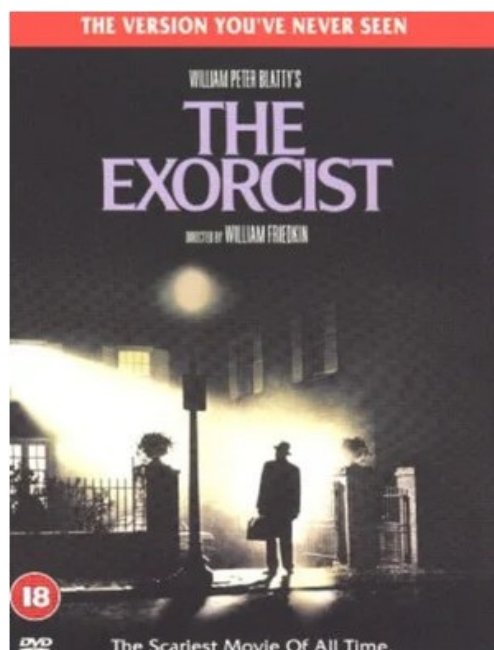


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Title: The Exorcist – (Special Edition)



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Information

Release **Title:** The Exorcist 22nd September 1974 (United Kingdom)

Origin: United States

Release Date: 23rd December 1973 (United States)

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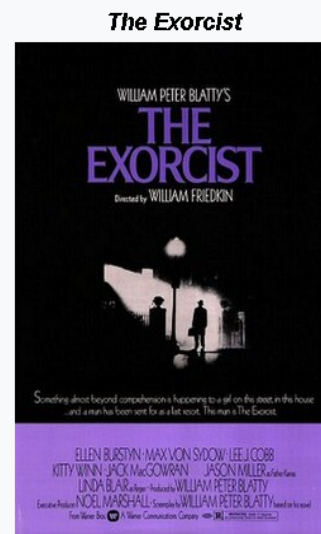
Languages: English, Latin, Greek, French, German, Arabic, Kurdish,

Filming locations: Mosul, Iraq

Sound mix: Mono (Original Release)

Colour: Colour

Aspect Ratio: 1.85:1



Theatrical release poster by Bill Gold

Directed by	William Friedkin
Screenplay by	William Peter Blatty
Based on	<i>The Exorcist</i> by William Peter Blatty
Produced by	William Peter Blatty
Starring	Ellen Burstyn Max von Sydow Lee J. Cobb Kitty Winn Jack MacGowran Jason Miller Linda Blair
Cinematography	Owen Roizman
Edited by	Evan A. Lottman ^[1] Norman Gay ^[1] Bud S. Smith ^[1] Jordan Leondopoulos (sup.) ^[1]
Music by	Jack Nitzsche
Production company	Hoya Productions ^[1]
Distributed by	Warner Bros. ^[1]
Release date	December 26, 1973
Running time	122 minutes
Country	United States
Language	English
Budget	\$12 million ^[2]
Box office	\$441.3 million ^[2]

Storyline – The Exorcist

In northern Iraq, priest Lankester Merrin takes part in an archaeological dig in the ancient ruins of Hatra. During the dig, he finds a stone talisman of a winged being that evokes a concerned look on his face. He then visits an ancient statue of the same being, silently confronting it.

In Georgetown, Washington, D.C., actress Chris MacNeil is starring in a film directed by her friend Burke Dennings. MacNeil, along with her 12-year-old daughter Regan, rents a luxurious house with hired help. Meanwhile, Father Damien Karras, a psychiatrist who counsels Georgetown University priests, visits his ailing mother in New York City. He later confides to a colleague that he is having a crisis of faith.

Chris hosts a party with Karras's friend, Father Dyer, who explains Karras's role as counsellor and notes his mother's recent death. Regan, seemingly unwell, appears and urinates before Chris comforts her. Regan's bed shakes violently after Chris returns her to it. Later, Dyer consoles Karras, guilty at not having been with his mother when she died.

