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Not directing 'The Bell Jar' adaptation anymore: Kirsten Dunst

Los Angeles

Kirsten Dunst is no longer attached to direct the big-screen adaptation of Sylvia Plath's "The Bell Jar".

The 37-year-old actor, who was set to make her feature film directorial debut with the project, said the film had now changed hands.

"I never owned (the rights), so it went away for me. It went to other hands. That's not in my hands anymore," Dunst told Entertainment Weekly.

However, a source close to the project has confirmed that Dakota Fanning is still involved in a version of the 1963 novel, currently in development as a Showtime limited series without Dunst.

Dunst was announced to direct the film in July 2016 from a screenplay she co-wrote with Nellie Kim. Fanning was attached to lead the cast.

Dunst previously helmed two shorts: "Welcome" (2007) and "Bastard" (2010).

"The Bell Jar" is Plath's only novel written just before she committed suicide in 1963.

The story, written by Plath under pseudonym Victoria Lucas, revolves around a young woman called Esther Greenwood, who used to work as a magazine intern in New York City before having a mental breakdown upon travelling home to Boston.

Kirsten Dunst



Jessica Biel remembers working on her first film with late Peter Fonda
Los Angeles

Jessica Biel on Saturday honoured late actor and two-time Oscar-nominee Peter Fonda in a heartfelt post on Instagram.

Biel said in the post how honoured she felt to have worked with him in the first film she made.

"I had the honour working with Peter Fonda on the first movie I ever made (as an angst-y teenager with a nose ring)," she wrote.

The 37-year-old shared that Fonda believed in her while they were working on the 1997 film 'Ulee's Gold'.

"Ulee's Gold' was a huge opportunity and he believed in me. I'm forever grateful for him and the impact he had on me and my career," she added.

"I'm sure countless others can say the same. Rest in paradise," Biel concluded.

Fonda died of respiratory failure due to lung cancer on August 16, his family confirmed the news to People via a statement.

The late actor is a recipient of the Golden Globe Award for best actor in a motion picture drama for his role as a widowed beekeeper and Vietnam veteran Ulysses, Ulee Jackson, who raises his granddaughters because his son was in prison.

Jessica Biel



Olivia Newton-John is 'doing great' amid third battle with breast cancer
Los Angeles

Australian singer Olivia Newton-John who is suffering from breast cancer is keeping her fans updated about her health.

Amid treatment, check-ups and her third battle with breast cancer, Newton-John shared that she is "doing great."

"I just want everyone to know I'm here, I'm doing great!"

Page Six quoted her as saying in an interview with Entertainment Tonight at the Industry Dance Awards and Cancer Benefit Concert.

"I'm doing really well, I'm really healthy," she added.

The 70-year-old singer was diagnosed with breast cancer for the third time last year in September and broke her sacrum last year, shared positive insights into her recovery.



Olivia Newton-John

Khloe Kardashian's ex-Boyfriend French Montana reveals their love was 'real'
Los Angeles

American reality star Khloe Kardashian's ex-boyfriend rapper French Montana said that the love between them was "real".

The 34-year-old rapper spilled the beans in an interview with Haute Living magazine. "I feel like we had a real dope relationship - there was no bad blood, nobody did something to somebody that we couldn't come back from," he revealed to the magazine, cited People.

He went on to say "love" he shared with Khloe "was real."

"When the love was like that, it's always going to be like that. Friendship after a relationship is something that's really hard to do, and I'm glad we've been able to do it," he said.

He recently appeared for Khloe's older sister Kourtney Kardashian's 40th birthday party. This sparked rumours that the pair may have rekindled their romance, but a source previously told People "they are not dating." "She is friendly with French, but they are not dating," the source said.



French Montana

Hrithik Roshan: 'Most Handsome Man' title not an achievement
Los Angeles

Actor Hrithik Roshan probably scores 10 on 10 in the looks department, and it seems like a US-based agency has also noticed it.

The 'Kaabil' actor, popular as Greek God among his admirers, has been reportedly named the Most Handsome Man in the World by the agency. He is thankful for the title, though it's not really an achievement for him. The secret behind his good looks?

"Well, it's broccoli. Just kidding," Hrithik said in an interview. "I'm thankful for this title although on the face of it, it's not really an achievement. According to me, if there's anything one should aspire for and value the most in this world, it's their character. A good character will always make you look more attractive," he said.



Hrithik Roshan



Khloe Kardashian



Margot Robbie

Margot Robbie, Quentin Tarantino discuss uncertainty in Hollywood
Los Angeles

Basking in the success of her latest release 'Once Upon a Time in Hollywood', Margot Robbie

graced the cover of Vogue Australia and gave a candid interview to filmmaker Quentin Tarantino for the issue.

Tarantino in the feature asked Robbie to elaborate on her early roles in Hollywood when she kept jumping from project to project. "Everything was so crazy. Before I knew it we'd done the pilot for Pan Amand there was a poster up in Times Square. I'd barely been there six months," Robbie answered.

The film-maker went on to describe Hollywood as "magic" and along with Robbie, he discussed that some people do get lucky in this business. "That's how this town is. With some people, it can take 12 years to have any sort of movement; other people it takes six months. Or sometimes people have six months then it takes them 12 years to get to the next place," said the 'Pulp Fiction' director.

To which Robbie added, "There's no specific timeline, I guess, and you're right, that's the magic of Hollywood. Everything can change so quickly."

She continued, "People often ask me what's been the best part. I couldn't say Wolf of Wall Street was better than my time on Neighbours and I couldn't say that Z for Zachariah wasn't as important to me as Tarzan. It's all been so exciting."



Quentin Tarantino

Sarah Chalke joins Katherine Heigl's 'Firefly Lane'
Los Angeles

"How I Met Your Mother" alum Sarah Chalke will star alongside Katherine Heigl in Netflix series "Firefly Lane".

Based on the bestseller of the same name from author Kristin Hannah, the series will see Heigl play a magnetic, ambitious and loyal woman named Tully Hart.

According to The Wrap, Chalke will portray the role of Kate Mularkey, Tully's best friend and soulmate.

The story follows Kate and Tully, who meet as young girls and become inseparable best friends throughout 30 years of ups and downs, successes and failures, depression and disappointments.

When an unthinkable betrayal breaks them apart, the two women go their separate ways, and it is unclear whether they will ever be able to reconcile.



Sarah Chalke