

# The Paragon Multimedia DVD, VHS Collection

Title: **Beetlejuice**



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## Information

Release Title: Beetlejuice United Kingdom: 19<sup>th</sup> August 1988

From:

Origin: United States

Release date: United States – 29<sup>th</sup> March 1988

Genres: Comedy, Fantasy

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Certification: 15

Duration: 1h 32m

Region Code:

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MPN:

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Languages: English

Filming locations: East Corinth, Vermont, USA (Winter River, CT)

Sound mix: Dolby Stereo Dolby Atmos

Colour: PAL

Aspect Ratio: 1.85:1

### Beetlejuice



Theatrical release poster by Carl Ramsey

Directed by	Tim Burton
Screenplay by	Michael McDowell Warren Skaaren
Story by	Michael McDowell Larry Wilson
Produced by	Michael Bender Larry Wilson Richard Hashimoto
Starring	Alec Baldwin Geena Davis Jeffrey Jones Catherine O'Hara Winona Ryder Michael Keaton
Cinematography	Thomas E. Ackerman
Edited by	Jane Kurson
Music by	Danny Elfman
Production company	The Geffen Company
Distributed by	Warner Bros.
Release date	March 30, 1988
Running time	92 minutes
Country	United States
Language	English
Budget	\$15 million
Box office	\$74.7 million <sup>[1]</sup>

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## Storyline

In Winter River, Connecticut, Barbara and Adam Maitland decide to spend their vacation decorating their idyllic country home. As they are driving home from a trip to town, Barbara swerves to avoid a dog, and the car plunges into the river. After returning home, she and Adam notice they now lack reflections and find a Handbook for the Recently Deceased.

They begin to suspect they did not survive the car accident. When Adam attempts to leave the house, he ends up in a strange and otherworldly desert-like landscape populated by enormous sandworms. The encounter lasts only a few seconds for him, but after being rescued by Barbara, she claims that he was gone for two hours.

The house is sold, and the new owners, the Deetz family, arrive from New York City. Charles Deetz is a former real estate developer; his second wife Delia is a self-proclaimed sculptor; and his teenage goth daughter Lydia, from his first marriage, is an aspiring photographer. Under the guidance of interior designer Otho, the family transforms the house into a pastel-toned work of postmodern art.

Consulting the Handbook, the Maitlands travel to an otherworldly waiting room populated by other distressed souls where they discover the afterlife is structured according to a complex bureaucracy involving vouchers and caseworkers. The Maitlands' caseworker Juno informs them they must remain in the house for the next 125 years on the pain of a dire fate. If they want the Deetzes out of the house, it is up to the Maitlands to scare them away.

Although Adam and Barbara remain invisible to Charles and Delia, Lydia can see the ghost couple and befriends them. Against Juno's advice, the Maitlands contact the miscreant Beetlejuice, Juno's former assistant and a now freelance "bio-exorcist", to scare away the Deetzes.

However, Beetlejuice quickly offends the Maitlands with his crude and morbid demeanour: they reconsider hiring him, though too late to stop him from wreaking havoc on the Deetzes. The small town's charm and the supernatural events inspire Charles to pitch his boss Maxie Dean on transforming the town into a tourist hot spot, but Maxie wants proof of the ghosts. Using the Handbook for the Recently Deceased, Otho conducts what he thinks is a séance and summons Adam and Barbara, using their wedding clothes, but they begin to age and decay as Otho had unwittingly performed an exorcism instead.

Horried, Lydia summons Beetlejuice for help; but he will only help her on the condition that she marries him, enabling him to freely cause chaos in the mortal world. He saves the Maitlands and disposes of Maxie, his wife, and Otho, then prepares a wedding before a ghastly minister. The Maitlands intervene before the ceremony is completed, with Barbara riding a sandworm through the house to devour Beetlejuice.

Finally, the Deetzes and Maitlands agree to live in harmony within the house. Beetlejuice is stuck in the after-life waiting room. He steals a number ticket from a witch doctor who shrinks his head in return.

## Cast

Alec Baldwin as Adam Maitland

Geena Davis as Barbara Maitland

Michael Keaton as Betelgeuse (pronounced Beetlejuice)

Jeffrey Jones as Charles Deetz

Catherine O'Hara as Delia Deetz

Winona Ryder as Lydia Deetz

Sylvia Sidney as Juno

Robert Goulet as Maxie Dean

Dick Cavett as Bernard

Glenn Shadix as Otho

Maree Cheatham as Sarah Dean

Tony Cox as the Preacher

Jack Angel as the voice of the Preacher

Susan Kellermann as Grace  
Adelle Lutz as Beryl  
Annie McEnroe as Jane Butterfield  
Patrice Martinez as Miss Argentina, Afterlife receptionist.

### Parents Guide

#### Certification

Argentina:13 (original rating) Argentina:Atp (re-rating) Australia:M Brazil:Livre Brazil:14 (DVD) Bulgaria:B Canada:PG Canada:PG (Alberta) Chile:TE Colombia:T Czechia:U Denmark:11 (Blu-ray rating) Finland:K-12 Finland:K-11 (Blu-ray rating) France:Tous publics Germany:12 Greece:K-8 Hong Kong:II Hungary:12 Iceland:12 India:UA (Bombay) Ireland:15 Israel:PG Italy:T (DVD rating) Italy:BA (TV rating) Japan:G Lithuania:N-7 Malaysia:U Mexico:A Mexico:AA (original rating) Netherlands:12 (Blu-ray rating) Netherlands:AL (DVD) New Zealand:PG Nigeria:PG Norway:12 (VOD) Norway:15 (cinema rating) Peru:Apt Philippines:SPG (TV rating) Philippines:PG-13 (cinema rating) Poland:18 (TV rating) Portugal:M/12 Russia:12+ Saudi Arabia:PG Singapore:PG South Africa:10 South Africa:PG (re-rating) South Korea:All South Korea:12 (new rating) Spain:A Spain:12 (VHS and DVD rating) Sweden:Btl (Digital Streaming) Sweden:15 (original rating) Sweden:11 (1998, re-rating) Taiwan:PG-12 (2018) Thailand:G Turkey:G United Kingdom:15 (original rating) United Kingdom:12A (2018, theatrical re-release) United States:TV-14 (DLSV) United States:TV-PG (DVD rating) United States:TV-14 (LV, TV Rating.) United States:PG (certificate #28914) United States:TV-MA (uncut version) United Arab Emirates:15+ (DVD rating) West Germany:12

**Sex & Nudity** –Mild **Violence & Gore** – Moderate **Profanity** – Moderate **Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking** – Mild **Frightening & Intense Scenes** – Moderate