Regan's personality becomes violent, and medical tests find no physical cause. During a house call, Regan exhibits abnormal strength and adult behaviour, and speaks in an otherworldly voice. One night, Chris finds the house empty except for a sleeping Regan; Dennings had been left with her but is found dead at the bottom of a set of public stairs that begin beneath Regan's window. Detective William Kinderman questions Karras, confiding that Dennings's head was turned backward. Kinderman tells Chris that the only plausible explanation for Dennings's death is that he was pushed from Regan's window. As Kinderman leaves, a scarred and bloody Regan has another violent fit, furiously masturbating with a crucifix, turning her head backward and speaking in the voice of Dennings. She is confined to her bedroom and strapped to the bed. Now convinced that her daughter is possessed, Chris seeks out Karras, who visits Regan. The possessed Regan claims to be the Devil, and vomits into Karras's face while speaking in tongues. The demon says it will remain in Regan until she is dead. At night, Chris's assistant Sharon calls Karras to the house, where the words 'help me' appear on Regan's stomach; he concludes that an exorcism is warranted. His superior grants permission on the condition that an experienced priest lead the ritual. Merrin, having performed an exorcism before, is summoned.

Merrin arrives at the house. As the two priests read from the Roman Ritual, the demon curses them. The priests rest and Merrin, shaking, takes nitro-glycerine. Karras enters the bedroom where the demon appears as his mother, perturbing Karras despite his denials. Merrin excuses Karras and continues the exorcism by himself. Chris approaches Karras and asks if Regan will die. He assures her that she will not and re-enters the room, finding Merrin dead from a heart attack while Regan watches and laughs. Enraged, Karras beats the possessed Regan and demands that the demon take him instead. The demon rips the medallion of Saint Joseph from Karras's neck and does so, freeing Regan in the process. Unwilling to let the demon harm Regan, Karras sacrifices himself by jumping out the window, tumbling down the stone stairs outside to his death. Chris and Kinderman enter the room. Chris embraces the freed Regan, and Kinderman surveys the scene. Outside, Dyer administers the dying Karras his last rites.

The MacNeils prepare to leave, and Father Dyer says goodbye. Despite having no memory of her ordeal, Regan, moved by the sight of Dyer's clerical collar, kisses him on the cheek. As the MacNeils leave, Chris gives Dyer the medallion found in Regan's room. Dyer briefly examines the steps where Karras died before walking away..... [Wiki](#)

Reviewers say 'The Exorcist' is acclaimed for its deep exploration of faith and evil, with standout performances by Ellen Burstyn, Jason Miller, and Max von Sydow. Its eerie atmosphere, Mike Oldfield's score, and Friedkin's direction are lauded. Practical effects and character depth are noted. Some find the pacing slow and story lacking, yet it remains a cultural and genre milestone. [Imbd](#)

Cast

Ellen Burstyn as Chris MacNeil
Max von Sydow as Father Lankester Merrin
Jason Miller as Father / Dr. Damien Karras, SJ
Lee J. Cobb as Lieutenant William F. Kinderman
Kitty Winn as Sharon Spencer
Jack MacGowran as Burke Dennings
Linda Blair as Regan MacNeil
Father William O'Malley as Father Joseph Dyer
Barton Heyman as Dr. Samuel Klein
Peter Masterson as Dr. Barringer
Rudolf Schündler as Karl
Gina Petrushka as Willi Engstrom

Robert Symonds as Dr. Taney
Arthur Storch as the Psychiatrist
Father Thomas Bermingham as Father Tom
Kanavan, President of Georgetown University
Vasiliki Maliaros as Mrs. Karras, Damien's mother
Titos Vandis as John, Damien's uncle
John Mahon as Language Lab Director
Wallace Rooney as Bishop Michael
Ron Faber as Chuck
Donna Mitchell as Mary Jo Perrin
Roy Cooper as Jesuit Dean
Robert Gerring as Senator at Party

The demon Pazuzu is portrayed by Mercedes McCambridge (voice), Ron Faber (vocal effects), and Eileen Dietz (face). The demonic "spider walk" was performed by stunt double Ann Miles.

Uncredited members of the cast include writer-producer William Peter Blatty as Fromme, Paul Bateson as a Radiologist's assistant, Elinore Blair (Linda Blair's mother) as a nurse, Dick Callinan as Captain Billy Cutshaw, Barton Lane as an angiographer, and Vincent Russell as the subway vagrant.

Parents Guide

Certification

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

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