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Tom Holland to play Fred Astaire in upcoming biopic

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'Spider-Man' star Tom Holland will portray legendary actor, dancer and singer Fred Astaire in an upcoming biopic for Sony.

According to sources, deals for the project are still being finalised, reports deadline.com.

Astaire's career spanned 76 years before his death in 1987 from pneumonia. He got his start in the industry early working with his siblings in vaudeville before setting his sights on Broadway and London's West End before making it big in Tinseltown.

He most famously starred in 'Dancing Lady' with Joan Crawford, 'Easter Parade' with Judy Garland, and 'Funny Face' with Audrey Hepburn.

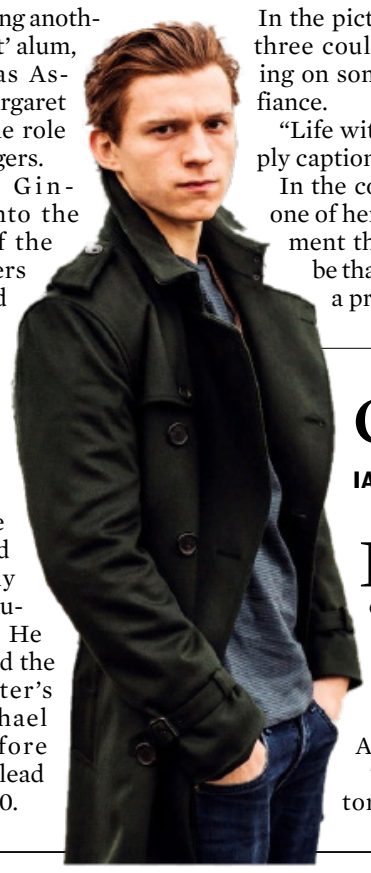
The actor too confirmed the news to the media while promoting his upcoming film 'Spider-Man: No Way Home' in London.

Oscar-nominated producer Amy Pascal first mentioned her eye was on Holland for the role of the legendary dancer, singer, and choreographer in a November profile of Holland in GQ.

The Sony biopic is not to be confused with Amazon and Automatik's 'Fred & Ginger' starring another 'Billy Elliot' alum, Jamie Bell as Astaire, and Margaret Qualley in the role of Ginger Rogers.

'Fred & Ginger' dives into the love story of the dance partners both on and off-screen, Deadline revealed exclusively last December.

Holland made his debut on the West End stage in 'Billy Elliot The Music' in 2008. He first portrayed the lead character's friend, Michael Caffrey, before taking on the lead role until 2010.



Tom Holland

Dakota Johnson says 'no-one acts normally because of Covid-19'

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Actress Dakota Johnson says her professional life has been transformed by the ongoing health crisis.

Johnson, who is best known for starring in the 'Fifty Shades' film franchise, said: "The thing is, people are not behaving normally. If you go to a party, you rage."

Johnson currently has a number of projects in the works, including her directorial film debut.

The movie will take place on a mythical island, but the actress won't give away too many other details for the time being, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

She told Town and Country magazine: "We talked about someone else directing, but then I was dreaming about it, having ideas all the time. It's in my bones, this story. I'm like, 'Is this too soon?' But it's happening. I'm gonna do it."

Johnson previously co-directed Coldplay's 'Cry Cry Cry' music video, which featured her boyfriend Chris Martin.

Her dad, Don Johnson, recently said he would be "happy" if his daughter married the music star.

Don said: "I don't think much further than about the next seven or eight seconds. But listen, if she's happy, I will be happy, and he's a lovely guy. And if she decides to get married, I would imagine that there would be grandchildren not too far out for that. I'd be pretty excited about that part."

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Kourtney Kardashian annoyed by fans who keep asking if she's pregnant

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Reality TV personality Kourtney Kardashian seemingly gets annoyed by her fans who keep asking her if she's pregnant.

Taking to her social media account, the "Keeping Up with the Kardashians" alum shut down the swirling rumours, reports aceshowbiz.com.

Kourtney posted a racy photograph of herself swimming in a pool in a purple bikini with Travis Barker.

In the picture, the mom of three could be seen packing on some PDA with her fiance.

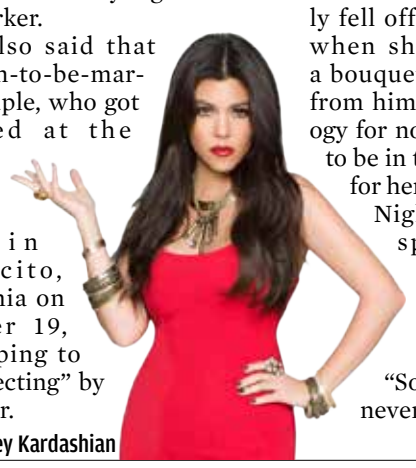
"Life with you," she simply captioned her post.

