













# Beyonce thanks Diana Ross for popping over at concert, calls her 'my queen'

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Pop diva Beyonce during her performance in Los Angeles was left surprised by the appearance of singer Diana Ross, who went on the stage with her, last week.

Beyonce thanked Diana for her appearance, and called her 'my queen'. The 'Crazy In Love' singer, 42, shared a sweet message dedicated to Ross, 79, alongside photos of the two together on stage during Beyonce's

Renaissance Tour.

The photographs captured the mother of three's reaction to Diana singing 'Happy Birthday' to her.

"Thank you to the incomparable Ms. Diana Ross," Beyonce wrote in her Instagram caption, before referencing her 'Alien Superstar' lyrics to further sing Ross' praises. "The 1 of 1, the number 1, the only one. Thank you from the depths of me, my Queen..." as per People magazine.

In a viral video shared on the night of Beyonce's birthday concert, the

'Cuff It' artiste jumped up and down with excitement after she was serenaded by Diana.

"Thank you so much, you are so amazing," Beyonce told Diana on stage at SoFi Stadium. "This is the legendary Diana Ross. There would be no me without you and thank you so much for all of your sacrifice and your beauty and your grace. Thank you for opening doors for me. Thank you so much." "You sang 'Happy Birthday' to me so I wanted to sing it to you," Diana replied, smiling from

ear to ear.

In 2019, Beyonce sang her rendition of 'Happy Birthday' to Diana at the Motown singer's 75th birthday party at Warwick in Los Angeles, California.

In honour of Beyonce's special day, several celebs popped out for the show to celebrate the singer, including Kelly Rowland, Kerry Washington, Kris Jenner, Kim Kardashian, and more. Most of the attendees were dressed in silver, per the birthday girl's request last month.



## Demi Lovato recalls early relationships with older men, calls them 'gross'

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Singer Demi Lovato has said that she is currently thriving in her new relationship, with boyfriend Jordan Rutes.

Reflecting on her 'daddy issues', the singer has opened up about her previous relationships with older men, calling them 'gross'.

The 'Sorry Not Sorry' singer, who had previously dated Wilmer Valderrama despite their 13-year age gap, recalled her earlier relationship, during the September 11 episode, of SiriusXM's 'The Howard Stern Show'.

"I can say with confidence that my daddy issues aren't anything that are inside of me anymore," the 'Camp Rock' actress, 31, said.

"I think there's a few signs to that. I'm with a partner

that is my age, essentially. I look back on the past (of dating older men) and think 'that's gross', Page Six reported. Demi also gushed about her "healthy" relationship with Lutes, 32, and her hope to one day tie the knot and have kids with the fellow musician.

"There's this partnership there that is just so magnetic, and the way that we laugh together. It's just nonstop. I think if you can find someone that makes you feel safe, that you're so attracted to,

that you laugh with constantly, that's the formula of a really great relationship," the singer added.

The 'Heart Attack' singer first met with the Canadian musician, while working on her album 'Holy Fvck'. Jordan had co-written multiple songs on the album, and according to her, she was instantly attracted to him.

"He came in to write on one of my sessions and I was in the studio and was immediately attracted to him. I like texted my friends on the side and was like, 'He's so hot!'" she said.

Before her current romance, the songstress was involved with several older men, including Valderrama, whom she began dating in 2010. Demi was with the 'That '70s Show' alum, 43, on and off for six years.



## Paul King

Praises Timothee Chalamet's voice, but says 'Wonka' isn't a musical

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Director Paul King, who will be directing the upcoming fantasy-drama film 'Wonka' starring Timothee Chalamet, has praised the actor's singing voice, though he said that despite some musical sequences, the film is not a musical.

"He's got a beautiful singing voice. The person it reminded me of was Bing Crosby. There's quite a range because it does go from a couple of bigger, showstopper-y sort of things, to moments of real, pure emotion, and he can do it all... I'm going to sound like a crazed fan (sic)," Paul told Total Film in an interview, according to The Hollywood Reporter.

Nonetheless, the 'Paddington' director also made it his purpose to establish that while the film has songs in it, he doesn't exactly consider it a musical. "The Oompa Loompas sing a lot in the book, and Dahl always uses poetry," Paul explained. "But I didn't want it to just become a musical where people are singing dialogue to each other for no discernible reason. I felt like it was more like a movie with songs than a musical."

This is not the first time that the director has sung praises of Timothee's singing voice.

In an earlier interview with Rolling Stone, he told the outlet that the 'Dune' actor did not even have to audition for the part, and was picked immediately due to his voice.



