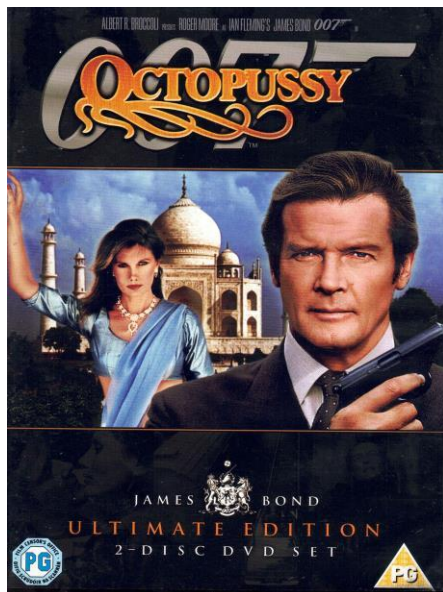


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14. Title: Octopussy



1983

Released: 07th June 1983 UK

10th June 1983 US

Origin: United Kingdom

Duration: 2h 11m

Rated: PG

Action, Adventure, Thriller



Information

Sound mix: Dolby Surround 7.1

Aspect Ratio: 2.39:1

Languages: English, Russian, German, Spanish, Hindi

Filming locations: Monsoon Palace, Udaipur, Rajasthan, India (Kamal Khan's palace)

Storyline:

After fleeing knife-throwing twin assassins Mischka and Grishka in East Berlin, mortally wounded British agent 009, dressed as a circus clown and carrying a counterfeit Fabergé egg, stumbles into the British ambassador's residence and dies. MI6 immediately suspects Soviet involvement and, after the genuine Fabergé egg is to be auctioned in London, sends James Bond to identify the seller.

At the auction, Bond swaps the fake egg for the real one and subsequently engages in a bidding war with an exiled Afghan prince named Kamal Khan, forcing Khan to pay £500,000 for the counterfeit. Bond follows Khan to his palace in India. Bond defeats Khan in a game of backgammon using Khan's loaded dice. Then Bond and his MI6 contact, Vijay, escape Khan's bodyguard Gobinda in a taxi chase through a marketplace. Later, Khan's associate Magda seduces Bond. Bond allows Magda to steal the real Fabergé egg, which is fitted with Q's listening and tracking device. Gobinda knocks Bond unconscious and takes him to Khan's palace. After Bond escapes, he listens in on the bug and discovers that Khan works with Orlov, a Soviet general seeking to expand Soviet domination to Western Europe. Orlov has been supplying Khan with priceless Soviet treasures, replacing them with replicas while Khan has been smuggling the genuine objects into the West via Octopussy's circus troupe.

Bond infiltrates a floating palace in Udaipur and meets its owner, Octopussy, a wealthy businesswoman, smuggler and Khan's associate. She also leads the Octopus cult, of which Magda is a member.

Octopussy	
	
Theatrical release poster by Dan Goozee and Renato Casaro	
Directed by	John Glen
Screenplay by	George MacDonald Fraser Richard Maibaum Michael G. Wilson
Based on	James Bond by Ian Fleming
Produced by	Albert R. Broccoli
Starring	Roger Moore Maud Adams Louis Jourdan Kristina Wayborn Kabir Bedi Steven Berkoff
Cinematography	Alan Hume
Edited by	Peter Davies Henry Richardson
Music by	John Barry
Production companies	Eon Productions United Artists
Distributed by	MGM/UA Entertainment Co. (U.S.) United International Pictures (International)
Release dates	6 June 1983 (United Kingdom) 10 June 1983 (United States)
Running time	131 minutes
Countries	United Kingdom ^[1] United States ^[2]
Language	English
Budget	\$27.5 million
Box office	\$187.5 million

Octopussy has a personal connection with Bond: her father is the late Major Dexter-Smythe, whom Bond arrested for treason. Octopussy thanks Bond for allowing the Major to commit suicide rather than face trial, and invites Bond to be her guest. Khan's assassins break into the palace to kill Bond, but Bond and Octopussy thwart them. Bond learns from Q that the assassins have killed Vijay.

Orlov is planning to meet Khan at Karl-Marx-Stadt in East Germany, where the circus is scheduled to perform. Travelling to East Germany, Bond infiltrates the circus and discovers that Orlov has replaced the Soviet treasures with a nuclear warhead, primed to explode during the circus performance at a United States Air Force base in West Germany. The explosion would force Europe into seeking unilateral disarmament in the belief that the bomb belonged to the US and was detonated at the airbase accidentally, leaving the unprotected borders open to a Soviet invasion.

Bond takes Orlov's car, drives it along the railway tracks and boards the moving circus train. Orlov gives chase, but is killed by border guards after he tries to rush a checkpoint. Bond kills Mischka and Grischka to avenge the murder of 009, and after falling from the train, commandeers a car to get to the airbase. Bond penetrates the base and disguises himself as a clown to evade the West German police. He convinces Octopussy that Khan has betrayed her, and realizing that she has been tricked, she assists Bond in deactivating the warhead.

Sometime later, with the plan foiled, Khan has returned to his palace and prepares to flee. Bond and Octopussy also return separately to India. Bond arrives at Khan's palace just as Octopussy and her troops launch an assault on the grounds.