In the comment section, one of her fans left a comment that read, "Not to be that girl but... is that a preg belly."

The message led a frustrated Kourtney to clap back, "Are we really gonna do this every time I post a photo?"

Prior to this, it's reported that Kourtney, who shares 10-year-old Mason, 7-year-old Penelope and 5-year-old Reign with her ex Scott Disick, would "love nothing more than to have a baby together" with Barker.

It's also said that the soon-to-be-married couple, who got engaged at the Rosewood Miramar in Montecito, California on October 19, was hoping to be "expecting" by next year.



Kourtney Kardashian

Adele would be starstruck by Dwayne Johnson

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Singer Adele would "cry" if she ever got to meet Hollywood action star Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson because she's such a big fan.

The 'Easy on Me' hitmaker said that the 'Jungle Cruise' actor is the one person who she'd be starstruck to meet and she "nearly fell off" her chair when she received a bouquet of flowers from him as an apology for not being able to be in the audience for her recent 'One Night Only' TV special, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

She said: "Someone I've never met, that I think I would actually cry, is The Rock. I was the biggest wrestling fan when I was younger! He sent me flowers because he and his wife couldn't make it to my show and literally I nearly fell off me chair!"

Adele was quick to stress she doesn't have a crush on the 'Moana' star.

She added: "He always paints his little girl's nails and stuff like that, doesn't he? He's so cute. I wish he was my dad... Oh yeah, it's not like I - I haven't got a crush on him or anything. It's just, he's amazing. He's just incredible, I want him to be my mate. I want him to be my friend."

The 33-year-old star is a big fan of the former WWE star, one thing she doesn't enjoy is 'Real Housewives' and she fears her "brain will die" if she starts dedicating time to the Bravo franchise.

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George Clooney turned down $35 million offer for a day's work

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Hollywood star George Clooney has shared that he turned down a $35 million offer to film a commercial after he consulted his wife Amal.

The 60-year-old actor-filmmaker revealed the job offer when he was talking with The Guardian about his upcoming directorial feature 'The Tender Bar' and was asked whether he is satisfied with the money he's earned, reports aceshowbiz.com.

"Well, yeah," he admitted. Alluding that it's not always money that gives him satisfaction, he added: "I was offered $35m for one day's work for an airline commercial, but I talked to Amal (his wife) about it and we decided it's not worth it."

George went on explaining why he turned down the job.

"It was (associated with) a country that, although it's an ally, is questionable at times, and so I thought: 'Well, if it takes a minute's sleep away from me, it's not worth it,' " he said, as his wife Amal is a renowned human rights lawyer.

George married Amal in 2014 and they welcomed twins, daughter Ella and son Alexander, in June 2017. In the same interview, the star talked about why he has slowed down in recent years when it comes to accepting onscreen roles.

"In general, there just aren't that many great parts. And, look, I don't have to act," he said.

George Clooney

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How to play

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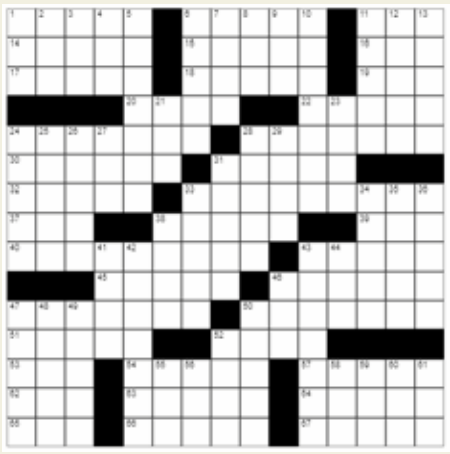

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Down

1- Sportscaster Berman; 2- UK honor; 3- Captive soldier; 4- Building add-on; 5- Diary; 6- Sash; 7- One hunted; 8- Some MIT grads; 9- Mil. address; 10- Repel; 11- Deplete; 12- Long stories; 13- Sorbonne, e.g.; 21- Craft in the tabloids; 23- Coal-rich region; 24- Violently intense; 25- Marshal; 26- Wails; 27- Greek vowel; 28- Oscar de la __; 29- Extremities; 31- Frenzied; 33- Attended; 34- Herbert Hoover, for one; 35- Peter of Herman's Hermits; 36- Dead duck; 38- "__ Rider" starred Clint Eastwood; 41- Scheme; 42- Person who repairs telephone wires; 43- Exceed; 44- New Haven collegian; 46- Sailor; 47- Kid-lit elephant; 48- To use improperly; 49- Cruising vessel; 50- Course with pluses and minuses; 52- Effortlessness; 55- Admiration; 56- Rockers Steely __; 58- Root word?; 59- Dallas sch.; 60- Suffix with ball; 61- Rebellious Turner;

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