## Greta Gerwig shares new BTS scene for 'Barbie' revealing new details

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The 'Barbie' craze has not died down yet it would seem, as Greta Gerwig has shared a brand new Behind-The-Scenes (BTS) look, from her 'Barbie' set, giving a better look of the colourful designs, sets and costumes.

The movie makers shared the look, in light of the film's upcoming streaming release on Prime Video. Sharing an exclusive glimpse with 'People' magazine, Greta Gerwig, Durran and co-stars Margot Robbie and Ryan Gosling discussed the process behind the film's costumes.

"I think rule 1 of Barbie Land is you just always have the right outfit on," Gerwig, 40, says.

Durran added: "It's quite difficult to know how to approach this because the character is Barbie, and Barbie can be anything. She can represent any person, any profession, anything."

The clip features footage of Durran working with Gerwig and the movie's ensemble cast of Barbies in Barbie Land, as well as various sketches of what became the character's final costumes in the movie. "Especially in this film, costumes are everything," Gosling, 42, says. "Unless you're dressed for it, you're not doing it. There's a meme out right now that says 'the costume designer for Barbie deserves a free pass to heaven.' I agree."

Durran explained in the clip how the production purposefully designed each Barbie's costumes to make the characters distinct from the humans shown throughout the movie.

### ABSOLUTE PIC OF THE DAY



Rita Ora

## Harry Styles flaunts giant tattoos as he takes a dip in pond

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The 'As It Was' hitmaker Harry Styles showed off his mammoth tattoos while taking a dip in an iconic London bathing spot, much to the excitement of his devout fans. The former One Direction member was photographed at the Mixed Ponds at Hampstead Heath, joining hundreds of other urban dwellers for a refreshing swim in its leafy waters, reports Mirror.co.uk.

The 29-year-old, who owns property in the nearby area, sported a pair of forest green swim trunks and a long chained necklace as he hovered on the deck before taking the plunge.

His elaborate tattoos, which include two birds on his ripped chest and a butterfly across his sculpted abs, were also on display. Eagle-eyed fans could also spot the name 'Mary' inked on Harry's right forearm, which is the moniker of his late grandmother.

As per Mirror.co.uk, the temperature of the Mixed Pond's water made it the perfect condition to cool off on England's hottest day of the year so far. Queues to swim in the historic lake at the weekend were estimated to have around a 90 minutes of wait time, but it's unknown whether or not Harry had to line up like everyone else to gain access.

Despite his A-list status, it's understood that Harry managed to go mostly unrecognised for his open water swim once he did manage to get in.







# Big B and SRK unite for Ad Campaign

Team Absolute | Mumbai

In a historic move, Everest has brought together two of Bollywood's biggest superstars, Amitabh Bachchan and Shahrukh Khan, for an unforgettable ad campaign.

This collaboration marks the first time in advertising history that these two megastars have joined forces to promote a brand.

Amitabh Bachchan sharing his thoughts on the campaign adds, "I've always believed in the power of simplicity, and Everest's campaign encapsulates that essence perfectly. It was an enriching experience to work alongside Shahrukh Khan, and together, we've celebrated the joy of home-cooked meals."

Shahrukh Khan also took to social media when the initial teaser was released and shared, "It was soooooo much fun to work with @SrBachchan after so many years. Came back from the shoot inspired and blessed. And just to let you know he beat me in the run!!!!"

Everest, India's foremost spice brand with over 60 years of legacy, has redefined the culinary landscape. Everest has evolved into India's No. 1 spice brand, available in over 10,00,000 outlets Pan India. This iconic brand exports its products to more than 60 countries and is India's leading spice brand in terms of market share.

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## Aditya Narayan admires Neeti Mohan's teeth: 'They are impeccable'

Team Absolute | New Delhi

Singer Aditya Narayan, who is currently hosting the singing reality show 'Sa Re Ga Ma Pa', revealed that he is fond of judge Neeti Mohan's teeth, and keeps asking her to smile more.

'Sa Re Ga Ma Pa' features Himesh Reshammiya, Neeti Mohan, Anu Malik as judges, and Aditya as the host.

Seeing the camaraderie among the participants despite being fierce rivals, Aditya revealed how despite being from the same cut-throat music industry, he shares a wonderful bond with each judge.

Talking to IANS, Aditya praised Neeti, saying "For some reason I have discovered that Neeti has the perfect set of teeth. So, I keep asking her to smile. They are impeccable. Please have a look."

