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Bond Is Back in Movie Theaters with 'No Time to Die'

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The James Bond film *No Time To Die* held its world **premiere** in London on Tuesday. Celebrities and members of the British royal family attended the city's biggest movie event since the start of the pandemic.

No Time To Die, the 25th Bond movie, has been delayed three times since its original April 2020 premiere date. Because of the pandemic, movie theaters around the world closed or limited the number of people who could attend.

Movie theaters are hoping the new Bond film brings **audience** numbers back to pre-pandemic levels.

Star Daniel Craig came to the rainy premier alongside co-stars Lashana Lynch and Lea Seydoux.

The Universal Pictures and MGM film is Craig's fifth and final movie as the **suave** British secret agent. His first time playing Bond was in 2006's *Casino Royale*.

"It's such a great **relief**," Craig told Reuters. "It was so important to me to come and celebrate with all the other **cast** and crew and to get it into the **cinemas**, and we're here."

He added that, "A year ago, I didn't think that was going to happen."

No Time To Die sees Bond come out of retirement from a peaceful life in Jamaica to help catch a new **villain**, played by Oscar winner Rami Malek. It also introduces new character Nomi, a 00 agent, played by Lynch.

The film cost an estimated \$200 million to produce.

No Time To Die is among the most **anticipated** movies coming out this autumn.

"I know the world is expecting this film," said Seydoux. She is returning in the role of Madeleine Swann from the last Bond film, *Spectre*.

"We tried to give the best, we gave everything to this film ... and I hope people will love it," Seydoux said.

The movie has so far seen strong reviews from critics.

Kevin Maher of London's *The Times* gave the movie five stars.

It was "better than good," he wrote, "it's **magnificent**."

I'm Caty Weaver.

Reuters reported this story. Dan Novak adapted it for VOA Learning English. Susan Shand was the editor.

Words in This Story

premiere — *n.* the first time a film, play, television show, etc., is shown or performed

suave — *adj.* behaving in a relaxed, confident, and pleasant way in social situations

audience — *n.* a group of people who gather together to listen to something (such as a concert) or watch something (such as a movie or play) : the people who attend a performance

relief — *n.* a pleasant and relaxed feeling that someone has when something unpleasant stops or does not happen

cast — *n.* the actors in a play, film, or television show

cinema — *n.* the film industry

villain — *n.* a character in a story, movie, etc., who does bad things

anticipated — *v.* to think of (something that will or might happen in the future)

magnificent — *adj.* very beautiful or impressive : very great