Octopussy attempts to kill Khan, but is captured by Gobinda. While Octopussy's team, led by Magda, overpower Khan's guards, Khan and Gobinda abandon the palace, taking Octopussy as a hostage. As they attempt to escape in their airplane, Bond clings to the fuselage and disables an engine and the elevator panel. Struggling with Bond, Gobinda takes a deadly fall off the plane's roof, and Bond and Octopussy jump off the plane onto a nearby cliff only seconds before the plane crashes into a mountain, killing Khan instantly. While the Minister of Defence and General Gogol discuss the transport of the jewellery, Bond recuperates with Octopussy aboard her private galley in India.

Cast:

Roger Moore - James Bond
Maud Adams - Octopussy
Louis Jourdan - Kamal Khan
Kristina Wayborn - Magda
Kabir Bedi - Gobinda
Steven Berkoff - Orlov
David Meyer – Twin One
Tony Meyer - Twin Two (as Anthony Meyer)
Desmond Llewelyn - Q
Robert Brown - M
Lois Maxwell - Miss Money Penny
Michaela Clavell - Penelope Smallbone
Walter Gotell - Gogol
Vijay Amritraj - Vijay
Albert Moses - Sadruddin
Geoffrey Keen - Minister of Defence
Douglas Wilmer - Fanning
Andy Bradford - Andy Bradford 009

Roger Moore as James Bond, MI6 agent 007.

Maud Adams as Octopussy, a jewel smuggler and wealthy businesswoman. Adams previously played a different character in *The Man With the Golden Gun*.

Louis Jourdan as Kamal Khan, an exiled Afghan prince.

Kristina Wayborn as Magda, trusted subordinate and henchwoman to Octopussy and Khan.

Kabir Bedi as Gobinda, Khan's powerful bodyguard.

Steven Berkoff as General Orlov, a renegade Soviet general who works with Khan to bomb a US airbase.

Vijay Amritraj as Vijay, Bond's MI6 ally in India. This was Amritaj's acting debut after gaining prominence as a tennis player.

David Meyer and Anthony Meyer as Mischka and Grischka (credited as Twin One and Twin Two): Orlov's knife-throwing henchmen who are performers in Octopussy's circus.

Douglas Wilmer as Jim Fanning, antiquities expert who accompanies Bond at the Fabergé auction.

Robert Brown as M, head of the British Secret Service and Bond's superior.

Walter Gotell as General Anatoly Gogol, director of the KGB.

Desmond Llewelyn as Q, MI6's gadget designer. Llewelyn was disappointed that he was unable to travel to India since his scenes were filmed at Pinewood Studios.

Lois Maxwell as Miss Moneypenny, M's secretary.

Geoffrey Keen as British Minister of Defence Frederick Gray (credited as Minister of Defence).

Albert Moses as Sadrudin, head of MI6 station in India, assigned to assist Bond.

Bruce Boa as U.S. Air Force General Peterson, the American base commander in West Germany.

Michaela Clavell as Penelope Smallbone, Moneypenny's assistant.

Paul Hardwick as the Soviet Chairman who presides over meeting between Orlov and Gogol. Hardwick was cast due to his resemblance to Soviet premier Leonid Brezhnev, but Brezhnev died during production in November 1982, making his presence an anachronism. This was Hardwick's final film role, who himself died in October 1983, four months after the film's release.

Other actors in smaller roles include Andy Bradford as MI6 agent 009, Dermot Crowley as Lieutenant Kamp, Orlov's nuclear weapons expert; Peter Porteous as Lenkin, the Kremlin art expert; Eva Rueber-Staier as Rublevitch, Gogol's secretary; Jeremy Bulloch as Smithers, Q's assistant; and Richard LeParmentier as General Peterson's aide. Ingrid Pitt has an uncredited voice cameo as Octopussy's galley mistress.

Parents Guide

Certification

Argentina:13 Australia:PG Australia:NRC (original rating) Brazil:Livre Canada:PG (Manitoba/Ontario) Canada:A (Nova Scotia) Canada:G (Quebec) Canada:PG (tv rating) Czechia:12 (Cinemax) Denmark:15 (DVD and Blu-ray rating) Ecuador:TP (self-applied) Finland:K-16 Finland:K-15/13 Finland:K-16/13 France:Tous publics Greece:K-8 Hong Kong:II Iceland:12 India:UA Ireland:PG Italy:T Japan:G (2015) Malaysia:P13 Mexico:B (original rating) Mexico:A (re-rating) Netherlands:12 (TV rating) Netherlands:AL (2001, DVD rating) Norway:15 (DVD and Blu-ray rating) Norway:12 (recommended rating) Norway:16 (1983, cinema rating) Peru:14 Philippines:PG Poland:16 (self-applied) Portugal:M/12 Russia:12+ Singapore:PG South Africa:PG South Korea:15 Spain:13 (Catalonia, TV rating) Spain:A (ICAA) Sweden:15 Turkey:7A (self-applied) United Kingdom:PG United Kingdom:PG (tv rating) United Kingdom:PG (1986, video rating) United States:PG (certificate #27025) United Arab Emirates:PG (DVD rating) West Germany:12 (f)

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

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