

Kanye to launch make-up brand

Los Angeles

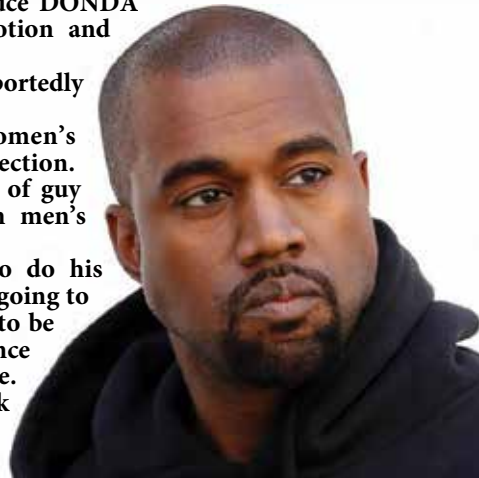
Rapper Kanye West is reportedly planning to launch a new cosmetic line inspired by his late mother Donda West.

According to a source, West has already filed legal documents declaring his intention to produce 'DONDA' brand make-up, perfumes, lotion and other cosmetics.

West's cosmetic line will reportedly be for both men and women.

"Kanye will have a women's collection and a men's collection. He is a ground breaking sort of guy and believes the future is in men's makeup," the source told.

"He wears make-up and so do his friends. He thinks all men are going to be wearing it soon and wants to be ahead of the curve. Appearance is very important to Kanye. He wants all guys to look great," the source added. (IANS)



MIDDLE EAST MOVIE BUZZ

CHILDREN OF HEAVEN

The young hero of Majid Majidi's "Children of Heaven" is played by Mir Farrokh Hashemian, a desolate-looking boy with huge brown eyes and a way of sending tears suddenly rolling down his cheeks. Those tears well up with some regularity during this film about 9-year-old Ali, his younger sister Zahra (Bahareh Seddiqui) and their scheme for sharing a pair of his tattered sneakers. The children want to hide the fact that Zahra's shoes have been lost because this will be a hardship for their parents. The family's carefully detailed poverty, which reflects the filmmaker's own childhood experience, colours everything that happens in this story.

Events in the film are seen through the children's ingenuous eyes, as is so often and artfully the case in Iranian films. In "Children of Heaven," life is sweet despite countless hardships, and no reality beyond the economic intrudes upon a fairy tale atmosphere.

One of the film's most elaborate episodes finds Ali and his father (Amir Naji) undertaking a punishing bike ride so that the father can seek gardening work among Teheran's rich. It's typical of Majidi's reliance on the expected that this journey of hope ends in frustration. And that a lonely rich child materializes out of nowhere, eager to make Ali his instant best friend.

The film's two young stars are as guileless as possible, even when the film contrives to turn the shoe issue into its main dramatic focus. Ali and Zahra meet secretly in the middle of each school day to pass along the sneakers, but that proves to be no solution. Ali, against all odds, determines to run a long-distance race and win the third-place prize of running shoes for Zahra. (nytimes.com)



The Oscar nominations

The nominees in the main categories ahead of the February 26 awards ceremony in Hollywood

Most nominated

La La Land 14

Arrival 8

Moonlight 8

Best film

- ★ *Arrival*
- ★ *Fences*
- ★ *Hacksaw Ridge*
- ★ *Hell or High Water*
- ★ *Hidden Figures*
- ★ *La La Land*
- ★ *Lion*
- ★ *Manchester by the Sea*
- ★ *Moonlight*

Best director

- ★ Damien Chazelle *La La Land*
- ★ Mel Gibson *Hacksaw Ridge*
- ★ Denis Villeneuve *Arrival*
- ★ Kenneth Lonergan *Manchester by the Sea*
- ★ Barry Jenkins *Moonlight*

Best actor

- ★ Casey Affleck *Manchester by the Sea*
- ★ Andrew Garfield *Hacksaw Ridge*
- ★ Ryan Gosling *La La Land*
- ★ Viggo Mortensen *Captain Fantastic*
- ★ Denzel Washington *Fences*

Best actress

- ★ Isabelle Huppert *Elle*
- ★ Ruth Negga *Loving*
- ★ Natalie Portman *Jackie*
- ★ Emma Stone *La La Land*
- ★ Meryl Streep *Florence Foster Jenkins*

Best supporting actor

- ★ Mahershala Ali *Moonlight*
- ★ Jeff Bridges *Hell or High Water*
- ★ Lucas Hedges *Manchester by the Sea*
- ★ Michael Shannon *Nocturnal Animals*
- ★ Dev Patel *Lion*

Best supporting actress

- ★ Viola Davis *Fences*
- ★ Naomie Harris *Moonlight*
- ★ Nicole Kidman *Lion*
- ★ Octavia Spencer *Hidden Figures*
- ★ Michelle Williams *Manchester by the Sea*

Best foreign language film

- ★ *Land of Mine* (Denmark)
- ★ *A Man Called Ove* (Sweden)
- ★ *The Salesman* (Iran)
- ★ *Tanna* (Australia)
- ★ *Toni Erdmann* (Germany)

Best animated feature

- ★ *Kubo and the Two Strings*
- ★ *Moana*
- ★ *My Life as a Zucchini*
- ★ *The Red Turtle*
- ★ *Zootopia*

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A model presents a creation for fashion house Etro during the Women's Fall/Winter 2017/2018 fashion week in Milan, yesterday. (AFP)