

I, THE EXECUTIONER

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INFORMATION

- Original Title: Veteran 2
- English Title: I, THE EXECUTIONER
- Director: RYOO Seung-wan
- Screenwriter: LEE Won-jae, RYOO Seung-wan
- Cast: HWANG Jung-min, JUNG Hae-in
- Production Company: Filmmakers R & K
- Presented by: CJ ENM
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KEY STAFF

- Produced by: KANG Hye-jung, CHO Sung-min, RYOO Seung-wan
- Co-Producer: LEE Jun-kyu
- Director of Photography: CHOI Young-hwan (C.G.K)
- Gaffer: LEE Jae-hyuk (C.G.K)
- Production Designer: HAN Ah-rum
- Edited by: BAE Youn-tae
- Stunt Coordinator: YOO Sang-seob, JANG Han-seung
- Special Effects by: JUNG Do-ahn, LEE Hee-kyoung
- Special Effects Make-up by: HWANG Hyo-kyun, KWAK Tae-yong
- Music by: CHANG Ki-ha
- Sound Supervisor: KIM Chang-sub
- Production Sound Mixer: JUNG Gun (K.P.A)
- VFX Supervisor: KIM Han-joon, SON Seung-hyun
- Digital Intermediate: PARK Jin-young
- Costume Designer: KIM Kyeong-mi, JANG Mi-suk
- Make-up & Hair Designer: MOON Sun-young

LOGLINE

The veteran detective Seo Do-cheol (HWANG Jung-min) and his team at Major Crimes, relentless in their pursuit of criminals, join forces with rookie cop Park Sun-woo (JUNG Hae-in) to track down a serial killer who has plunged the nation into turmoil.

SYNOPSIS

The veteran detectives renowned for always getting their man are back in action!

Detective Seo Do-cheol (HWANG Jung-min) and his Major Crime Investigation Division tirelessly track down criminals day and night, often at the expense of their personal lives.

When the murder of a professor reveals links to past cases, suspicions of a serial killer arise, plunging the country into turmoil. As Major Crimes delves into the investigation, the killer taunts them by publicly releasing a teaser online, indicating the next victim, and intensifying the chaos.

To tackle the escalating threat, the team brings in idealistic rookie officer Park Sun-woo (JUNG Hae-in), leading to unexpected twists in the case's trajectory.

ABOUT MOVIE01.

The veteran detectives make a powerful return!

Elevated filmmaking and the introduction of fresh faces!

"Veteran," hailed for redefining Korean detective action in 2015, returns in 2024 with "I, THE EXECUTIONER." The sequel follows **veteran detective Seo Do-cheol (played by HWANG Jung-min) and his unwavering team, now joined by rookie officer Park Sun-woo (played by Jung Hae-in), as they pursue a serial killer whose actions have plunged the nation into turmoil.**

"Veteran" depicted the tale of action-driven detective Seo Do-cheol and his team's pursuit and apprehension of the arrogant conglomerate heir, Jo Tae-oh. Addressing the prevalent issue of abuse of power in Korean society, the film showcased the detective's resolute actions against these offenders, satisfying the audience's cathartic desires.

Making its comeback after 9 years, "I, THE EXECUTIONER" promises a fresh take on the crime action genre. Depicting disillusioned citizens amidst a flurry of incidents, criminals exploiting this disillusionment, and individuals committing further crimes due to their warped values, the film allows viewers to delve deeper into director Ryoo Seung-wan's enriched narrative.

As expected from director Ryoo Seung-wan, the action-packed sequences promise to deliver thrilling and intense spectacles at pivotal moments throughout the film. Moreover, the movie not only underscores Seo Do-cheol's professionalism in his investigative process but also delves into his authenticity as a character and his profound struggles, offering an evolved cinematic experience for the audience.

The actors, who showcased impeccable chemistry in "Veteran," are poised to once again ignite the screen with their energy, presenting exhilarating action and undeniable chemistry. With the addition of the new character, Detective Park Sun-woo (played by JUNG Hae-in), who catches Seo Do-cheol's eye, the transformation of the formidable crime investigation team becomes a compelling focal point in "I, THE EXECUTIONER." The introduction of this new character adds to the anticipation of the challenges awaiting the Veteran team.

ABOUT MOVIE02.

The veteran director, production house, and crew set the stage for an all new crime action thriller!