"It's almost like some surgeon has done it, but she hasn't. I asked her. There is surgeon-like precision in those teeth. No gaps. Beautiful. And, I myself don't have a very good set of teeth. I grind my teeth at night. 10-20 per cent mere daanto ka jaa (ghis) chuka hai. So, I won't say envy, but I really admire people with a nice set of teeth," shared the 36-year-old singer.

He also opened up on his wonderful and close bond with Neeti, and how their friendship has translated into their children.



## KRITIKA KAMRA: I CHOOSE ROLES WHERE I DON'T REPEAT MYSELF

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Known for her works in 'Bheed', 'Hush Hush' and 'Tandav', among others, actress Kritika Kamra, who is all set to portray female gangster in 'Bambai Meri Jaan', talked about her diverse roles, and how she doesn't like to repeat herself on the screen.

Her latest endeavour, 'Bambai Meri Jaan', is a gripping crime web series, in which she takes on the challenging role of a female gangster for the first time onscreen. Her portrayal is set to add a unique dimension to the world of crime drama.

Talking about her diverse roles, Kritika said: "Each project has its own unique flavour, and I'm thrilled to bring these characters to life. I have consciously taken my time in choosing roles where I don't repeat myself, because people tend to box you into a certain type of role." "I work hard to get opportunities to collaborate with makers who think out of the box. I have auditioned my way through to get shows across varied genres. On OTT, I have done a political drama, comedy, suspense thriller and now this - a crime drama. The next has an element of fantasy/mystery and the one after that is a period piece. It's been a rewarding journey so far," she added.

'Bambai Meri Jaan' also stars Avinash Tiwary, Kay Kay Menon, Kritika Kamra, Nivedita Bhattacharya and Amyra Dastur. It is a sneak into the post-independence Bombay of the time and its streets riddled with crime.

The story revolves around the conflict between Dara Kadri (Avinash), a rising gangster, and his father Ismail Kadri (Kay Kay), an honest police officer. The series is set in a world rather, the Mumbai of the 1970s where gang wars, crimes, and treachery were a common occurrence.

## SAIYAMI KHER SHARES THE REASON BEHIND HER TRANSFORMATIVE JOURNEY ON SCREEN

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Actress Saiyami Kher, who has been enjoying the response to her latest theatrical release 'Ghoomer', reflected on her transformative journey and on the shift from facing back to back rejection to working alongside some of the best film-making talents in the Hindi film industry.

The actress said that she developed a thick skin with patience as the key which helped her navigate her path.

For Saiyami, the turning point came when acclaimed director Anurag Kashyap cast her in the lead role for the streaming film 'Choked'.

Speaking about her journey, the actress said: "The path hasn't been smooth, and there were times when the rejections were disheartening. However, I held onto the belief that my time would come."

Saiyami further mentioned that for her, working with filmmakers like Anurag Kashyap, Ashwiny Iyer tiwari, Neeraj Pandey, and Balki has been a dream come true. The actress added: "Their belief in me and the author-backed roles I've had the privilege to play have been transformative. I'm grateful for the space I'm in now and excited for the opportunities that lie ahead." Saiyami's recent collaborations have been a treat for the lovers of cinema and content.



## Indian film 'A Match' with cast of non-actors creates buzz at Toronto festival

Gurmukh Singh | Toronto

Probably the best Indian movie to premiere at the on-going Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF), young Marathi director Jayant Digambar Somalkar's debut feature film 'A Match' -- Sthal in Marathi -- is literally a slap in the face of Indian patriarchy.

In fact, this strongly feminist film ends with a real slap in the face of one of the potential grooms by the protagonist after her repeated rejections on the pretext of being too dark-skinned, not too tall, and not too rich to meet dowry demands.

It is also a rare film with a cast of no actors. All its actors are real-life characters facing the camera for the first time in their life.

And it was shot in the director's own village Dongargaon in Maharashtra and in his family home on a shoe-string budget.

The film is the powerful story of young girl Savita (played by Nandini Chikte), who is on the verge of graduating from college and dreams of building her own future.

But the oppressive patriarchy comes in the way of dreams as she is forced to face humiliating but comical interviews from the families of the potential grooms. In fact, she is once forced to skip her exams to face the interview.

Though the film's main focus is on the stifling patriarchy, it also highlights the pervasive hypocrisy in Indian society through one of Savita's suitors, who also happens to be her teacher at college. Though he lectures students on women empowerment in his class, in real life he demands dowry from Savita's father.

As Savita's desperate father tries to borrow money for her dowry, this film also lays bare the crisis farmers face in India.

## INSTAGRAM PIC OF THE DAY



Priya Banerjee