

Amazon MGM's 'Ally Clark,' starring Viola Davis, is set to shoot in Baton Rouge

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A major feature film is set to begin production in Baton Rouge this spring.

That film is Amazon MGM Studios' *Ally Clark*, a thriller starring Oscar winner Viola Davis. Stephen LeBlanc, a New Orleans location scout, confirmed the news with *Daily Report*.

[According to Deadline](#), *Ally Clark* will take viewers "from the marble halls of Washington, D.C., to the sweltering bayous of Louisiana and the icy peaks of Alaska," following its titular investigator, portrayed by Davis, as she embarks on a "perilous inquiry" into an international conglomerate following the suspicious death of a close friend.

A location scouting letter shared with *Daily Report* indicates that filming in Baton Rouge will take place between April and June.

Phillip Noyce, a director perhaps best known for 1992's *Patriot Games* starring Harrison Ford and 2010's *Salt* starring Angelina Jolie, will direct. Davis, who won an Oscar for Best Supporting Actress for 2016's *Fences*, will produce alongside Irwin Winkler, a producer who won an Oscar for Best Picture for 1976's *Rocky*. Winkler wrote the script with Jose Ruisanchez.

News of the production comes after a [string of slow years](#) for major studio projects in Baton Rouge and across Louisiana.

Local film officials have attributed the slowdown in large-scale productions to an increasingly competitive global market. Film and television productions continue to migrate outside the U.S., lured by lower costs and more flexible incentives.

But officials are optimistic about what lies ahead. They say [recent adjustments to Louisiana's film tax incentive program](#) have been well received by studios and producers, and that a federal film incentive may be on the horizon.

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