Renowned director Ryoo Seung-wan, a stalwart of the Korean film industry, revered for his ability to captivate audiences with a diverse range of cinematic masterpieces, returns with the sequel to his iconic box office hit, "Veteran." "I, THE EXECUTIONER" stands as the ambitious 2024 venture from director Ryoo Seung-wan and Filmmakers R&K, the production company behind acclaimed works such as "Smugglers" (2023) and "Escape from Mogadishu" (2021).

In this installment, Director Ryoo aims to reimagine the crime action genre through a fresh lens, seeking a narrative distinct from its predecessor. Teaming up once again with Filmmakers R&K, a leading production house in South Korea, and a seasoned crew with whom he has collaborated on previous projects, "I, THE EXECUTIONER" pledges to deliver an unparalleled cinematic experience. Drawing upon the talents of individuals who played pivotal roles in Ryoo Seung-wan's past successes like "Escape from Mogadishu" and "Smugglers," the film expands the director's cinematic universe. Notably, singer-songwriter Chang Ki-ha, who made a successful debut as a music director in "Smugglers", also joins "I, THE EXECUTIONER," bringing a new dimension to the film.

With its distinct character dynamics and suspenseful direction, "I, THE EXECUTIONER" represents a departure from Ryoo Seung-wan's previous works, yet retains his trademark impactful action sequences to ensure broad accessibility and immersive engagement.

Furthermore, the production team meticulously selected locations across Seoul and surrounding areas to provide an authentic backdrop for key scenes. From the bustling illegal gambling den to gritty alleyways inhabited by addicts, these carefully curated settings exemplify Ryoo Seung-wan's unique directorial style. "I, THE EXECUTIONER," spearheaded by South Korea's veteran director, production company, and crew, is poised to captivate audiences in 2024 with its innovative approach to crime action, setting a new standard for the genre.

ABOUT MOVIE03.

The evolved Veteran Universe:

How's Your Media Algorithm?

"I, THE EXECUTIONER" delves into the realm of dopamine-inducing video shorts and fake news, igniting a narrative that questions the authenticity of the overwhelming content inundating our screens. Director Ryoo Seung-wan's exploration of a society where information is filtered through algorithms resonates deeply with the themes of "I, THE EXECUTIONER," illustrating the evolution of crime-action investigation drama.

Furthermore, the film prompts audiences to ponder the blurred lines between good and evil, and the significance of discerning between them in today's transformed society. Through the lens of veteran detective Seo Do-cheol's steadfast professional convictions and the myriad situations where these convictions are challenged, "I, THE EXECUTIONER" is sure to spark contemplation among viewers.

DIRECTOR

The veteran director of Korean crime action, Ryoo Seung-wan!

Dubbed the 'Action Kid' by the Korean film industry, Ryoo Seung-wan has transcended genre boundaries with his innovative approach and penetrating insight into society, rightfully earning his place as a leading figure in Korean genre cinema, with notable works including "Smugglers," "Escape from Mogadishu," "Veteran," "The Berlin File," and "The Unjust." Making a triumphant return to the screen in 2024 with the sequel to the 2015 social and cultural phenomenon, "Veteran," Ryoo Seung-wan is poised to unveil an even deeper artistic vision in "I, THE EXECUTIONER."

"I, THE EXECUTIONER" is anticipated to unveil Ryoo Seung-wan's heightened cinematic universe, vividly depicting the intricacies of a society in flux, where the parameters for criminal punishment and the proliferation of media content blur the lines of public judgment. Through the relentless pursuit of criminals by veteran detectives working in tandem, the film aims to deliver both riveting entertainment and cathartic release. As a veteran of the crime action genre, Ryoo Seung-wan is set to captivate audiences in 2024 with the gripping complexities of crime action investigation dramas.

FILMOGRAPHY

<Smugglers>(2023), <Escape from Mogadishu>(2021), <The Battleship Island>(2017), <Veteran>(2015), <MAD SAD BAD>(2014), <The Berlin File>(2013), <The Unjust>(2010), <Dachimawa Lee: Villains, Take the Express Train to Hell>(2008), <The City of Violence>(2006), <If You Were Me 2>(2006), <Crying Fist>(2005), <Arahan>(2004), <No Blood No Tears>(2002), <Dachimawa Lee>(2000), <Die Bad>(2000), <Our Contemporaries>(1999), <Rumble >(1998) , <Transmuted Head>(1996)

CHARACTER&CAST

"Is there a good murder and a bad murder?"

