



S.O.U.L. FEST

# On the Come Up

*On the Come Up* is based on the *New York Times* #1 best-selling novel by Angie Thomas (*The Hate U Give*) and is the feature directorial debut of Emmy-nominated actress Sanaa Lathan. *On the Come Up* will hold its World Premiere at the 2022 Toronto International Film Festival.

Starring newcomer Jamila C. Gray, *On the Come Up* is the story of Bri, a gifted 16-year-old rapper, who attempts to take the battle rap scene by storm in order to lift up her family and do right by the legacy of her father – a local hip hop legend whose career was cut short by gang violence. But when her first hit song goes viral for all the wrong reasons, she finds herself torn between the authenticity that got her this far and the false persona that the industry wants to impose upon her.

The coming-of-age film also stars Da’Vine Joy Randolph, Lil Yachty, Mike Epps, Miles Gutierrez-Riley, Justin Martin, Titus Makin, Michael Cooper Jr., GaTa, Sanaa Lathan and Cliff ‘Method Man’ Smith.

‘We are thrilled to bring a truly inspiring film about fighting for your dreams to the service this fall,’ said Tanya Giles, chief programming officer at Paramount+. ‘*On the Come Up* is a moving love letter to hip hop and an entertaining film for all ages.’

Produced by Temple Hill and State Street Pictures, *On the Come Up* is directed by Sanaa Lathan, with screenplay by Kay Oyegun. The film is produced by George Tillman Jr., Robert Teitel, Wyck Godfrey, Marty Bowen, Isaac Klausner, Angie Thomas and Timothy M. Bourne and executive produced by John Fischer.

## Production notes

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*Directed by:* Sanaa Lathan  
*A Paramount+ presentation in association with Paramount Pictures’  
Players Label*  
*A State Street Pictures and Temple Hill production*  
*Executive Producer:* John Fischer  
*Produced by:* George Tillman Jr, Robert Teitel, Wyck Godfrey,  
Marty Bowen, Isaac Klausner, Angie Thomas, Timothy M. Bourne  
*Production Supervisor:* Heath Howard  
*Post-production Supervisor:* Marisa Clayton  
*Casting:* George Pierre, Leah Daniels Butler  
*Screenplay:* Kay Oyegun  
*Based on the novel by:* Angie Thomas  
*Director of Photography:* Eric Branco  
*Editor:* Steven Rosenblum  
*Production Designer:* N.C. Page Buckner  
*Art Director:* Joey Sarno  
*Set Decorator:* Cara Price  
*Original Score:* Daniel Wohl  
*Poetry & Lyrics by:* Rapsody  
*Music Editor:* Clint Bennett  
*Costume Design:* Leigh Leverett  
*Supervising Sound Editor:* David Giammarco  
*Re-recording Mixers:* David Giammarco, Luke Schwarzweller  
*Stunt Coordinator:* Jennifer Badger

### Cast

Jamila C. Gray (*Brianna, ‘Bri’*)  
Sanaa Lathan (*Jay*)  
Cliff ‘Method Man’ Smith (*Supreme*)  
Miles Gutierrez-Riley (*Sonny*)  
Michael Cooper Jr (*Malik*)  
Da’Vine Joy Randolph  
Lil Yachty  
Mike Epps  
Justin Martin  
Titus Makin  
GaTa

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