

celebs



Kate Winslet

Kate Winslet ‘so proud’ as directorial debut premieres

AFP | Los Angeles

Oscar-winning British actress Kate Winslet said she was “so proud” of herself for directing her first film “Goodbye June” and would “love to do more”.

Speaking at the Christmas drama’s world premiere in London on Wednesday, the 50-year-old Winslet, who also acts in the film, said she found the experience of directing “incredibly rewarding”.

“I loved being with those actors, I loved being with the children, to that extent, and also the collaboration with the crew, because it all has to work together, you all have to

I loved being with those actors, I loved being with the children, to that extent, and also the collaboration with the crew, because it all has to work together, you all have to be a team, and it’s something that, it really just lifted me up

KATE WINSLET

be a team, and it’s something that, it really just lifted me up,” she told AFP.

The film, about siblings coming together as their elderly mother’s health takes a turn for the worse at Christmas, was inspired by the death of Winslet’s mother and was written by Winslet’s son, Joe Anders, whose father is British director

Sam Mendes.

“I was so impressed by it and loved the dialogue -- it was just phenomenal,” she said of her son’s script.

“And so when it came to the point that the script was ready to send out to directors, I just realised that there was no way we could possibly let it go.”

Winslet said she had thought about going behind the camera for years and other directors had suggested she should try, but she wanted to wait until she “really felt ready”.

“I’m just so proud of myself that I did, and I’m 50, and ha-ha, I did it,” she said.

The film also stars Dame Helen Mirren, Timothy Spall, Andrea Riseborough, Johnny Flynn, Stephen Merchant and Toni Collette.

It will be released in cinemas in the UK and the US on December 12 and then available on Netflix, the film’s distributor, on Christmas eve.

Kim Kardashian has come close to ‘snapping’ over ex-husband Kanye West’s behaviour

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Kim Kardashian has felt like “snapping” over her ex-husband Kanye West’s comments about her.

The 45-year-old star discussed the rapper’s public outbursts in the latest episode of reality show The Kardashians with her sister Kourtney Kardashian’s former partner Scott Disick as she underwent a follow-up brain scan following her aneurysm scare and admits that she has to bite her tongue about Kanye’s erratic behaviour.

While not naming West, Disick said: “By the way, I’m sorry about all you’re going through. It looks stressful. I mean, I see some of the stuff, and it’s like, f***.”

Kim replied: “It is hard.”

The All’s Fair star added in a confessional that Kanye is “very loud out there right now”.

She said: “I just can’t really engage. I think it’s just for the better.”

Kim - who has children North, 12, Saint, nine, Chicago, seven, and Psalm, six, with the rapper - denied Kanye’s claims that he had called her on the programme.

The Skims founder said: “I mean, I always encourage a relationship, but a healthy one.

“Sometimes I just feel like snapping, but I can’t. I just can’t.”

Kim has explained during recent episodes of The Kardashians how she is trying to shield the children from Kanye’s controversial antics.

The star - whose divorce from West was finalised in 2022 - said: “They’re gonna know things. They’re gonna grow up, they’re gonna see.

“So, it’s my job as a mom to make sure that, at a time when that behaviour is happening, to make sure they’re protected.

“Everyone around Kim Kardashian

can handle it, but like, protect my babies.”

Kardashian also rejected claims that she has the “luxury of walking away and not dealing (with Kanye) ever again”.

She said: “That’s not my reality... We have four kids together. It’s very confusing because it’ll be all this talk on the internet like, ‘I’m keeping the kids.’ He’s never once called and asked (to see them).

“Then I’ll wake up, and it’s on Twitter that I’m keeping the kids when it’s not true and it’s not rational... I can’t engage all the time.

“It’s a divorce, not a kidnapping.”

Meanwhile, Kim recently revealed that dating has become “less and less appealing” to her since her divorce and that she is content without a man in her life.

Speaking in a confessional on The Kardashians, she said: “You get really comfortable the longer you’re single.