Veteran detective who catches the bad guys | Seo Do-cheol

On the opposite side of prestige, power, and wealth stands the Major Crime Investigation Division, led by Detective Seo Do-cheol. The unwavering resolve of the veteran team, who sees every case through to its conclusion, is suddenly shaken by a series of suspicious murders that have gripped the nation's attention. As they delve into the high-profile case, Seo Do-cheol and his partners confront a crisis unlike any they've faced before. Caught between the sentences of the criminals he's captured and the public's differing perspectives of the serial killer, Seo Do-cheol finds himself in a dilemma.

The irreplaceable actor of Korea | HWANG Jung-min

HWANG Jung-min, renowned for his unmatched ticket power and the trust he instills in his works, assumes overall responsibility for this film, building on his success in "Veteran." Portraying a character motivated by the belief that catching villains is essential for his moral integrity, he flawlessly embodies the character's weary yet justice-driven essence. Once again, he delivers an irreplaceable performance as 'Seo Do-cheol'. As a sequel, a deeper level of contemplation and authenticity had to be infused into his portrayal, surpassing even his previous films. With remarkable performances in acclaimed films such as "The Wailing" and "The Spy Gone North," earning him invitations to the 69th and 71st Cannes Film Festivals respectively, Hwang Jung-min is poised to enthrall audiences once again with his portrayal in "I, THE EXECUTIONER."

FILMOGRAPHY

MOVIE

<12.12: The Day> (2023), <Hostage: Missing Celebrity >(2021), <DELIVER US FROM EVIL>(2020), <The Spy Gone North>(2018), <The Battleship Island>(2017), <Asura : The City of Madness>(2016), <THE WAILING>(2016), <A Violent Prosecutor>(2016), <The Himalayas>(2015), <Veteran>(2015), <Ode to My Father>(2014), <Man In Love>(2014), <Fists of Legend>(2013), <New World>(2013), <Dancing Queen>(2012), <Moby Dick>(2011), <The Unjust>(2010), <Blades of Blood>(2010), <Private Eye>(2009), <A Man Who Was Superman>(2008), <Happiness>(2007), <Black House>(2007), <Bloody Tie>(2006), <All For Love>(2005), <You Are My Sunshine>(2005), <A Bittersweet Life>(2005), <This Charming Girl>(2005), <The Wolf Returns>(2004), <A Good Lawyer's Wife>(2003), <Road Movie>(2002), <Waikiki Brothers>(2001), etc.

DRAMA

<Narco-Saints>(2022), [Hush](2020~2021), [The Accidental Couple](2009), etc.

CHARACTER&CAST

"I joined the force after watching you catch Jo Tae-oh..."

Officer dedicated to exacting retribution on the criminals | Park Sun-woo

Renowned online as the "UFC cop" for his momentary judgments and exceptional martial arts skills, rookie officer Park Sun-woo earns a spot on the team as its youngest member, after catching the attention of Seo Do-cheol at a protest site. Deeply admiring Seo Do-cheol and aware of his history, Park Sun-woo holds his abilities in high regard and exhibits unwavering dedication to the team's missions, even placing his life on the line for them.

Injecting fresh vigor and undergoing a remarkable transformation | JUNG Hae-in

JUNG Hae-in, recognized globally for his role in the Netflix series "D.P.," enters "I, THE EXECUTIONER" with a fresh perspective. Having previously collaborated with Filmmakers R&K on the film "Start-Up," he is set to infuse new energy and suspense into his portrayal of the youngest member of the team and protagonist in "I, THE EXECUTIONER." Despite his gentle demeanor, he underwent rigorous training for intense and gritty action sequences, showcasing a surprising transformation and action-packed performance.

FILMOGRAPHY

MOVIE

<12.12: The Day>(2023), <START-UP>(2019), <Tune in for Love>(2019), <Heung-boo: The Revolutionist>(2018), <The Age of Blood>(2017), <The King's Case Note>(2017), etc.

DRAMA

<D.P. Season 2>(2023), <Connect>(2022), <Snow drop>(2021), <D.P.>(2021), <A Piece of Your Mind>(2020), <One Spring Night>(2019), <Something in the Rain>(2019), <Prison Playbook>(2017), <While You Were Sleeping>(2017)