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Priyanka Chopra joins Amazon's spy series 'Citadel'

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Priyanka Chopra Jonas will star opposite Richard Madden in the US edition of "Citadel," a drama series to be produced in conjunction with programs from several other countries.

"The idea is to create a truly global, action-packed spy series," Amazon Studios chief Jennifer Salke said. "It's a totally innovative, multifaceted international approach to storytelling, and we can't wait to tell you more as it comes together."

Local-language productions are being done in Italy and India, with another announced Tuesday in Mexico. Amazon called the US version the "mothership" of the project, with production set to begin this summer.

Film star Chopra Jonas was in the ABC TV series "Quantico." Madden starred in the award-winning BBC and Netflix series "Bodyguard."

The other "Citadel" productions will "enhance the experience of engaging with the show," Salke said. Further details and release dates were not announced.

Also announced by the streaming service during its presentation at a TV critics meeting:

— Meagan Good is among the stars of an upcoming Amazon comedy from "Girls Trip" creator Tracy Oliver.

The untitled, half-hour series revolves around four African American college friends in pursuit of their dreams, the streaming service said.

Good ("Star," "Think Like a Man")

plays the "stylish, sunny" Camille, who teaches an anthropology course on sex and love at Columbia University. Also starring are Grace Byers ("Empire"), Jerrie Johnson ("Good Trouble") and Shoniqua Shandai ("I Am the Night").

Byers plays trust-fund baby and fashion designer Quinn; Shandai portrays aspiring singer Angie and Johnson plays Tye, described as "an alpha fierce, queer successful app developer."

The series reunites Oliver with "Girls Trip" director Malcolm D. Lee, who will direct the first two episodes. Pharrell Williams is joining the show's executive producers, which include Oliver and Amy Poehler, — Amazon is touting the cast of a new "The Lord of the Rings" series as multi-generational actors "from around the globe," including British-Iranian actress Nazanin Boniadi and Australian actor-musician Tom Budge.

But the streaming service declined to say which characters — or the races — they or other cast members announced Tuesday will be playing. Other details of the production also are being kept under wraps but "everything is moving forward," Salke said.



Priyanka Chopra Jonas

Billie Eilish calls James Bond theme song 'huge honour'

Reuters | London

American teen pop sensation Billie Eilish said on Tuesday she was honoured to have been chosen to write and record the theme song from the upcoming James Bond film "No Time to Die."

Eilish, 18, who wrote the song with her brother Finneas O'Connell, will be the youngest artist in history to take on the task, following in the footsteps of musicians like Adele, Madonna, and Paul McCartney, producers said in a posting on the official @007 Twitter account.

"No Time to Die," the 25th film in the James Bond series, arrives in movie theatres in April with Daniel Craig re-summing his role as the

British secret agent for a fifth and final time.

Alternative pop star Eilish had a break out year in 2019, with hits like "Bad Guy" and "All the Good Girls Go to Hell," and is nominated for six Grammy Awards later this month, including the top prizes: album of the year and best new artist.

"It feels crazy to be a part of this in every way. To be able to score the theme song to a film that is part of such a legendary series is a huge honour. James Bond is the coolest film franchise ever to exist. I'm still in shock," Eilish said in a statement.

Eilish wrote and recorded most of her debut studio album "When We Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go?" with her brother Finneas, 22, in the small bedroom of their Los Angeles area home.

"Writing the theme song for a Bond film is something we've been dreaming about doing our entire lives," Finneas said in a statement.

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BILLIE EILISH



Billie Eilish

Bernie Sanders endorses Cardi B for politics

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Cardi B recently got a big boost to her political ambitions as American Senator Bernie Sanders lauded the rapper for her concern towards the country and her humble beginnings.

He said that Cardi can bring her valuable experiences into politics which she gained while struggling from poverty, reported TMZ.

Sanders, a presidential hopeful told TMZ that, "Cardi B is deeply concerned about what's happening in the country. She knows what it's like to live in poverty and struggle, and it would be great for her to bring that experience to politics."

Cardi has been quite vocal about her political views and has even gotten into an online altercation on Twitter with the American right-wing journalist Tomi Lahren due to her anti-Donald Trump stance.

The pop star has since long been a Bernie supporter and even interviewed Democrat politician in August last year.



Cardi B

Coffee under the setting sun makes Anushka Sharma smile the most!



The image shared by Anushka Sharma on Instagram

ANI | Mumbai

"And just like that a coffee under the setting sun on the balcony of our home became a memory to hold," Sharma captioned the picture.

Indicating that the pictures were clicked by Kohli, the 31-year-old actor, further wrote, "Captured by my beloved."

Soon the post was flooded with scores of comments by her fans and Bollywood fraternity including fashion designer Manish Malhotra and actors Arjun Kapoor and Mouni Roy.

Emily Ratajkowski, husband Sebastian match in trippy tees for the Lakers Game

ANI | Los Angeles

American model Emily Ratajkowski and her husband Sebastian Bear-McClard were seen wearing matching tie-dye t-shirts at the Lakers Game Night.

The couple went for Lakers vs. Cleveland Cavaliers basketball game in Los Angeles.

According to Page Six, Emily and Sebastian both chose shirts from Online Ceramics, a popular com-

pany that produces trippy items as well as merch for The Grateful Dead.

Emily even uploaded a series of pictures from the game night on her social media and captioned it, "Also! Last night was very fun. Let's go Lakers."

Sebastian wore a crewneck sweater that featured a warning about climate change: "The problem is we think we have time."

While Emily, on the other hand,

wore a t-shirt that said, "Your ego is not your amigo," paired up with blue jeans and knee-high white boots. However, she had cut off the tee to make into a crop top.

The model has always been an outspoken political advocate and recently she also endorsed Bernie Sanders for the Democratic nomination for president, reported Page Six.



Emily Ratajkowski

Tom Hanks' family offered Greek passport

AP | Athens, Greece

Greece's government is extending its offer of citizenship to Tom Hanks to his wife and their two children, in recognition of the family's help in assisting victims of a deadly wildfire near Athens in 2018.

Last month, Greek President Prokypis Pavlopoulos signed an honorary naturalization order allowing the 63-year-old actor, who has spent his recent summer vacations at a family home on the Greek island of Antiparos, to claim Greek citizenship.

The decision published in a government gazette Tuesday and co-signed by Greek Interior Minister Takis Theodorikakos, revealed that the order also includes Hanks' wife, actress and producer

Rita Wilson, and their two sons, Chester and Truman.



Tom Hanks

The wildfire killed more than 100 people in July 2018, sweeping through the coastal town of Mati and other nearby resorts east of Athens.

"The Hanks family gave a signal all over the world for immediate relief actions to help our fire-stricken fellow citizens," the order signed on Dec. 27 said. It added that in their effort to

assist charity efforts they had provided "exceptional services to Greece."

Honorary naturalization, under Greek law, may be granted to people "who have provided exceptional services to the country or whose naturalization serves the public interest."

Hanks became an Orthodox Christian before his second marriage in 1988 to Rita Wilson, who is of Greek and Bulgarian descent.

Hanks, Wilson, and Hollywood producer Gary Goetzman co-produced the 2002 romantic comedy, My Big Fat Greek Wedding, which received an Academy Award nomination for best original screenplay.

In a post on Instagram last week, Hanks said: "Starting 2020 as an Honorary citizen of all of Greece! Kronia pola! (more or less, 'Many years to you!'). Hanx"

The post shows the shadow of Hanks holding up his left arm against an ancient Greek statue.