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Title: **Constantine**



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Theatrical release poster

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Information

Release Title: Constantine 18th March 2005 (United Kingdom)

From:

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Author:

Release date: United States

Origin: USA.

Genre: Action, Fantasy, Horror, Mystery

Disc Nos. - 1

Certification: 15

Duration: 2h 1m

Region Code:

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MPN:

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Languages: English, German

Filming Locations: 259 Broadway, Los Angeles, California, USA (Bowling Apartment)

Sound mix: Dolby Digital 5.1

Directed by	Francis Lawrence
Screenplay by	Kevin Brodbin Frank Cappello
Story by	Kevin Brodbin
Based on	John Constantine by Alan Moore Stephen R. Bissette Rick Veitch John Totleben
Produced by	Lauren Shuler Donner Benjamin Melniker Michael E. Uslan Erwin Stoff Lorenzo di Bonaventura Akiva Goldsman
Starring	Keanu Reeves Rachel Weisz Shia LaBeouf Tilda Swinton Pruitt Taylor Vince Djimon Hounsou Gavin Rossdale Peter Stormare
Cinematography	Philippe Rousselot
Edited by	Wayne Wahrman
Music by	Brian Tyler Klaus Badelt
Production companies	Warner Bros. Pictures ^[1] Village Roadshow Pictures ^[2] The Donners' Company ^[3] Weed Road Pictures ^[3] 3 Arts Entertainment ^[3]
Distributed by	Warner Bros. Pictures ^[1]
Release dates	February 7, 2005 (Paris) February 18, 2005 (United States)
Running time	121 minutes ^[4]
Country	United States ^[5]
Language	English
Budget	\$70–100 million ^[6] ^[7] ^[8]
Box office	\$230.9 million ^[8]

Aspect ratio: 2.40 Widescreen

Colour: PAL

Storyline

In Mexico, a scavenger recovers the tip of the spear that pierced Jesus Christ from a ruined church and, after becoming possessed, takes it to Los Angeles. There, cynical occult expert John Constantine exorcises a demon from a young girl after witnessing its attempt to come through her to Earth, something that should be impossible because of a treaty between Heaven and Hell. Suffering from terminal lung cancer, Constantine meets with the half-breed angel Gabriel to request an extension to his life in exchange for his work deporting Hell's forces. Gabriel responds that performing good deeds for selfish reasons will not secure his way into Heaven.

Elsewhere, detective Angela Dodson is investigating the death of her twin sister Isabel who leaped from a psychiatric hospital roof. Angela refuses to believe her sister, a devout Catholic, would commit suicide and condemn herself to Hell. Watching security footage, Angela hears Isabel say "Constantine", and seeks out his assistance. He refuses to help until he witnesses demons pursuing Angela and fends them off. He uses a ritual to see Isabel in Hell and confirms she killed herself. Constantine tells Angela that he committed suicide as a teenager because he was traumatized by seeing supernatural creatures and, though he was revived, when he dies he is condemned to Hell.

At the morgue, Constantine's friend Father Hennesy discovers a symbol on Isabel's wrist but is killed by the half-breed demon Balthazar. Constantine and Angela discover Hennesy carved the symbol into his hand for them to find. Angela also finds a clue hidden in Isabel's hospital room concerning a chapter of Hell's bible. Before being killed by Balthazar, Constantine's ally Beeman tells the pair the symbol represents the antichrist Mammon, Lucifer's son, and the chapter prophesies him usurping his father and conquering the Earth, using a powerful psychic and divine assistance; the psychic, Isabel, killed herself to stop Mammon. Angela reveals she possessed powers like Isabel's but repressed them to avoid being deemed insane like her sister. Constantine helps Angela reawaken her powers by inducing a near-death experience, and she uses them to find Balthazar.

Constantine interrogates Balthazar and learns that the blood of Christ on the spear tip is Mammon's divine assistance, and Angela has been chosen as his new host. An unseen entity destroys Balthazar and abducts Angela who becomes possessed by Mammon. With the help of witch doctor Papa Midnite, Constantine induces visions to locate Angela at the psychiatric hospital. Alongside his driver and apprentice, Chas Kramer, Constantine arms himself and assaults the building, battling through hordes of demons to Angela. Constantine and Chas seemingly exorcise Mammon from her, but Chas is killed by the unseen force, revealed to be Gabriel. Resentful at God's favoritism for humanity and forgiveness for even the most wicked, Gabriel intends to unleash Hell on Earth so that those who survive will become truly "worthy" of His love. Gabriel tosses Constantine away and prepares to pierce Angela with the spear tip to unleash Mammon.

