

# BEFORE I SLEEP

## Synopsis

Before I Sleep is the story of an old poet — washed up — once famous, now living alone... His wife is dead, his daughter doesn't like him, he has few friends. His health failing and with little time left, he begrudgingly picks through his past, not sure how to make up for his many mistakes. In the forests, by the river, in town and in the graveyard; through strangers and family and distant memories, he looks for forgiveness, hoping to find a few last moments of peace.

## Film Website

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## Credits

### Cast

(in order of appearance)

Eugene Devlin DAVID WARNER  
Priest JAMES REBHORN  
Zoey ALICE ST. CLAIR  
Little Girl EVA SCHIFFMAN  
Nurse RUSTY DEWEES  
Child Eugene TANNER FLOOD  
Child Phoebe CLARE FOLEY  
Caroline CYNTHIA GIBB  
Randy TOM SIZEMORE  
Paul JAMIE BAMBER  
Young Eugene, aged 20 EUGENE SIMON  
Singer GEORGE WOODARD  
Second Worker CHRIS LAMICA  
Phoebe BONNIE WRIGHT  
Rachel SASHA SPIELBERG  
Young Eugene, aged 48 CAMPBELL SCOTT  
Geena CALEY CHASE  
Gravedigger CHEVY CHASE  
David ERIC ROBERTS

### Crew

Cinematographer MATT BUCY  
Camera Operator HARRY GOLDHAGEN

Costume Designer MICHELE MACADAEG  
Assistant Costume Designer NANCY HEYL

Additional Casting RICHARD WATERHOUSE

Sound Mixer (Fall) NATE BAGLEY  
Sound Mixer (Summer) DAN MAZUR  
Boom Operator GEOFFREY KING

Key Makeup Artist LISETTE MURPHY  
Makeup Artists ARNEE DODD  
NANCY HEYL  
Key Hair Stylist LISETTE MURPHY  
Hair Stylist ASHLEY BENNETT

Assistant Hair Stylist SUHAYL RAMIREZ

Property Master JESSICA PECORA

Grip ADAMS COLES

Script Supervisor SAMANTHA MARIE CREED

Production Assistants TRISHA JANE MURPHY

TED WYNNE

KATIE CURRI

EMMA ZBIRAL-TELLER

BILL FREELAND

KATHARINE HEYL

ROB GREENE

Music Billy Sharff

Sound Post-Production RIKK DESGRES

Colorist JANE TOLMACHYOV

#### Songs

“BELIEVE ME”

Written by BILLY SHARFF

Performed by PARIAN BEAT

“UP THE RIVER”

Written and Performed by THE ILL WIND ENSEMBLE

“PIANO SONATA NO. 25 IN G MAJOR”

Written by LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

Performed by IDA ROSE NININGER

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The Hunts  
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Graham Clarke  
Kevin McCarthy  
Jerry Harrington  
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Heartbeat  
Landon Saunders  
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Joan Debow  
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The Macdonalds  
Anne's Plainfield Country Store

Written/Directed/Produced by  
Aaron Sharff  
Billy Sharff

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## **Film Information**

Film Title: Before I Sleep

Running Time in Minutes: 80:00

Shooting Format: 1.77.1

Screening Format: 1.77.1

Country film was shot: USA

Country film is set in: USA

## Biographies

### Writers/Producers/Directors

#### Aaron and Billy Sharff

Aaron and Billy Sharff are east-coast filmmakers working to continue and advance their father's legacy through the mastery of film technique and aesthetics. Their father, Stefan Sharff, was an apprentice to Russian director Sergei Eisenstein and chairman of the Columbia University Film Dept. The Sharff brothers have worked extensively over the past eight years, honing their skills and directing numerous short projects, culminating with their jointly directed feature debut *Before I Sleep*.



### Cinematographer

#### Matt Bucy

Matt Bucy has worked in film and video for forty years on projects ranging from Super-8 experimental shorts to backyard SCI-FI to 35mm mainstream features. Most recently, he won Best Cinematography and Best Picture awards in the Vermont 48-Hour Film Festival for the short "Razor Burn." Over the last two years he has completed photography and editing on the feature documentary, "The Sons of Tennessee Williams," which has screened to sold-out houses at Frameline in San Francisco and at the Palm Springs International Film Festival, and which will make its television premiere on PBS in New Orleans this spring.



**ACTORS**

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Bonnie!Wright:!



David!Warner:!  
!!\*Emmy!Winner!



!!!!Eric!Roberts:!  
!\*Oscar!Nominee!



Alice!St.!Clair:!



!!!Chevy!Chase:!  
!\*Emmy!Winner!



Tom Sizemore!



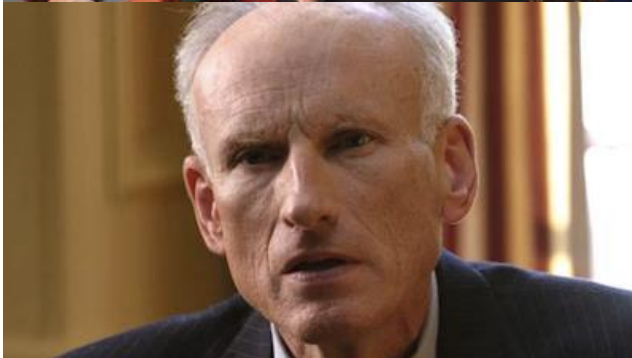
Campbell Scott!



Cynthia Gibb!



James Rebhorn!



Sasha Spielberg!



Jamie!Bamber:!



Eugene!Simon:!



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