



Robert Pattinson's 'Batman' look revealed

Los Angeles

The first look of actor Robert Pattinson as Batman is out, and it is getting all the love in the virtual world.

Director Matt Reeves took to Twitter to reveal the first look at Pattinson as Batman in his upcoming "The Batman". He also dropped first look at the official Bat Suit to be worn by the titular hero, reports variety.com.

In the new footage, set to an ominous score by composer Michael Giacchino, Pattinson steps into a dark frame saturated in red light, as his sleek and angular Batman suit slowly comes into focus.

Now, Pattinson has replaced Ben Affleck to be the caped crusader. The casting decision made way for backlash on social media, in fact a petition was filed to reconsider the call.



Robert Pattinson

Billie Eilish's James Bond theme song out now

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Grammy-winning singer Billie Eilish's much-awaited theme song of the upcoming James Bond film, "No Time To Die", is out now. Billie tweeted: "No Time To Die – the theme song for the upcoming @007 film. Out now."

With this, she joins the league of singers such as Adele, Sam Smith, Alicia Keys, Madonna, Shirley Bassey, Nancy Sinatra, and Tina Turner who have lent their voices to some of the most iconic Bond theme songs over the decades.

Billie co-wrote the song "No time to die" with her brother Finneas, reports metro.co.uk.

She recently revealed that the process of writing the new Bond song was a quick one and the lyrics were inspired by the first scene of the script.

"We got a piece of the script – like, the first scene – and then wrote the song immediately, and we wrote it in three days," Billie had said. "We wrote it in Texas and we recorded it in a bunk on the bus, in the basement in the dark."

The new James Bond movie is set to be actor Daniel Craig's last outing as the famous fictional spy.



Jennifer Connelly

Katy Perry not inviting 'American Idol' co-judges to wedding

Los Angeles

Lionel Richie and Luke Bryan haven't been invited to follow "American Idol" judge Katy Perry's upcoming wedding.

Perry got engaged to actor Orlando Bloom last year and is now looking forward to the couple's big day, as she told host Jimmy Kimmel on Wednesday, reports aceshowbiz.com.

Asked whether she would be inviting Richie and Bryan, to her wedding, Perry said: "I can't afford them!"

She added: "Umm, no... But you know what, it's so funny, I'm actually not a Bridezilla, I call myself a Bridechilla. I'm kinda chill but I am one of those girls where I got engaged February 14th and then I booked the place February 19th. I took it very seriously!"

Asked whether Luke and Richie would sing on her big day, she said: "Like I said, I can't afford them. I mean, no. Look, they have a lot of work to do, you know while I'm out getting married – again."



Al Pacino says director David Weil is a real artist

Los Angeles

Hollywood veteran Al Pacino loved working with director David Weil on his debut web series "Hunters", and says Weil is a very special person and a real artist.

Pacino turns into a Nazi hunter in his debut web series, "Hunters". The highly-anticipated series will see him go on a murderous rampage.

The conspiracy thriller, produced by the award-winning Jordan Peele, follows a group of Nazi hunters in New York. The group is known as the Hunters. Set in the late 1970s, the trailer follows Pacino on a quest to find a team who will help him violently hunt down Nazis living in the city and planning to start the Fourth Reich in the US.



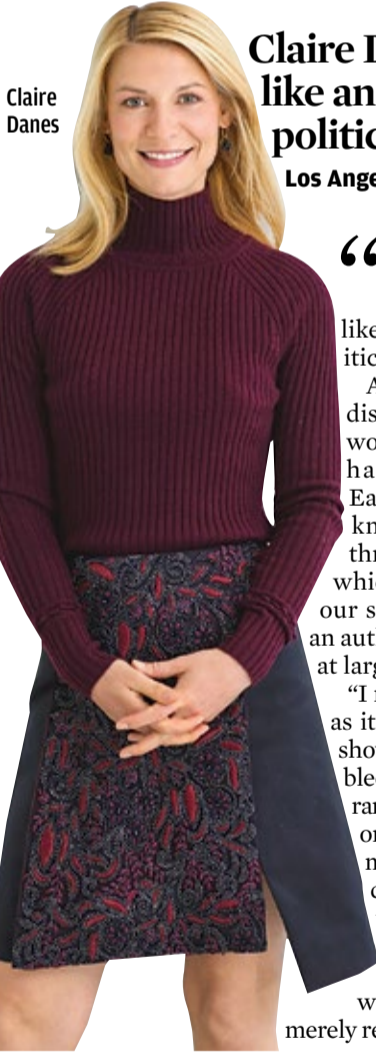
Al Pacino

"I love David Weil and, and what he's done. He is a very special person, a real artist. And it's great to be around that. We built our working relationship during rehearsals. I would talk to him, bother him on the set, just come up to him and we would talk," Pacino said.

The series also stars Jerrika Hinton, Josh Radnor, Kate Mulvany, Tiffany Boone, Greg Austin, Louis Ozawa Changchien, Carol Kane, Saul Rubinek, Dylan Baker and Lena Olin.

The series is produced by Amazon Studios, Peele's Monkeypaw Productions and Sonar Entertainment, was created by Weil, who serves as executive producer and co-showrunner alongside executive producer Nikki Toscano.