Desperate, Constantine commits suicide by slitting his wrists, knowing that Lucifer will personally come to collect him. Time pauses and Constantine convinces Lucifer to intervene and stop Mammon. Gabriel ineffectually attempts to smite Lucifer, revealing God has abandoned them, and Lucifer burns away Gabriel's wings before banishing Mammon to Hell. Lucifer offers to restore Constantine to life for his assistance, but he instead asks that Isabel be sent to Heaven. Lucifer releases Isabel, but Constantine begins ascending to Heaven for his selfless sacrifice. Infuriated, Lucifer restores Constantine to life and removes his cancer, believing that, in time, he will prove he belongs in Hell. Constantine punches the now-mortal Gabriel before leaving and entrusts Angela with securing the spear tip. In a post-credits' scene, Constantine visits Chas's grave and witnesses Chas in an angelic form.

Cast

Keanu Reeves as John Constantine: A chain-smoking cynic with the ability to perceive the true visage of half-angels and half-demons on the human plane. John believes himself damned to Hell for attempting suicide—a mortal sin—and has terminal lung cancer.

Connor Dylan Wryn as young John Constantine

Quinn Buniel as child John Constantine

Rachel Weisz as Angela Dodson: A troubled LAPD detective investigating the suicide of her twin sister Isabel (also portrayed by Weisz).

Weisz also portrays Mammon, the son of Lucifer who has no patience for his father's rule of Hell and uses Angela's body as a means of escaping to rule over Earth.

Shia LaBeouf as Chas Kramer: Constantine's driver and apprentice. Chas has a strong interest in the occult and helps Constantine whenever possible in order to gain knowledge and experience from him.

Tilda Swinton as Gabriel: A "half-breed" Archangel with a disdain for humanity who plots to free Mammon as a means to unleash Hell on the Earth.

Pruitt Taylor Vince as Father Hennessy: An insomniac, alcoholic priest with the ability to communicate with the dead. He wears a protective charm in order to "keep the voices out".

Djimon Hounsou as Papa Midnite: A former witch-doctor who once fought against Hell. After swearing an oath of neutrality—unless one side should tip the balance of power—he opened a nightclub to serve as neutral meeting ground for both sides of the war between Heaven and Hell.

Gavin Rossdale as Balthazar: A "half-breed" demon with a special interest in, and personal history with, Constantine.

Peter Stormare as Satan/Lucifer: A fallen Archangel who is in a proxy war with God for the souls of all mankind and ruler of Hell, feared on Earth as Satan or The Devil. Lucifer loathes Constantine with such vigor that Constantine's soul is the only one he would ever come to personally collect.

Max Baker as Beeman: A friend of Constantine's with extensive knowledge of exotic occult materials and insects. He supplies Constantine with both holy objects and information.

Francis Guinan as Father Garret: A priest Angela talks to about getting Isabel a Catholic burial.

José Zúñiga as Det. Weiss: Angela's partner.

Jesse Ramirez as Manuel: A scavenger and treasure hunter who finds the Spear of Destiny in the ruins of a church in Mexico that grants various powers and places him in a trance-like state in which he travels to Los Angeles.

April Grace as Dr. Archer: Constantine's doctor.

Tanoai Reed as the bouncer at Midnite's club.

Additionally, Michelle Monaghan filmed several scenes as Ellie: A half-breed demon Constantine sleeps with and asks for information, who is based on a succubus of the same name in the Hellblazer comics. In the finished film, however, the role consists of two brief shots and one line of dialogue ("Holy water?") during Constantine's climactic confrontation with the group of half-breeds in the hospital. Director Francis Lawrence said Ellie's relationship with Constantine was cut to make him more of a lonely character.

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Argentina:13 Australia:MA (original rating) Australia:M (re-rating) Brazil:14 Canada:14A (Canadian Home Video rating) Canada:13+ (Quebec) Chile:14 Czechia:12 Denmark:15 Ecuador:13+ (self-applied) Egypt:Not Rated (self-applied) Finland:K-15 France:12 Germany:16 Greece:K-16 Hong Kong:IIB Hungary:16 Iceland:16 India:UA (2007, heavily cut) India:A (2005) Indonesia:17+ (self-applied) Ireland:16 (original rating) Ireland:18 (video rating) Italy:T Japan:R-15 Malaysia:18SG Mexico:B Netherlands:16 New Zealand:M Norway:15 Peru:14 Philippines:PG-13 Poland:16 (TV rating) Portugal:M/16 Russia:16+ Singapore:PG Singapore:NC16 (TV rating) South Africa:16 South Korea:15 Spain:18 (ICAA) Sweden:15 Switzerland:16 (canton of Geneva) Switzerland:16 (canton of Vaud) Switzerland:16 (canton of Zurich) Taiwan:R-12 Thailand:u 15+ (self-applied) Turkey:15+ Turkey:13+ (DVD rating) Turkey:16+ (self-applied) United Kingdom:15 United States:TV-14 (LV, TV Rating.) United States:R (certificate #41423) United Arab Emirates:16+ (self-applied)

Sex & Nudity

None

Violence & Gore

Moderate

Profanity

Moderate

Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking

Moderate

Frightening & Intense Scenes

Severe

MPAA Rated R for violence and demonic images

