



Critically Acclaimed Film "Moonlight" Coming to U.K., Ireland

## Description

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By Reuters and Variety

Altitude Film Distribution has acquired distribution rights in the U.K. and Ireland to Barry Jenkins' critically acclaimed movie "Moonlight," which is expected to be an awards contender. Altitude will release the film in early February, allowing the pic to be eligible for the BAFTAs.



"Moonlight" poster.  ["Moonlight"](#) - A24 / [IMDB](#)

Altitude chief Will Clarke said: "Moonlight" is one of

those life-affirming films that immerses you in its universal themes and kaleidoscopic view of life, but told with such emotional intimacy, delicacy and beauty that no one could fail to be moved in a way that is surprising and unforgettable. It is pure cinema and a milestone in independent film. •

A24 is handling international sales on the film, and is also distributing in the U.S., where it has grossed \$1.47 million to date from a limited release. A24 will expand the release in the coming weeks.

"Moonlight," the second feature from writer-director Jenkins (["Medicine for Melancholy"](#)), was a hit with critics at its premiere at Telluride Film Festival and subsequent festival screenings at Toronto and London.

The pic is about a young gay African-American man growing up in a tough neighborhood of Miami and won the Gotham Special Jury Award for the performances of its cast, including a breakout performance by former athlete Trevante Rhodes (["Westworld"](#)) as the lead character, Chiron. Also starring are Andre Holland (["The Knick"](#)), Janelle Monae (["The Equalizer"](#)), Naomie Harris (["Skyfall"](#)), Ashton Sanders (["Straight Outta Compton"](#)), Jharrel Jerome (["Monster"](#)) and Mahershala Ali (["House of Cards"](#)).

The producers are Jeremy Kleiner, Dede Gardner, and Adele Romanski.

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