Alfonso Gomez-Rejon directed the pilot and is an executive producer. The series is executive produced by Win Rosenfeld from Monkeypaw Productions; Nelson McCormick; Tom Lesinski from Sonar Entertainment. The series will go live on Amazon Prime Video on February 21.



Claire Danes

Claire Danes: Don't feel like an authority on politics

Los Angeles

"Homeland" star Claire Danes says she doesn't feel like she is an authority on politics.

Asked if she finds herself in discussion with friends about world news and about what's happening in the Middle East, she said: "I think all that knowledge that we had was through the incredible access which was really funnelled into our storytelling. I don't feel like an authority on politics in general at large."

"I mean, it was relevant insofar as it informed my work on this show. So, I think it didn't really bleed out too much into the parameters beyond that. But, that's one of the things I will miss the most, was getting to have that direct interchange with actual policymakers and intelligence officers and people who are really building the world around us, rather than merely reflecting on it," she added.

Los Angeles

Actress Jennifer Connelly says the emergence of streaming services has had an impact on the film industry, so much so there is no room for independent production.

"I feel like we're spending more time at home. People go to the movies less; they stream movies at home on big TV screens. This has had an impact on the industry. These days, the films made for theatrical release have to be spectacles. In the 1970s, an Oscar-winning film was also a blockbuster. Today, there is no room for independent production and different points of view," Connelly said.

Asked what feeds her as an actress, she said: "Over the years, I've listened to various albums by Radiohead while working on movies - different albums depending on the project. I often return to the books of Virginia Woolf - I find interesting things there for

Jennifer Connelly: There's no room for independent production

building my characters. But what feeds me the most are the streets of New York. They're unpredictable."

The actress was recently seen in "Alita: Battle Angel", which is set to premiere on February 16 on Star Movies.

Talking about the film, she said: "I took it as a personality challenge since she was not the person she initially presented -- neither bad nor good, she's someone with her own plans. She is in her own stubborn yet diluted world thinking that she can possibly escape from the place which obviously she can't. She looks like a very screen friendly yet delicious villain in the beginning later we get to know the real reason behind her behaviour."

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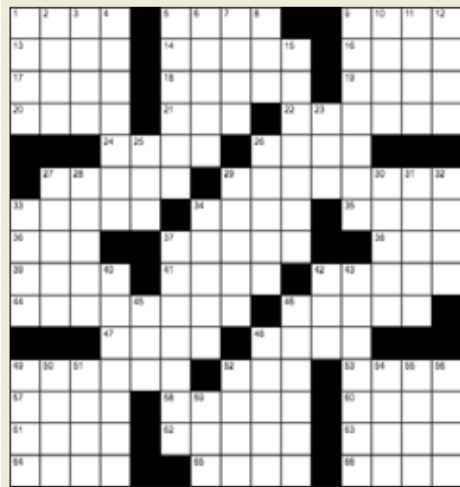
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How to play

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Across

1- Grad; 5- Mongolian desert; 9- A good one gets you there in a hurry; 13- Pip; 14- Turn over; 16- Appraise, charge per unit; 17- Grace period; 18- Like a fleabag; 19- River to the Seine; 20- Exceeded the limit; 21- Timcard abbr.; 22- Nerve cell; 24- Neck of the woods; 26- Inner layer of a quilt; 27- Grant portrayer; 29- Ignominy; 33- Flu symptoms; 34- Treehouse used by birds; 35- Specify; 36- Digit of the foot; 37- Lure; 38- Melancholic; 39- Air France destination; 41- Acquire through work; 42- Ark; 44- Foot soldiers; 46- Unit of magnetic induction; 47- Gets the picture; 48- Big East team; 49- Workshop machinery; 52- Calendar abbr.; 53- Leprechaun land; 57- Jack of "Rio Lobo"; 58- Characteristic; 60- Drop; 61- Bhutan's continent; 62- Have a feeling about; 63- OPEC member; 64- Tyler's successor; 65- Canned; 66- Boxer Oscar _ Hoya;

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1- Exclamation to express sorrow; 2- Coal unit; 3- Peter Fonda title role; 4- Banal; 5- Flowing oil well; 6- Musical drama; 7- Aplans; 8- Neither Rep. nor Dem.; 9- Sippet; 10- Hideout; 11- Wishing won't make _; 12- Hammer end; 15- Family of rulers; 23- Biblical verb ending; 25- Legal thing; 26- North American buffalo; 27- Future oak; 28- Ledge; 29- Denounce; 30- Like Fran Drescher's voice; 31- City on the Missouri; 32- Cincinnati club; 33- Yours, in Tours; 34- Approaches; 37- Hates intensely; 40- Veil worn by Muslim women; 42- After taxes; 43- Bonelike; 45- Born, in France; 46- Colored; 48- Composure; 49- Jump; 50- Likewise; 51- Follow; 52- Tallest cat; 54- Hungary's Nagy; 55- Unit of currency in Iran and Yemen; 56- Sicilian volcano; 59- "Michael Collins" actor;

Yesterday's solution

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