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Carey Mulligan, Zoe Kazan to star as reporters who broke Harvey Weinstein story

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Actors Carey Mulligan and Zoe Kazan are set to star as reporters Megan Twohey and Jodi Kantor, who exposed disgraced Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein.

As per Variety, Mulligan and Kazan will feature in 'She Said', a movie about The New York Times sexual harassment investigation against Weinstein that kicked off the #MeToo movement.

Mulligan and Kazan are in final negotiations for the Universal Pictures movie to play Twohey and Kantor, the authors of the book 'She Said: Breaking the Sexual Harassment Story That Helped Ignite a Movement'.

The upcoming film will focus on Twohey and Kantor's work to uncover the widespread sexual harassment and assault allegations over several decades against Weinstein, The Weinstein Company co-chairman who was eventually sentenced to 23 years in prison.

Kantor and Twohey broke the first story on Weinstein on October 5, 2017, and produced a series of stories after as more females came forward. They won the Pulitzer Prize for Public Service, along with Ronan Farrow from The New Yorker, for their investigation and reporting.

Carey Mulligan

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Maria Schrader, an Emmy winner for Netflix's 'Unorthodox', is helming from a script by Oscar winner Rebecca Lenkiewicz. Production on the film is set to begin this summer.

Annapurna Pictures and Plan B Entertainment optioned the rights to 'She Said' in 2018 under their co-production deal. Megan Ellison will executive produce for Annapurna with Sue Naegle. Brad Pitt, Dede Gardner and Jeremy Kleiner will produce for Plan B.

Universal VP of production Lexi Barta will oversee the project for the studio.

Mulligan, who was nominated for an Oscar this year for 'Promising Young Woman', is set to begin filming on Johan Renck's 'Spaceman' and Bradley Cooper's 'Maestro'.

Kazan recently starred in 'The Plot Against America', the Coen brothers' 'The Ballad of Buster Scruggs' and 'The Big Sick'.

'She Said' reunites Mulligan and Kazan on their third project. Mulligan and Kazan starred in Ian Ricksons' Broadway production of 'The Seagull' in 2008. In 2018, Mulligan starred in the film 'Wildlife', which Kazan co-wrote and produced.

Zoe Kazan

Helen Mirren proud of everything she has earned

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English actress Helen Mirren says she takes pride and pleasure in knowing she has earned everything she has in her life.

"Everything I have I have earned. I come from not a working-class situation, but certainly a financially impoverished one. We didn't have a television when I was growing up or a washing machine or a car, but the one thing my parents taught me -- and it was very important for me as a woman – was, 'you must become financially independent'," she said.

Mirren added: "When I became an actress, it was very important to me to become financially secure, and I have always worked. And I am now financially independent, and I did it myself. Nobody helped me. I take great pride and pleasure in that."

Mirren is thankful to have a loyal and understanding husband in Hollywood filmmaker Taylor Hackford, reports femalefirst.co.uk. She says she "admires" her husband, and feels they have the "combination" of admiration and love that keeps their marriage strong.

"I have the incredible advantage in my life of having a husband who is both loyal and understanding and in response I give him back my loyalty and understanding too. We couldn't be married without that. I admire my husband, too, which is essential. I'm not going to sit there saying, 'Oh, darling, you're so marvellous. You're so wonderful," Mirren told Yours magazine.

She added: "How smart of you and blah blah blah'. but I do think that admiration and love are a necessary combination for a marriage. And I admire my husband considerably."

Helen Mirren

Jennifer Lopez inks multi-year Netflix deal for her production banner

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Hollywood actor and singer Jennifer Lopez recently inked a multi-year, first-look deal with Netflix for her production banner, Nuyorican Productions.

According to Variety, Lopez will produce a slate of film and TV content, both scripted and unscripted, that will showcase diverse female actors, writers and filmmakers.

Two Netflix features starring Lopez, 'The Mother', directed by Niki Caro, and 'The Cipher', based on the novel of the same name by Isabel Ojeda Maldonado had been previously announced by the streamer.

"Throughout every aspect of her career, Jennifer Lopez has been a force in entertainment. In partnering with her and Nuyorican, we know she will continue to bring impactful stories, joy and inspiration to audiences around the world," Scott Stuber, Netflix's head of global films, said in a prepared statement.

Bela Bajaria, Netflix's head of global TV, praised Lopez as "a singular talent whose creativity and vision have captivated audiences and inspired the next generation around the world. For years, she and the team at Nuyorican have brought a distinctive voice to entertainment, and I'm looking forward to working with her and the team to create new series for our members to love."

Jennifer Lopez

Ellie Kemper breaks her silence after participation in 'racist' ball

Fox | Los Angeles

Ellie Kemper has broken her silence after old photos showed the star participating in a debutante ball years ago that is linked to an organization that's been accused of racism.

"Hi guys – when I was 19 years old, I decided to participate in a debutante ball in my hometown," the actress wrote in a lengthy Instagram post on Monday. "The century-old organization that hosted the debutante ball had an unquestionably racist, sexist, and elitist past. I was not aware of this history at the time, but ignorance is no excuse. I was old enough to have educated myself before getting involved."

"I unequivocally deplore, denounce, and reject white supremacy," the actress continued. "At the same time, I acknowledge that because of my race and my privilege, I am the beneficiary of a system that has dispense unequal justice and unequal rewards."

"There is a very natural temptation when you become the subject of internet criticism, to tell yourself that your detractors are getting it all wrong," Kemper continued. "But at some point last week, I realized that a lot of the forces behind the criticism are forces that I've spent my life supporting and agreeing with."

"I believe strongly in the values of kindness, integrity, and inclusiveness," she shared. "I try to live my life in accordance with these values. If my experience is an indication that organizations and institutions with pasts that fall short of these beliefs should be held to account, then I have to see this experience in a positive light."

"I want to apologize to the people I've disappointed, and I promise that moving forward I will listen, continue to educate myself, and use my privilege in support of the better society I think we're capable of becoming," she concluded. "Thanks for reading this."

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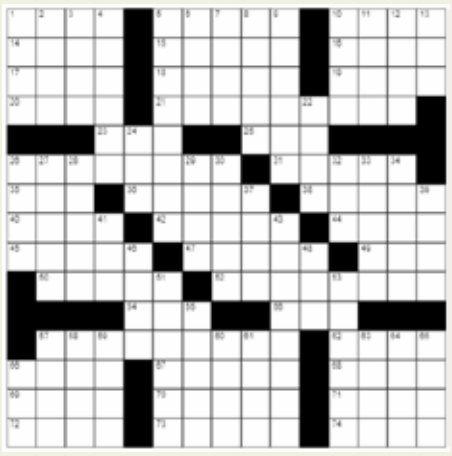

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