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Compassion, social intelligence, decisiveness, patience, wisdom. These are all qualities found in elephants and not found in the people allowing them to be killed for trophies. #NotUs



## Franco in talks for 'X-Men' spin-off

London  
**James Franco** is reportedly in talks to join the "X-Men" universe as James Madrox aka Multiple Man.

The 39-year-old actor is in negotiations to play Multiple Man in a new standalone movie being developed by producer Simon Kinberg - who is currently working on 'X-Men: The Dark Phoenix', *The Hollywood Reporter* said.

The film will reportedly be penned by « Wonder Woman » scribe Allan Heinberg and will be produced by Kinberg under his Genre Films label and Franco's Ramona Films.

Franco won't be the first actor to bring the character to the big screen with Eric Dane playing him in 2006's « X-Men: The Last Stand » which was directed by Brett Ratner and written by Kinberg. (IANS)

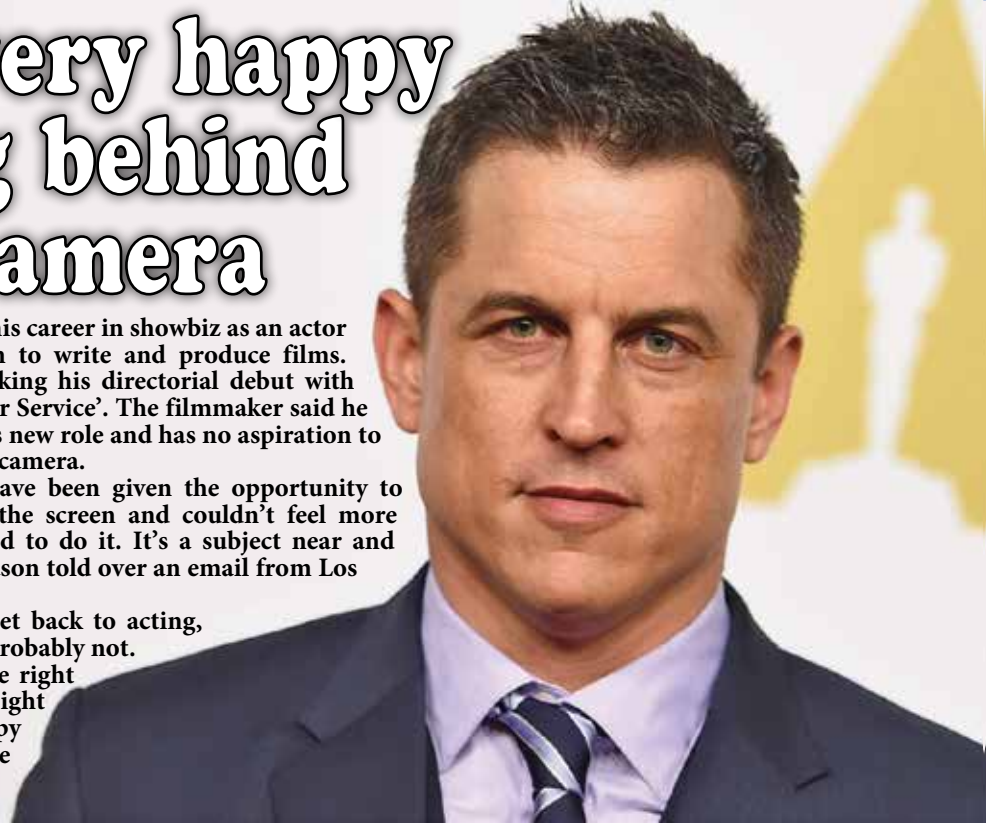


## I'm very happy being behind the camera

**Jason Hall** started his career in showbiz as an actor and then went on to write and produce films. Now, he will be making his directorial debut with 'Thank You For Your Service'. The filmmaker said he feels qualified for his new role and has no aspiration to come in front of the camera.

"I'm thrilled to have been given the opportunity to bring this story to the screen and couldn't feel more prepared or qualified to do it. It's a subject near and dear to my heart," Jason told over an email from Los Angeles.

Asked if he will get back to acting, Jason said: "Ha ha. Probably not. If I couldn't find the right type for a part -- I might -- but I'm very happy being behind the camera." (TOI)



## KATY PERRY BANNED FROM CHINA?

Shanghai  
**American singer** Katy Perry has reportedly been banned from China over a dress and cannot perform at Victoria's Secret show.

The singer was said to be appearing at the fashion show which will take place on Monday.

According to sources, Perry initially thought she would be able to gain access to the country but Chinese authorities rejected her visa application after discovering she wore a sunflower dress during a performance in Taipei in 2015, reports *mirror.co.uk*.

Her outfit caused widespread outrage because the sunflower had been adopted the year before by anti-China protesters. She also waved the Taiwanese flag during the concert.

The fashion show has been held all over the world, but this will be its first time in China.

Perry isn't the only one who is having problems entering the country, as model Gigi Hadid has also had to pull out. (IANS)

