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From UAE to the world: 'The Platform' debuts as the first Emirati-produced series on Netflix

Series features modern-day themes presented by top talent from across the GCC and the Arab world, reaching the 'trending' list on its launch weekend

Abu Dhabi
In line with its commitment to showcase Arab creative talents globally, UAE film production firm Film Gate Productions, in collaboration with Al Kalema Productions, released the first-ever Emirati series worldwide on international streaming platform Netflix this September.

The story, told in a mix of English and Arabic, explores bold overarching themes such as militant and religious extremism, cyber warfare and the domination of social media; weaved into the story of a man who is trying to solve mysteries within his own family.

'The Platform' series was created and written by Hozan Akko, writer of top-hit Arabic series 'Al Hayba', alongside Mansoor AlYabhouni Aldhaheri, Emirati producer of 'the Misfits'. Within two days from its launch, the series had reached the 'trending' list on Netflix in the UAE, and had become one of its most popular searches.



A poster of the series shows its lead actors

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We are proud to see the success of the series so far, which has paved the path towards the development of its second and third seasons

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away from daring topics that may not always be openly discussed. This series represents a milestone in our journey towards showcasing Arab creativity to the world."

'The Platform' features top Syrian actors such as Salloum Haddad, Maxim Khalil, Samer Ismaeil, and Motasem AlNahar; as well as prominent actors from the Gulf region such as Ahmed AlJasmi and Abdulmohsen Al-Nemr. It also features American superstar Dean Cain, who has starred in a vast variety of Hollywood films, shows and series.

Brad Pitt is 'doubtful' he will ever marry again

Daily Mail | Los Angeles

He's one of Hollywood's most sought after actors.

And Brad Pitt isn't looking to put a ring on anything anytime soon after two marriages under his belt, according to reports from US Weekly.

The 56-year-old star has been married to Jennifer Aniston and Angelina Jolie, but doesn't think wedded bliss is in the cards for his future.

Despite beginning a new romance, a source told the publication: 'It's doubtful Brad will ever get married again.'



An insider revealed that Pitt remains 'realistic about the relationship' since she 'lives in Germany' and he 'has a very complicated family situation that he is trying to get sorted out

Pitt was married to Aniston, 51, from 2000-2005. Nearly nine years later, he married Jolie in 2014, but she filed for divorce in September 2016.

Brad and Nicole sparked relationship rumors when they were spotted arriving in the South of France on a private jet and visited Château Miraval, where he produces \$390 rosé Champagne.

An insider revealed that Pitt remains 'realistic about the relationship' since she 'lives in Germany' and he 'has a very complicated family situation that he is trying to get sorted

out. 'They make each other happy, and it's an arrangement that is working for both of them,' the source said.

Fans were delighted to see the Pitt-Aniston reunion during a star-studded virtual table read for Fast Times at Ridgemont High last week.



Brad Pitt

Bollywood star Deepika Padukone questioned in drugs probe

AFP | Mumbai

Indian police hauled in Bollywood megastar Deepika Padukone for questioning yesterday in an escalating drugs probe following the death of actor Sushant Singh Rajput.

Rajput was found dead in his apartment in June, sparking a media frenzy with rolling news channels speculating that his former girlfriend, actress Rhea Chakraborty, drove him to kill himself with narcotics and even black magic.

Rajput's family disputed reports that he suffered from depression and openly accused Chakraborty, 28, of stealing his money and harass-

ing him.

The actress, who denies any wrongdoing and who has been hounded for months by the media together with her family, was arrested earlier this month for allegedly buying cannabis for Rajput and this week was denied bail.

The saga has now morphed into a probe by authorities into drug-taking within the multi-billion-dollar industry.

Padukone, 34, one of Bollywood's biggest stars, was summoned earlier this week for questioning by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) in Mumbai as well as actresses Sara Ali Khan, Shraddha Kapoor and Rakul Preet Singh.



Deepika Padukone

Drew Barrymore reunites with ex-husband Tom Green after 15 years of not speaking

ANI | Washington

American actor Drew Barrymore got incredibly emotional during a recent reconnection with her ex-husband Tom Green after 15 years of not seeing or speaking with him.

According to Fox News, the 45-year-old Drew Barrymore

star reunited with the comedian on the Friday edition of her talk show 'The Drew Barrymore Show' and fought tears as he explained to Green, "I think the world of you and I celebrate you and I always have and always will."

49-year-old comedian Green glowed as Barrymore exuded her sentiment and he made it a point to memo-

rialise the touching moment. He said, "I was so happy when you invited me on the show. It's been too long... We really did not talk for about 15 years."

The former pair met when Barrymore tapped Green to play her muse and boytoy 'The Chad' in 'Charlie's Angels'. The couple was inseparable during their good

days and Barrymore stood by Green's side through his rising career on MTV with 'The Tom Green Show' and in his lowest moments in 2000 when Green battled testicular cancer.

Reflecting on their time together, Green said, "That was so exciting getting to do that movie with you. We hit it off right away."



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Yesterday's solution

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How to play
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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Across
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Yesterday's solution

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