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Iggy Azalea to release new album on July 19

Los Angeles

Rapper Iggy Azalea has announced that she would be releasing her new album on July 19.

The LP would mark Azalea's first since her debut record 'The New Classic', which released back in 2014.

"In My Defense: July 19th Pre Order: June 28," Azalea posted on Instagram alongside the album art.

She also shared the inspiration behind her album art.

"It's a statement about women not having the ability to defend themselves under public gaze, not rebirth. I guess I don't feel women are really given a fair chance to be 'heard out' so how could anyone survive that amount of judgement.

"I wore a 'going out' dress and clutch because I wanted it to feel like I had been out somewhere and was clearly unprepared for a fight," Azalea tweeted.



Iggy Azalea

Beyonce 'wrote and performed' song for 'The Lion King', says director

Los Angeles

Beyonce, who landed her voice in the upcoming Disney remake 'The Lion King', has also written and performed a song for the film's soundtrack.

"We have all the original songs, but there's a song that she performed and wrote in the spirit of the production along with working with Lebo M., who's part of it with Hans Zimmer," People quoted director Jon Favreau saying during an interaction with Fandango on Monday.

However, he kept Beyonce's track title a secret. The recently released tracklist for the film has a song titled 'TBA', which is expected to be Beyonce's music.

"They were all collaborating with her and helping to bring this new piece of music into a film where there's already a very established musical personality to the piece," Favreau added.

Praising the composer Lebo M, he said, "So it was nice of them to have them working with her to allow the new song to feel organically a part of the new production."

The 37-year old has voiced Nala, Simba's bae in the film.



Beyonce

Was told not to talk too much about 'woman stuff' early in my career: Jessica Chastain

Los Angeles

Jessica Chastain says in the beginning of her career, she worried about the repercussions of being outspoken about women empowerment.

The actor said she was even advised by a male directors to not speak too much about "woman stuff".

Chastain, who has been at the forefront of pay parity movement in Hollywood, believes women no longer feel scared to criticize the industry.

"One big difference is the freedom women have to speak about the industry. In the beginning, I did feel a little bit of nervousness about criticising an industry that I was very lucky to

be involved in. After working my whole life to try to create a career, perhaps I was damaging it. I even had male directors say to me: 'You're talking too much about this woman stuff,'" Chastain told The Independent.

A lot has changed in the gender politics in Hollywood after it was hit by the #MeToo movement in the wake of Harvey Weinstein sexual harassment scandal, which birthed another campaign in Time's Up.

"But I've noticed that things are different for women coming into this industry. I just did a press tour (for Dark Phoenix) with Sophie Turner, and the freedom that she has to express herself and talk about injustices that she may see, it just comes naturally to her without a second thought. That means women now feel they can speak out without having their careers harmed," Chastain added.

Marisa Tomei wants to star in sitcom

Los Angeles

Marisa Tomei says she wants to go back to the small screen and do a sitcom.

The 54-year-old actor, where she got her start in 1987's "A Different World", said she had the realization after starring in a recreation of an "All in the Family" episode.

She played Edith Bunker in ABC's recent "Live In Front of a Studio Audience" event.

"I've wanted to do a show for a while because I want to be in one place for a bit of time. Part of it is just a different phase of life. After this 'All in the Family' live thing, I'm snake bit.

Pamela Anderson dumps soccer star boyfriend Adil Rami, accuses him of cheating, abuse

Los Angeles

Pamela Anderson dumped her boyfriend of more than two years, French soccer star Adil Rami, accused him of cheating on her and alluded that he may have been abusive during their relationship.

The "Baywatch" beauty posted a picture with her now-ex on Instagram Tuesday, writing, "It's hard to accept. The last (more than) 2years of my life have been a big lie. I was scammed, led to believe ... we were in big love. I'm devastated to find out in the last few days that he was living a double life. He used to joke about other players who had girlfriends down the street in apartments close to their wives. He called those men monsters. But this is worse. He lied to

all. How is it possible to control 2 women's hearts and minds like this - I'm sure there were others. He is the monster. How could I have helped so many people @ndvhofficial and not be wise enough or able to help myself?"

Anderson, 51, tagged the National Domestic Violence Hotline's official Instagram account in her post. She went on to detail more allegations against the Marseilles-based soccer player, saying she spoke to his ex-girlfriend, Sidonie Biémont, with whom he shares twins Zayn and Madi, born in 2016, and hinted that Rami and Biémont's relationship wasn't actually over when she dated him.



Adil Rami and Pamela Anderson

George Clooney to direct, star in 'Good Morning, Midnight' film adaptation



George Clooney

Los Angeles

George Clooney has been roped in to direct and star in a feature film adaptation of Lily Brooks-Dalton's novel 'Good Morning, Midnight'.

The post-apocalyptic narrative focuses on the parallel stories of Augustine, played by Clooney, a lonely scientist in the Arctic, who tries to make contact with an astronaut on board a spacecraft trying to return home to Earth.

As part of the Netflix project, Mark L. Smith will adapt the screenplay from the famous sci-fi thriller, Variety reported.

Clooney and Smokehouse Pictures' Grant Heslov will produce the film.

"Grant and I couldn't be more excited to be involved with this incredible project. Mark is a writer we've long admired and his script is haunting. We're thrilled to be working with our friends at Netflix as well," said Clooney while talking about his upcoming project.

The two-time Oscar winner Hollywood star recently worked as the executive producer on Hulu's 'Catch-22' starring Christopher Abbott. The 'Syriana' star appeared in three episodes of the show.

Tributes to Michael Jackson flow on 10th death anniversary

Los Angeles

Michael Jackson's estate paid tribute to his artistry and charity Tuesday as fans make final preparations for gatherings to celebrate his memory on the 10th anniversary of the King of Pop's death.

"Ten years ago today, the world lost a gifted artist and extraordinary humanitarian," the Jackson estate said in a statement to The Associated Press.

"A decade later, Michael Jackson is still with us, his influence embedded in dance, fashion, art and music of the moment. He is more important than ever."

The estate called on fans to honor Jackson's memory by engaging in charitable acts "whether it's planting a tree,



Michael Jackson

volunteering at a shelter, cleaning up a public space or helping someone who is lost find their way. ... This is how we honor Michael," the statement read.

Fans plan to gather at Jackson's last home in the Holmby Hills neighborhood of Los Angeles, where the singer received a fatal dose of the anesthetic propofol on the afternoon of June 25, 2019. He was declared dead at a hospital at

age 50. They also plan a vigil at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale, California, where Jackson was laid to rest two months later.

Some planned to gather around Jackson's star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

The anniversary comes a few months after the HBO documentary "Leaving Neverland" brought back child molestation allegations against Jackson and threatened to upend an image that had been largely rehabilitated since his death. Jackson's estate and his family have vehemently denied the stories told by two men in the documentary.

One group of fans planned a Hollywood rally Tuesday to declare his innocence. He was acquitted of the sexual abuse of a different boy in a 2005 trial.

Taylor Swift files to trademark her cats' names

Los Angeles

Taylor Swift's undying love for cats is no secret. The singer owns three cats and a lot of her Instagram posts are dedicated to her precious little cuddle buddies.

Taking her affection to the next level, the 29-year-old singer is all set to get her cats' names trademarked.

According to the court documents obtained by TMZ, the 'ME!' singer has applied for the trademark, "Meredith Grey, Olivia Benson, and Benjamin Swift."

Benjamin Button is a recent addition to her family. The singer adopted the cat after he featured in her 'ME!' video earlier this year.

Talking about her love for cats, Swift will also be seen in the feature adaptation of Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical 'Cats'.



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