак, but following the release of the [video games](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Witcher_(video_game_series)) the word *Witcher* was selected as the standard translation of *Wiedźmin* into English.

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