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Ben Affleck

Ben Affleck reflects on playing an alcoholic in ‘The Way Back’

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American actor Ben Affleck, who is a recovering alcoholic, recently opened up about playing the role of an alcoholic in the 2020 film ‘The Way Back’.

The actor played the role of Jack Cunningham, a former high school basketball star who walked away from the sport only to return to the game as coach of his alma

mater’s team. Throughout the movie, viewers learn about the pain Jack has experienced from his battle with alcoholism, the end of his marriage, and the loss of his child.

Affleck recently reflected on the film and why it resonates with him. He said in a recent roundtable discussion with The Hollywood Reporter, “I’m a recovering alcoholic and I played an alcoholic in the movie.”

The actor added, “It’s really about grief and losing a child, which, thank God, I have not experienced, and is probably the worst thing you can experience. But also, a lot of it is about alcoholism.”

Affleck has publicly discussed his own battle with alcoholism and his sobriety journey in the past.



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Affleck said, “So yes, I’m an alcoholic. Yes, I had a relapse. Yes, I went into recovery again. And then I went and did that movie.”

Like his character, Affleck has also gone through a separation. In 2015, he and actor Jennifer Garner announced their decision to divorce. The former couple, who married in 2005 and share children Violet,

Seraphina, and Samuel, officially filed it in 2017 and finalised their split in 2018.

The actor said, “But for me, the movie was much more about the fact that--whether it’s having lived enough years, having seen enough ups and downs, having had children and divorce--I’m at a point now in my life where I have sufficient life experience to bring to a role to make it really interesting for me.

He added, “I’m not good enough to just invent it from whole cloth, you know? I didn’t have to do research for the alcoholism aspect of the movie--that was covered. It was the Daniel Day-Lewis approach to that.”



Charlize Theron

Ryan Gosling to headline ‘The Actor’ movie adaptation

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Hollywood star Ryan Gosling is set to play the lead role in ‘The Actor’, an upcoming adaptation of Donald E Westlake’s novel ‘Memory’.

As per The Hollywood Reporter, Duke Johnson will helm the forthcoming movie and produce it with Abigail Spencer under their Innerlight Films production banner.

Gosling, who will also bankroll the film alongside Ken Kao, will play the lead role of Paul Cole, who must deal with his damaged memory as he struggles to rebuild his life after being left for dead and hospitalised in 1950s Ohio.

Gosling’s character Cole will follow a thrilling journey

to find home, love, and ultimately himself. Gosling and Kao’s partnership follows their recent project announcements of Phil Lord and Chris Miller’s ‘Project Hail Mary’ at MGM and Leigh Whannell’s ‘Wolfman’ at Universal.

Paul Young is also producing the film through his company Make Good. Apart from helming the film, Johnson co-wrote the screenplay with Stephen Cooney, based on Westlake’s novel.



Ryan Gosling

Charlize Theron: I think back how I made myself smaller in a relationship

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Academy Award winning actress Charlize Theron opened up about men and past relationships in a show hosted by Hollywood star Drew Barrymore. Theron says she thinks back how she made herself smaller for a guy or in a relationship.

“I found myself in my twenties and then early thirties and I think back how I made myself smaller for a guy or in a relationship. You think that’s ultimately the problem, but you’re always feeling insecure and not living to the full potential and you feel that everything will be okay. One

fine day, I suddenly stopped to think and then I thought that it’s really ridiculous,” Theron said.

Speaking about her early days, Theron talked about her mother and a strong independent upbringing.

“I struggle and always find myself contemplating how is it that someone else could tell me what I can and cannot do. I was so fortunate to be raised by a very strong mom. She’s is like an ideal quintessential broad and there was this strength that always came growing up around her and seeing her,” she said.

Theron also discussed comedies, romance and indie films on “The Drew Barrymore Show”.

Barrymore said: “At times, I completely immerse myself in the script

and the movie sometimes just take a hold of and making me feel different.”

Theron added: “Recently, I found myself with some free time and I re-watched ‘Planes, Trains & Automobiles’. That was one of my favourite movies but I hadn’t seen it in years. I could just watch it again and again.”

She spoke highly of Barrymore pointing out the good deeds she showers around her.

Jeremy Renner to star in Taylor Sheridan’s ‘Mayor Of Kingstown’

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Two-time Oscar nominee Jeremy Renner has been tapped to star and executively produce Taylor Sheridan’s latest series ‘Mayor of Kingstown’.

According to The Hollywood Reporter, the prison drama ‘Mayor of Kingstown’ was originally picked up straight to series in January 2020 at Paramount Network and will now move to streamer Paramount+.

Additionally, Antoine Fuqua has also boarded the series taking up

the role of executive producer. This news was announced Wednesday (local time) during the Paramount+ investor day presentation.

Sheridan recently inked a new nine-figure overall deal with ViacomCBS that sources say includes series of additional projects for the streamer.

‘Mayor of Kingstown’ follows the McLusky family, who are power brokers in Kingstown, Michigan where the business of incarceration is the only thriving industry.

Tackling themes of systemic racism, corruption and inequality, the series provides a stark look at their attempt to bring order and justice to a town that has neither. Renner will play the head of the McClusky family.

As per The Hollywood Reporter, ‘Mayor of Kingstown’ is the latest linear series to move to Paramount+ as ViacomCBS bolsters the platform with originals in a bid to draw subscribers to the platform.



Jeremy Renner

Swift files counter-lawsuit in theme park battle

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American singer and songwriter Taylor Swift’s intellectual property management company has taken action against an immersive fantasy theme park in Pleasant Grove, Utah after it filed a lawsuit against the artist earlier this month.

According to The Hollywood Reporter, Evermore Park had sued Swift over the use of the “Evermore” trademark, which was the title of her 9th studio album released on December 11.

Now a new lawsuit filed by TAS [Taylor Alison Swift] Rights Management is focused on a different matter. The company claims Evermore Park wilfully used Swift’s songs without the proper licenses for some time before it filed its lawsuit.

Swift’s attorneys claim that more than a year before the park filed its lawsuit, TAS had been tipped off that the singer’s songs were being performed and played there without the requisite licenses.

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Yesterday's solution