“You get really comfortable being single and the thought of you sharing a bed or your

TV shows with someone else becomes less and less appealing because you get set in your ways.”



Kim Kardashian

Millie Bobby Brown is a ‘natural-born mother’

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Millie Bobby Brown is a “natural-born mother”, according to her Stranger Things co-star Cara Buono.

The actress became a first-time mom this year at the age of 21 when she adopted a baby girl with her husband Jake Bongiovi, who she married a year earlier in May 2024, and her co-star Cara had declared Millie was the right age to have a child because she has an “old soul”.

Cara told You magazine: “Millie has an old soul and brain. She’s a natural-born mother, she’s amazing; one of the most ‘together’ people I know and with an incredible work ethic.”

The Sopranos star Cara - who plays Karen Wheeler in Stranger Things - went on to add that she feels “protective”

of the young actress and hated seeing her being bombarded with abuse on social media.

She added to the publication: “Millie was a child and no one should ever be treated like that. It’s outrageous and disgusting that people don’t have anything better to do. I’m protective of Millie - I’m protective of all of them.”

Cara - who is mother to a daughter - went on to explain she loved working with the cast of young actors in the hit Netflix show because she had struggled to expand her family with husband Peter Thum after experiencing fertility issues.

She said: “I really, really wanted a big family, but I had a lot of fertility issues and several miscarriages during the show..

“So I always think the universe gave me Stranger Things to be around all these kids, because it came at this time when

I was accepting I wouldn’t have more children, and I felt very happy to be their de-facto mum.

“I love hearing all about their lives - their interests, their music, their worries. Now I text them: ‘I’ve seen your play’ or whatever. I love seeing them all shine.”

Millie recently revealed she chose her Stranger Things co-star Noah Schnapp to be godfather to her daughter.

She told Entertainment Tonight: “Sadie [Sink] is very, very maternal, but Noah’s her godfather.”

Noah, 21, went



Millie Bobby Brown

on to reveal it is the “greatest joy” to see his pal enjoying a new stage of her life.

He said: “Aw, it’s honestly the greatest joy. It’s actually crazy to me to see her grow from such a wide-eyed, innocent, young, silly girl and now she’s a mom and married. And I’m just so proud of her.”

Hugh Grant made shocking acting admission

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Hugh Grant claimed he only went into acting “to be famous and make a lot of money”.

The Substance actor shocked his Dungeons and Dragons: Honor Among Thieves co-star Justice Smith with his candid confession and the 30-year-old star is still unsure whether or not he was joking.

During an appearance on the What Are We Even Doing? podcast, host Kyle MacLachlan asked Justice if he had got along with

Hugh during filming.

He replied: “I did. Oh, I love Hugh.

“When I worked with him, I was like, ‘Hugh, you know, do you still love what you do? Do you still love this?’

“And he was just like, ‘No.’ He said, ‘I’ve never loved it.’ He’s like, ‘I just wanted to be famous and make a lot of money.’ And I said, ‘Really?’ He said, ‘Yeah.’

“He is so funny. And he’s like, ‘I’ve always hated the acting part

of it.’ And I was like, ‘Oh.’ But he said it with such sincerity.”

Justice was so “stuck” on the conversation, he brought it up with Rosamund Pike while filming Now You See Me: Now You Don’t to get her take on whether Hugh was being serious or “just British”.

He recalled: “She’s like, ‘No, I’m pretty sure he’s just British.’ I’m like, ‘Are you sure?’ I think ‘cause it stuck with me. I was like, ‘Oh, I guess you can be a really good actor and just want to like just do

it for the fame and money.”

Both host Kyle and his guest agreed the 62-year-old star is a “perfectionist” and pushes himself hard with his work.

Kyle said: “Here’s the thing about Hugh that I think I ‘cause I got a vibe about him.

“I’ve known Hugh for a long time, and he has the same spiel that he does. I think the thing that is so challenging for him is that he’s such a perfectionist, and he takes it so seriously.



Hugh Grant