

celebs

Katy Perry supports Ellen DeGeneres amid toxic workplace claims

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Singer-songwriter Katy Perry has spoken out in favour of American comedian Ellen DeGeneres, following reports about an alleged toxic work environment on ‘The Ellen DeGeneres Show’.

This post comes after Ellen’s popular show has become the subject of an internal investigation by parent company Warner-Media following numerous accounts of workplace problems on the comedy show series.

However, sharing her experience on the show, the ‘Roar’ singer tweeted she only had “positive take-aways” during her time shared with Ellen and also on her show.

“I know I can’t speak for anyone else’s experience besides my own but I want to acknowledge that I have only ever had posi-

tive takeaways from my time with Ellen & on the@theellen-show,” the soon-to-be mother tweeted.

The 35-year-old crooner also highlighted DeGeneres’ continuous efforts of fighting for “equality” throughout the years through her platforms.

Perry added, “I think we all have witnessed the light & continual fight for equality that she has brought to the world through her platform for decades. Sending you love & a hug, friend.”

As cited by Variety, the reposts of alleged “racism and intimidation” on the show was initially run by BuzzFeed around mid-July.

Katy Perry

Sean Penn confirms he married Leila George on a ‘COVID wedding’

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American actor Sean Penn has confirmed that he is once again a married man.

According to Page Six, the 59-year-old actor said Monday (local time) on ‘Late Night with Seth Meyers’ that he and girlfriend 28-year-old Leila George tied the knot on Thursday.

Meyers asked Penn, “There are reports that you recently got married, is this true?”, to which the Oscar winner raised his hand, showing off his wedding band.

Bradley Cooper to star in Paul Thomas Anderson’s new period drama

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Actor Bradley Cooper is in talks to star in an upcoming period drama. The film, set in the seventies, is written and directed by Paul Thomas Anderson.

Anderson’s yet-untitled next is a coming-of-age drama set in San Fernando Valley of the 1970s, reports hollywoodreporter.com. Plot details are under wraps right now, but the film involves multiple storylines revolving around a child actor attending high school in the Valley. Cooper’s role is unclear as of now.

The project was supposed to start production in the summer of 2020 prior to the Covid-19 shutdown. According to sources, the film is now expected to start later this year, depending on how and when shooting is allowed to begin in Los Angeles.

The film will be Anderson’s first release since his acclaimed 2017 feature, “Phantom Thread”. The filmmaker is also known for works such as “There Will Be Blood”, “Boogie Nights”, and “Inherent Vice”.

Meanwhile, Cooper is all set to direct once again after winning accolades for “A Star Is Born”. He will direct and star in an untitled Leonard Bernstein biopic for OTT release. Cooper will play the legendary composer Bernstein in the film.



Bradley Cooper

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Reynolds sorry for wedding location

Fox | Los Angeles

Ryan Reynolds apologized for his 2012 wedding with Blake Lively at Boone Hall, a former slave plantation, in South Carolina.

“It’s something we’ll always be deeply and unreservedly sorry for,” Reynolds, 43, told Fast Company in a recent interview. “It’s impossible to reconcile.”

The “Deadpool” actor then explained his and Lively’s decision to have an antebellum wedding.

“What we saw at the time was a wedding venue on Pinterest. What we saw after was a place built upon devastating tragedy,” Reynolds admitted.

The “Green Lantern” star also revealed that the couple “got married again” at home years after their wedding. “Shame works in weird ways,” he said. “A giant mistake like that can either cause you to shut down or it can reframe things and move you into action. It doesn’t mean you won’t f--k up again. But repartnering and challenging lifelong social conditioning is a job that doesn’t end,” Reynolds concluded.

In the wake of the Black Lives Matter movement regaining momentum, Reynolds and Lively, 32, donated \$1 million to the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

The father of three also launched The Group Effort Initiative, a program to bring more “Black, Indigenous, people of color or people from marginalized and excluded communities” into the film industry.

In May, the couple released a statement on social media and pledged to stay informed about racial injustices.

“We’re ashamed that in the past, we’ve allowed ourselves to be uninformed about how deeply rooted systemic racism is,” they wrote.



Ryan Reynolds and Blake Lively

Katie Holmes hailed as ‘inspiring’ mother by co-star

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Katie Holmes is an “inspiring parent” - according to actor Jerry O’Connell.

