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Title: **Frank**



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## Information

Release Title: **Frank** - 09<sup>th</sup> May 2014 (United Kingdom)

Publication:

Origin: Ireland, United Kingdom

Release date: United States – 17<sup>th</sup> January 2014 (Sundance Film Festival)

AKA: Also known as F9: The Fast Saga

Genres: Comedy, Drama, Music

Disc Nos. 1

Certification: 15

Duration: 1hr 35m

Region Code:

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MPN:

EAN:

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Languages: English, French, German

Filming locations: Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA

Sound mix: Sound mix: Dolby Digital

Aspect Ratio: 2.35:1

*Frank*



Theatrical release poster

Directed by	Lenny Abrahamson
Screenplay by	Jon Ronson Peter Straughan
Based on	A newspaper article by Jon Ronson <sup>[1]</sup>
Produced by	David Barron Ed Guiney Stevie Lee
Starring	Domhnall Gleeson Maggie Gyllenhaal Scoot McNairy Michael Fassbender Carla Azar François Civil
Cinematography	James Mather
Edited by	Nathan Nugent
Music by	Stephen Rennicks
Production companies	Film4 BFI Protagonist Pictures Bord Scannán na hÉireann/Irish Film Board Element Pictures Runaway Fridge Films <sup>[2]</sup>
Distributed by	Element Pictures (Ireland) Artificial Eye (United Kingdom) <sup>[3]</sup>
Release dates	17 January 2014 (Sundance) 9 May 2014 (Ireland/United Kingdom)
Running time	95 minutes <sup>[3]</sup>
Countries	Ireland United Kingdom
Language	English
Budget	\$1 million
Box office	\$1.9 million <sup>[4][5]</sup>

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## Storyline

While walking along the beach in his hometown, aspiring songwriter Jon Burroughs witnesses a man named Lucas trying to drown himself. As Lucas is taken to the hospital, Jon meets Don, who explains that Lucas was the keyboardist for a band called The Soronprfbs, which Don manages. After mentioning that he plays keyboards, Jon is invited to perform with them that night. The Soronprfbs' drummer Nana, synthesizer and theremin player Clara, and guitarist Baraque are reluctant to accept Jon, but he is warmly welcomed by lead vocalist Frank, who always wears a papier-mâché mask over his head. Their performance abruptly ends when Clara storms off the stage after being shocked by an electrical fault.

Frank invites Jon to be part of a Soronprfbs project. He agrees and accompanies them to a remote cabin in Ireland, believing it would take a few days, only to realize they are set to stay there for a whole year while they work their debut album. One day, Don confesses to Jon that he feels he cannot live up to Frank's prowess. The next day, Don reveals they are being evicted from the cabin, but Jon offers to pay the outstanding rent using his grandfather's inheritance. After completing the album, the band finds what appears to be Frank's corpse hanging from a tree, but discover it is actually Don once they remove the mask. They cremate him, and Clara reveals to Jon that Don was the band's original keyboardist.

Jon reveals that he has been secretly uploading the band's recording sessions on social media, earning them a small fan following and an invitation to perform at South by Southwest. Most of the band is offended by Jon's clandestine promotion of them, but Frank, excited by the prospect of a large audience, agrees to go to the festival. Clara confronts Jon as the latter is soaking in the hot tub, expressing contempt for his growing influence over Frank. The ensuing argument culminates in them having angry sex, and Clara threatens to stab him if the trip to America goes awry.

Leading up to the performance, the band begins to argue over creative differences. Clara and Frank disappear shortly before the concert and Jon finds them in an alley, where Clara is helping Frank stave off a mental breakdown. Jon tries to get Frank to go back to the festival with him, prompting Clara to stab him in the leg as promised. After she is arrested, Jon uses the scandal to build publicity for the band. The night before the concert, Nana and Baraque quit the band. Jon and Frank go onstage by themselves in spite of Frank's deteriorating mental health. When Jon tries to begin the set with one of his own songs rather than one from the album, Frank has a breakdown and collapses on stage. They move into a cheap motel together, where a frustrated Jon tries to forcibly unmask Frank. Frank tries to escape and is hit by a car, smashing the fake head. He flees before Jon can see his real face.

Sometime later, Jon visits a dive bar where Clara, Nana, and Baraque are playing as a trio, and apologizes to them for having taken control of the band. After numerous failed attempts, he finally succeeds in tracking Frank to his hometown of Bluff City, Kansas, where he is living with his parents. Frank is scarred and balding from prolonged use of the mask. Frank's parents explain that he has suffered from severe mental health issues all his life and began wearing the mask as a teenager after his dad made it for him for an alleged costume party, but that he has always been musically talented. Frank declares he has been unable to make music since the band fell apart. Jon takes Frank to the dive bar where the rest of the band is playing. They quickly realize who he is and join him as he begins to sing. With the original Soronprfbs restored, Jon leaves the bar alone. [Wiki](#)

## Cast

Michael Fassbender as Frank, the eccentric titular character and leader of the band who wears a large papier-mâché head throughout the film, similar to that worn by the late Frank Sidebottom. Director Lenny Abrahamson said that Fassbender was "very comfortable" wearing the head and said that he even enjoyed acting in it.

Domhnall Gleeson as Jon Burroughs, a young wannabe musician who joins Frank's band.

Maggie Gyllenhaal as Clara Wagner, Frank's often aggressive sidekick who plays a Korg MS-20 and a theremin. Gyllenhaal originally turned down the role, saying that she didn't understand it, but the story stuck with her and weeks later she changed her mind. Before filming started, Gyllenhaal decided to act as though Clara was Frank's true love but said that it was hard due to Frank's head.

Scoot McNairy as Don, the band's manager, producer and sound engineer.

Carla Azar as Nana, the band's drummer.  
François Civil as Baraque, the band's French guitar player. [Wiki](#)

Parental Guidance

Certification

Australia:MA15+ (2014) Brazil:14 (video rating) Canada:14A (British Columbia) Canada:13+ (Quebec) Finland:K-12 France:Tous publics Germany:12 (2015) Hungary:16 Ireland:15A Ireland:15 (DVD rating) Italy:T Japan:G Lithuania:N-13 Mexico:B15 Netherlands:6 New Zealand:R13 Portugal:M/14 Singapore:NC16 South Korea:15 Spain:12 Sweden:15 Turkey:7+ United Kingdom:15 United Kingdom:15 (Blu-ray rating) United Kingdom:15 (DVD rating) United States:R (certificate #49222)

Sex & Nudity – Mild, Violence & Gore- Mild, Profanity- Moderate, Alcohol, drugs & Smoking- Moderate, Frightening & Intense Scenes - Mild

MPAA - Rated R for language and some sexual content

Awards Won

Date of ceremony	Group	Category	Recipient(s)	Result
7 December 2014 <sup>[32]</sup>	<a href="#">British Independent Film Awards</a>	Best Screenplay	<a href="#">Jon Ronson</a> and <a href="#">Peter Straughan</a>	Won
		Best Technical Achievement – Music	<a href="#">Stephen Rennicks</a>	Won
18 December 2014 <sup>[33]</sup>	Las Vegas Film Critics Society Awards	Best Song	"I Love You All"	Won
December 2014 <sup>[34]</sup>	Les Arcs European Cinema Festival	Best Score	Stephen Rennicks	Won
24 May 2015	Irish Film and Television Awards	Best Director in Film	<a href="#">Lenny Abrahamson</a>	Won
		Best Actor in a Supporting Role in a Feature Film	<a href="#">Domhnall Gleeson</a>	Won
		Best Cinematography	James Mather	Won

