



Katy Perry

Los Angeles

Singer Katy Perry was slammed on social media for designing shoes which resembled 'blackface' imagery. The shoes in question were black 'Rue Face Slip On Loafers' and 'Ora Face Block Heel Sandals' that have cut-out faces, red lips, big blue eyes and a triangular nose on the top, reports hollywoodreporter.com.

Katy Perry's fashion line under fire

Social media users have compared the shoes to "blackface make-up". One user even cited that "ignorance is never a fashion statement".

Following the backlash, the shoes were pulled out from the stores. Perry and Global Brands Group issued the statement saying they did not have any intention to inflict any pain.

"The Rue and The Ora were part of a collection that was released last summer in 9 different colorways (black, blue, gold, graphite, lead, nude, pink, red, silver) and envisioned as a nod to modern art and surrealism. "I was saddened when it was brought to my attention that it was being compared to painful images reminiscent of blackface. Our intention was never to inflict any pain. We have immediately removed them from Katy Perry Collections," it read.

Michelle Rodriguez



Michelle Rodriguez apologises for her 'choice of words' in her defence of Liam Neeson

Los Angeles



Liam Neeson

Michelle Rodriguez has regretted the "choice of words" she used to defend actor Liam Neeson, who has been embroiled in a controversy over his revenge remarks.

On the red carpet at the amfAR Gala New York, the 40-year-old actor had come out in defence of Neeson, claiming that he is not a "racist" because of the way the veteran actor shot an intimate scene with Viola Davis in their film "Widows".

After a swift backlash, Rodriguez posted an apology on Instagram to her over 4.7 million fans.

"To my friends and colleagues and my fans and community: I want to deeply apologize for my recent choice of words, and poor use of example," she wrote.

"In a pressure-filled situation, I defended a friend in the wrong way. I now realize how insensitive it was, and I had no intention of invoking such a terrible historical comparison. I have learned from this, and will grow from it," she added.

Nicki Minaj calls out Grammy Awards producer over bullying

Los Angeles

Rapper Nicki Minaj has slammed Grammy Awards producer Ken Ehrlich for allegedly bullying her.

After the 2019 Grammy Awards ceremony here on Sunday, Minaj took to Twitter and called out Ehrlich saying she was bullied for seven years, reports foxnews.com.

Earlier, rapper Ariana Grande had criticised Ehrlich for "lying" about her reasons for pulling out of a performance at this year's Grammys.

Minaj tweeted: "I pissed off the same man Ariana just called out for lying. Grammy producer Ken. I was bullied into staying quiet for seven years out of fear. But I'll tell my fans the real on the next episode of 'Queen Radio' they deserve the truth. Also, congrats to everyone who won last night."

The "Bang bang" hitmaker has announced she will not be performing at the BET Experience, a concert preceding the 2019 BET Awards in June.

George Clooney says Meghan being harassed just like Diana

Los Angeles



George Clooney

The media are harassing Meghan Markle just as they did Princess Diana, who was killed in a car crash while being pursued by paparazzi, her friend George Clooney said.

Clooney and his wife Amal attended Meghan's wedding to Prince Harry, Diana's son, last year when the

American actress became the newest addition to the British royal family.

The Duchess of Sussex as she is now known, is expecting her first child, something that has intensified already huge media interest.

"They're just chasing Meghan Markle everywhere, she's been pursued and vilified," Clooney told Australian magazine WHO.

"She's a woman who is seven months pregnant and she has been pursued and vilified and chased in the same way that Diana was and it's history repeating itself," Clooney said.

Last weekend, some media published details of an intimate letter they said Meghan has sent her estranged father.

"I can't tell you how frustrating that is," Clooney said.

"Just seeing them broadcast a letter from a daughter to a father, she's getting a raw deal there and I think it's irresponsible and I'm surprised by that."



Meghan Markle

Priyanka Chopra is 'proud' of Rebel Wilson

Los Angeles

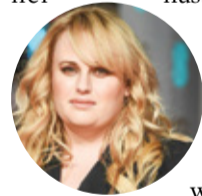
Actress Priyanka Chopra has praised actress Rebel Wilson and said that it is amazing to see a woman in Hollywood, star in a movie of her dreams.

Priyanka on Tuesday took to Twitter where she shared a photograph of herself along with the cast of "Isn't It Romantic" and her husband Nick Jonas.

"Happiness and love all around. So proud of you Rebel Wilson. It's so amazing to see a woman in Hollywood literally make and star

in a movie of her dreams. 'Isn't It Romantic,'" she captioned the image.

"Isn't It Romantic" tells the story of a New York architect Natalie (Wilson) who works hard to get noticed at her job, but is more likely to be asked to deliver coffee and bagels than to design. Priyanka essays the role of a yoga ambassador.



Rebel Wilson



Priyanka Chopra

Cardi B quits Instagram after Grammy win

Los Angeles

Rapper Cardi B has quit Instagram following the backlash she received after she won a Grammy Award for her album "Invasion of Privacy".

Before deleting the account, the "I do" rapper posted a video in which she slammed people for criticising her win, reports variety.com.

She said: "It's not my style for people to put other people down to uplift somebody else, that's not my style and that's not what I'm with and I don't support that."

Thomas Middleditch joins 'Zombieland' sequel

Los Angeles

Actor Thomas Middleditch is joining the upcoming "Zombieland" sequel.

The "Silicon Valley" actor will star alongside Woody Harrelson, Jesse Eisenberg, Emma Stone, and Abigail Breslin in "Zombieland 2", reports variety.com.

Zoey Deutch and Rosario Dawson are also boarding the cast.

"Zombieland 2" will be set in a world in which zombie slayers must face off against many new kinds of zombies that have evolved since the first movie, as well as some new human survivors.

Original "Zombieland" filmmaker Ruben Fleischer, who has helmed "Venom" too, is returning to direct the follow-up. He is re-teaming with original writers Paul Wernick and Rhett Reese, known for their work on both "Deadpool" movies.

'Aquaman' sequel officially in the works

Los Angeles

Warner Bros studios has tapped "Aquaman" co-writer David Leslie Johnson-McGoldrick to begin penning a new installment for the franchise.

According to The Hollywood Reporter, director James Wan wants to return as producer along with Peter Safran. It is currently unclear whether Wan would come back to direct.

The news came almost two months after the film, headlined by Jason Momoa, released.

The movie turned out to earn USD 1.12 billion globally. It is Warner Bros.' first DC movie to pass the USD 1 billion mark since 2012's "The Dark Knight Rises".

Miley Cyrus stands in for husband at film premiere

Los Angeles



Liam Hemsworth and Miley Cyrus

Newly married pop singer Miley Cyrus stood in for her Hollywood actor husband Liam Hemsworth on Monday, attending the premiere of his latest film "Isn't It Romantic" on his behalf as he was unwell.

Dressed in a red floor

length gown, complete with a train, the "Wrecking Ball" chart-topper posed for pictures and chatted to journalists alongside Hemsworth's co-stars in the romantic comedy, Rebel Wilson and Priyanka Chopra.

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