Jerry stars alongside Katie in the new movie ‘The Secret: Dare to Dream’, and has said he loved seeing the 41-year-old actress interacting with her 14-year-old daughter Suri - whom she has with ex-husband Tom Cruise - whenever the teenager visited her on set.

He said: “Katie Holmes is really maybe the loveliest [person]. Just a few takeaways I got from working with Katie Holmes - obviously [she’s] a great actress, obviously beautiful. But a great mom, a really great mom. Actually, like, an inspiring parent.

“Watching the time Katie took with her daughter when we were at work, you know, it was really inspiring. It made me realise, like, I don’t stay in contact enough with my children [when at] work, you know? ... Katie is a great person, a great mom. I really enjoyed working with her. We had a fun time.”

Jerry, 41, has 11-year-old twins Dolly and Charlie with his wife Tamara Romjin, and has admitted he thought his family wouldn’t “make it” through quarantine amid the coronavirus pandemic.

He told Us Weekly magazine: “I have to say - I’m going to get in trouble for this - when quarantine [began] ... I was like, ‘I’m not sure how, not only is our family going to make it, but can my marriage handle this?’” he said. “And dare I say, it’s been kind of fun. We might just make it.”

Meanwhile, Katie recently said she feels “blessed” to be Suri’s mother, as she took to social media to wish her daughter a happy birthday.

She wrote: “Happy Birthday Sweetheart!!!!!! I am so blessed to be your mom. May this year be incredible! (sic)”



Katie Holmes

Cardi B, Megan Thee Stallion team up for new single ‘WAP’

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Musicians Cardi B and Megan Thee Stallion has announced their new joint single ‘WAP’ which is set to drop on Friday.

The cover art of the single features the two powerhouses as near-identical twins with their hair intertwined with hoop earrings with ‘WAP’ written in the middle.

They are seen pulling off the identical hairdos and equal amounts of extended tongue action.

“Single dropping this Friday! WAP feat. @theestallion #Wap,” Cardi B wrote on Instagram on Tuesday, while Stallion wrote, “WAP @ iamcardib and The Hot Girl Coach this Friday!!!”



Cardi B

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Across

1- "Dancing Queen" quartet; 5- Personal quirk; 8- Starting; 12- Roseanne, once; 13- Cupressus; 15- Dress often worn by Hindu women; 16- ___ soup yet?; 17- ___ Mio; 18- Breezes through; 19- Inconsiderate; 22- Incredibly powerful mythical bird; 23- "Michael Collins" actor; 24- Trace; 26- Simple life form; 29- Punctual; 31- Actress Charlotte; 32- Tumults; 34- Move stealthily; 36- Formerly, formerly; 38- Quality; 40- Poker payment; 41- Boatwain; 43- Layers; 45- Can metal; 46- Interstellar cloud; 48- Allotted amount; 50- Appoint; 51- Moving vehicle; 52- Choke; 54- "Great" Australian landmark; 61- Util. bill; 63- Prestigious prize; 64- Olive genus; 65- Asta's mistress; 66- Agitates; 67- ___ She Sweet; 68- Actress Harper; 69- Vane dir.; 70- 24 hour periods;

Down

1- Slightly; 2- Wild party; 3- Zest; 4- Conductor Toscanini; 5- Exam used to measure aptitude or intelligence; 6- Image of a deity; 7- Racer Yarborough; 8- Simile center; 9- Capital of California; 10- Hydrox rival; 11- Money-related; Abbr.; 13- Live together; 14- Pine sap; 20- Will of "The Waltons"; 21- Barflies; 25- Ike's ex; 26- Biblical brother; 27- Harbingers; 28- Main artery; 29- Willow; 30- Kind of kitchen; 31- Yank's foe; 33- ___ chi ch'uan; 35- He's a doll; 37- Big brass; 39- Makes journeys; 42- Unfeeling; 44- The closest one to us is the sun; 47- Inclines; 49- Bit of progress; 52- Fellow; 53- Burn balm; 55- Doesn't keep; 56- Diamond stats; 57- Able was ___; 58- Charles Lamb's pen name; 59- Start of a counting rhyme; 60- Solid oils; 62- ___ in Charlie;

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