

celebs



Beyonce
Los Angeles

Bruno Mars, Beyonce and Cardi B among winners at BET Awards



Bruno Mars and Cardi B

Here is the list of winners in other categories:

- Video of the year:** Childish Gambino, "This Is America"
- Best male hip-hop artist:** Nipsey Hussle
- Viewers' choice award:** Ella Mai, "Trip"
- Best actress:** Regina King
- Best actor:** Michael B. Jordan
- Best movie:** "BlacKkKlansman"
- Young stars award:** Marsai Martin
- Sportswoman of the year:** Serena Williams
- Sportsman of the year:** Stephen Curry
- BET HER award:** H.E.R., "Hard Place"
- Video director of the year:** Karena Evans
- Best international act:** Burna Boy (Nigeria)
- Best new international act:** Sho Madjozi (South Africa)

The much-awaited BET Awards hosted by Regina Hall at the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles on Sunday, turned out to be a special night for many stars. The star-studded night, honored artists in several categories including the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award, received by Mary J. Blige. Nipsey Hussle was graced with a Posthumous Humanitarian Award, reported CNN. Cardi B who opened the 2019 BET Awards, alongside her husband Offset, with a stirring performance bagged album of the year award for her 2018 album 'Invasion of Privacy'. Highly anticipated categories such as Best R & B/pop male and female were claimed by Bruno Mars and Beyonce. Lil Baby bagged the best new artist award, famous hip hop group, Migos was honored with best group title and last but not the least Travis Scott featuring Drake, and 'Sicko Mode' claimed Best collaboration.

Douglas Smith opens up about his on-screen relationship with Shailene Woodley

Los Angeles

The season 2 of HBO's popular show 'Big Little Lies' is back and has introduced some new faces. Among them is actor Douglas Smith, who plays Jane's (Shailene Woodley) co-worker Corey Brockfield.

While the fans are eagerly waiting to see what will happen with the two characters after their first date and slow dance together in the previous episodes, Smith shed some light on what's in store for the viewers speaking about his on-screen relationship with Woodley, reported Entertainment Weekly.



Douglas Smith

He also opened up about what fosters their connection and if the pairing could lead to a "happy ending."

When asked about his eagerness to meet Jane's child Ziggy and if he is incredibly serious for her, the actor said, "Yes, that's a very good assumption. I liked when I read that. That this was the way they were imagining this guy. You always cringe when a different response happens in a movie. You know the stereotypical, "Oh ok, catch you later." That's not what you want to read."

Speaking about his character, he said, "Yes, he's very empathetic...He's somebody that has gone through therapy and had lots of diagnoses thrown his way, and I think he is more sensitive than the average guy you see running up to you on the beach with a surfboard in their hands."



Shailene Woodley

Bella Hadid controversy: UAE malls respond

Los Angeles

Photos of Bella Hadid appear to have been removed from retail outlets in Dubai, after the model posted an image of her boot in the foreground of Emirates Airlines and Saudi Arabia Airlines logos last week. Hadid, 22, visited The Dubai Mall in 2017 as the face of French luxury brand Dior. But her promotional images have reportedly been pulled after public outcry over an Instagram photo. In the image, now deleted from Hadid's Instagram stories, her leg was hoisted near a window with her boot in the air; in the background, two UAE and Saudi aeroplanes are visible.

"We uphold the values of our nation and Saudi Arabia with the highest respect and regard. We have brought the matter to the attention of the retailers to take appropriate steps," said a spokesperson for The Dubai Mall, who could not confirm to Gulf News whether the model's images had been pulled from the mall. Meanwhile, a spokesperson for Mall of the Emirates said: "A recent incident with a model for one of the brands at Mall of the Emirates is in no way associated with the mall, and does not reflect our values." The Mall of the Emirates Twitter account also confirmed that a scheduled Dior event has been cancelled.



Bella Hadid

Christina Aguilera celebrates 20 years of 'Genie in a Bottle'

Los Angeles

It's 20 years since Christina Aguilera's hit single "Genie in a Bottle" released and the pop star says she is grateful for all the love and support. The 1999 song that went on to become a chart-buster was the lead single of Aguilera's self-titled debut album, which also received favourable reviews. "Hi lovinies! Today marks 20 years since #GenieInABottle was released... Got me feeling all types of emotional!" "At just 18 years old, I remember coming home from Japan and seeing that it had reached #1 on the Billboard charts and feeling so grateful and happy that you guys loved it as much as I did. Thank you thank you thank you for riding with me all these years. My fighters, I love you!" Aguilera wrote in an Instagram post on June 22.



Christina Aguilera

Kim Kardashian, Kanye West are "over the moon" after welcoming Psalm

Los Angeles

American reality TV star Jonathan Cheban said that Kim Kardashian is in "baby-bliss" after welcoming son, Psalm, with husband Kanye West. The 'Keeping Up With the Kardashians' star and Kanye welcomed their fourth child via surrogacy on May 9 and Cheban told US Weekly on Sunday that the couple is head over heels in love with their newborn. "Kim and Kanye are really over-the-moon happy right now," the 45-year-old reality star said at the opening of Mohegan Sun's Novelle nightclub in Uncasville, Connecticut. "I talked to her yesterday and she's so happy. She's always in baby bliss, she's a robot. Those kids are so cute, you can't not be. They're the cutest kids in the world," he added. Cheban, who told the outlet that he will soon be legally changing his name to FoodGod, is smitten with his friend's children.



Kim Kardashian and Kanye West

Obama and Clooney families hang out in Italy

Los Angeles

Former US president Barack Obama, along with his family, was spotted with American actor George Clooney and his wife Amal Clooney while vacationing in Italy.

According to People, soon after Sasha Obama's high school graduation, the family went out for a trip which started in the South of France.



Obama and Clooney

local media and the tabloid press also saw the family visiting another close friend, Irish singer-songwriter, Bono in his estate in Eze. Earlier this month, Barack Obama and filmmaker Steven Spielberg were seen having a meeting, leading to speculations that they might be coming up with a new project. The duo met at upscale seafood eatery Marea, months after Obama's production company unveiled a few films with Netflix, according to Page Six. Barack and Michelle Obama's production house 'Higher Ground Productions' have seven Netflix projects slated for release, including an adaptation of David W. Blight's 2018 Pulitzer Prize-winning book, 'Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom,' along with a series called 'Bloom,' which is about the fashion world of New York.

Fame doesn't make you happy, says Lily James

Los Angeles

Lily James says she is under no illusion that being popular is a testament to being happy. The 30-year-old actor said she doesn't believe she has changed after becoming famous through her roles in "Downton Abbey" and "Cinderella" but it is the people around who react differently to her now. "If you are trying to fill something in your life with fame, then it's not going to make you happy. I don't think I have really changed." "Life has changed, other people's reactions to you change and that can be really difficult. People's relationship with celebrity and fame is bizarre, it can be quite dangerous."



Lily James