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Taylor Swift and Katy Perry



Katy Perry is 'open' to collaborating with Taylor Swift

Los Angeles

Singer Katy Perry says she is "open" to work with Taylor Swift for a new track.

In an interview with Entertainment Tonight on the sidelines of iHeartRadio Music Awards, the 34-year-old singer was asked whether she would be open to collaborating with Swift. The two were frenemies for a long time.

To this, Perry replied, "I'm open! Open, open, open!"

Last year, they ended their feud after the "Bon Appetite" hitmaker sent a surprise package to Swift requesting for her forgiveness.

Over the years, the two singers have shared a love-hate relationship.

In 2017, Perry had said she is ready to move on from the fight and only wished best for her.

Swift was accused by Perry, who claimed the former had sabotaged her tour by stealing her backing dancers.

Earlier, Swift wrote the song "Bad Blood" about their fight and Perry seemed to hit back with her single "Swish Swish".



Eva Green

James Bond should always be played by a man: Bond Girl Eva Green

Los Angeles

Former Bond Girl Eva Green is not in the favour of flipping the gender of 007 spy as she believes it would be wrong to ignore the history of the character, which has always been played by a man.

The "Casino Royale" star, considered one of the best Bond girls in the history of the franchise, says women should create their own action film legacy.

Daniel Craig is set to leave the franchise after the release of Cary Fukunaga's "Bond 25" in April 2020 and there is already a lot of speculation about his replacement with names such as Idris Elba and Richard Madden doing the rounds.

Some actors and fans are in favour of giving a gender swap to the character as they believe it is time for a female actor to take on the role, created by Ian Fleming.

"I'm for women, but I really think James Bond should re-

main a man. It doesn't make sense for him to be a woman. Women can play different types of characters, be in action movies, and be superheroes, but James Bond should always be a man and not be Jane Bond. There is history with the character that should continue. He should be played by a man," Green told Vanity Fair on the "Dumbo" red carpet.

Green is proud of the fact that her character Vesper Lynd brought about a change in the way Bond girls are perceived. "I originally had reservations about being a Bond girl. I didn't want to be a bimbo. The women are now perceived differently. They are intelligent and sassy and fascinating. I loved playing Vesper. She's the only one to get to Bond's heart and has a big impact on his life," she said.

"Bond 25" will be Craig's fifth outing as 007 following "Casino Royale", "Quantum of Solace", "Skyfall" and "Spectre".

Danny Boyle's Beatles movie 'Yesterday' to close Tribeca Film Festival

Los Angeles

Filmmaker Danny Boyle's rock comedy "Yesterday" has been chosen as the closing night film for the Tribeca Film Festival.

The film, penned by Richard Curtis, features Himesh Patel as a struggling singer-songwriter in a tiny English seaside town whose dreams of fame are rapidly fading, despite the support of his childhood best friend, played by Lily James.

After a freak accident during a mysterious global blackout, he wakes up to discover that The Beatles have never existed. Kate McKinnon and Ed Sheeran also star in the movie.

Sean Paul, J Balvin join hands for song

Los Angeles

Grammy award-winning rapper Sean Paul has teamed up with Latin singer J Balvin for the single "Contra La Pared" (Against the Wall).

"'Contra La Pared' out now! Big up J Balvin," Sean tweeted on Thursday.

Directed by Andy Hines, the song's music video was shot at Utah's Lake Powell, reports etonline.com.



Lilly Singh

Lilly Singh lands late night show

Los Angeles

YouTube sensation Lilly Singh, who goes by the stage name Superwoman and has her roots in Punjab, has landed a rare chance to host a late night talk show on a major broadcast network -- a feat for a woman of colour.

Canadian-born Singh will replace Carson Daly as the host of NBC's late night talk show. The show will be re-titled "A Little Late with Lilly Singh" and will launch in September, making her the only woman to currently host a late night talk show on one of the big networks, reported variety.com.

"A Little Late" will feature Singh, who first became famous as a

YouTube star, conducting in-studio interviews, as well as feature pre-taped comedy sketches and other "signature elements."

"Lilly is truly a star and we're thrilled to welcome her to our NBC family," said Doug Vaughan, executive vice president, special programmes and late night, NBC Entertainment.

Vaughan added: "She is a multi-talented performer who will surely have a great rapport with not only all her guests but also with our devoted late night audience. We can't wait to get started."

Lilly was set to appear on Thursday night's "The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" in order to make the announcement.

"An Indian-Canadian woman with her own late night show? Now that is a dream come true. I'm thrilled to bring it to life on NBC, and I hope my parents consider this to be as exciting as a grandchild," she said.

A little love on the campaign trail - Rosario Dawson dating Cory Booker

Los Angeles

Actress Rosario Dawson, whose film credits include "Rent" and "Men in Black II," has confirmed reports she is dating U.S. Senator and presidential candidate Cory Booker, calling him "a wonderful human being" who she loves and admires.

Dawson, 39, went public about her relationship with the New Jersey Democrat in an on-camera interview with the celebrity news website TMZ.com as she was strolling through Reagan National Airport near Washington. The video was posted on Thursday.

Asked if there was any truth to recent media reports that she was involved with the 49-year-old bachelor politician, Dawson gamely replied, "Yes, very much so." "He's a wonderful human being. It's great to spend time together when we can," she said.



Cory Booker

Rosario Dawson



MJ-inspired pieces to be removed from LV collection

Los Angeles

Fashion house Louis Vuitton said it will remove those items from its Michael Jackson-inspired menswear collection "that directly feature" the late pop singer.

The luxury French fashion house debuted its autumn/winter 2019 men's collection in January in a show that paid homage to Jackson's legacy with pieces including sequin-encrusted tops and a T-shirt with an image of his feet mid-dance move.

The show took place in the Tuileries garden in Paris in a set that had been inspired by the singer's "Billie Jean" 1982 music video. The invitations, meanwhile, were a sparkly white glove, a nod to the ones famously worn by Jackson.

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