



## **SXSW ANNOUNCES ALEX GARLAND'S *CIVIL WAR* TO PREMIERE AT THE 2024 SXSW FILM & TV FESTIVAL**

**Austin, Texas, Thursday, February 22, 2024** – South by Southwest® (SXSW®) Conference and Festivals (March 8-16, 2024) announced A24's *Civil War* directed by Academy-Award nominated Alex Garland will have its World Premiere at the 2024 Film & TV Festival on March 14, at the Paramount Theater. The film stars Academy Award-nominated Kirsten Dunst, Cailee Spaeny, Wagner Moura, Stephen McKinley Henderson, and Nick Offerman. A24 produced the film alongside Andrew Macdonald and Allon Reich of DNA and Gregory Goodman.

“Alex Garland's *Civil War* is a gorgeous, haunting, and powerful piece of cinema unlike anything else you'll find in a movie theater this year. It's a wholly immersive experience that expertly blends large-scale spectacle with an intimate understanding of character and personal stakes brought to beautiful life by a stellar ensemble cast,” said Claudette Godfrey, VP Film & TV. “When the credits rolled on *Civil War*, we all looked at one another in a bit of shock, knowing full well Alex and A24 had delivered another masterpiece. We cannot wait for the world to discover this visionary work, and cannot imagine a better place for that to happen than at SXSW.”

This will be Garland's return to SXSW following the 2015 North American Premiere of his directorial debut, *Ex Machina*. An all-time SXSW highlight, the film left critics and audiences at the festival raving about its compelling story, thought-provoking themes, and stellar performances. Garland earned an Academy Award nomination for Best Writing and Original Screenplay for *Ex Machina*, and the film won an Academy Award for Best Achievement in Visual Effects. He also wrote and directed *Annihilation* and *Men*.

The SXSW Film & TV Festival will present 118 Features with 91 World Premieres and 58 first time directors. The program features 21 TV projects, plus 6 independent pilots; 80 Short films, 19 Music videos and 36 XR Experience projects.

In addition to Film & TV Festival screenings, registrants also have access to Conference Keynotes, Featured Speakers, Mentor Sessions, Networking Meet Ups, Music Showcases, Comedy Festival Showcases, Exhibitions and Professional Development. For more information on everything SXSW has to offer, please visit [sxsw.com](https://sxsw.com).

**Press Links:**

- [First](#) and [Second](#) *Civil War* Trailers
- Film Stills can be found at: <https://filmmaker.sxsw.com/media>
- Publicists for projects in the 2024 program can be found [here](#).
- Alex Garland at SXSW / Ex Machina [Q&A](#), Conference Session on the Seductive Enigma of AI. ([clip](#), [full session](#))

**About SXSW Film & TV Festival**

Now in its 31st year, the SXSW Film & TV Festival brings together creatives of all stripes over nine days to experience a diverse lineup and access to the SXSW Music and Comedy Festivals plus SXSW Conference sessions with visionaries from all corners of the entertainment, media, and technology industries.

**About SXSW**

SXSW dedicates itself to helping creative people achieve their goals. Founded in 1987 in Austin, Texas, SXSW is best known for its conference and festivals that celebrate the convergence of tech, film and television, music, education, and culture. An essential destination for global professionals, the annual March event features sessions, music, and comedy showcases, film and television screenings, exhibitions, professional development, and a variety of networking opportunities. SXSW proves that the most unexpected discoveries happen when diverse topics and people come together. SXSW 2024 will take place March 8–16 in Austin. Learn more at [sxsw.com](https://sxsw.com). To register for the event, please visit [sxsw.com/attend](https://sxsw.com/attend).

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