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## Drake begins work on new album on tour

Drake has begun work on his next album. The 'God's Plan' hitmaker had previously teased fans that he will release a new record - a follow-up to 2018's 'Scorpion' - this year, and during his concert at The O2 in London this week, he revealed he's already started coming up with ideas for songs in between playing his 'Assassination Vacation World Tour' shows, and even promised to return to the UK with his fresh tunes in 2020.

The 32-year-old rapper told the crowd: "I think what Imma do after this is Imma go home and Imma make a new album, so I can come back to London next year and we can do this again. I kinda actually started last night to be honest with you. (sic)" Drake originally said he was going to hit the studio after a "little break", following his joint 'Aubrey & the Three Migos Tour' with the trap trio, which wrapped last November.

He told the crowd at his show at Rogers Place in Edmonton, Canada: "Okay, six shows left. I guess, you know, I guess - I'm gonna tell you what I'm going to do. Because I keep having nights like this that remind me why I love my job so much, I promise you that as soon as this tour is over and maybe I take a little break, I'm gonna get right to work on a new album so we can be back right here in Edmonton and have a new party." Meanwhile, Drake has certainly been enjoying his time in the UK. The weekend saw the 'Hotline Bling' hitmaker spend thousands of dollars on champagne. — BangShowbiz



## Posthumous Avicii single released a year after his death



Avicii's posthumous single 'SOS' featuring Aloe Blac has been released one year after his death. The Swedish DJ - whose real name was Tim Bergling - tragically died by suspected suicide in Oman on April 10 last year, at the age of 28, and his family released the first song from the upcoming album 'Tim' in his memory on Wednesday. Aloe took to Twitter to share the video for the track, which features a series of tear-jerking tributes from Tim's fans, and vowed to "carry on" his legacy with their music.

He captioned the Twitter post: "Thank you, Tim. Today we share your creativity with the world once again. I'm honored to have worked with you and I promise to carry on your legacy through our songs. #Avicii #SOS #WakeMeUp #LiarLiar #ForgiveMe #Free #BlackAndBlue @Avicii (sic)" The forthcoming 16-track album contains previously unheard material and is set to be released in June.

A message from his representatives stated: "He left behind a collection of nearly finished songs, along with notes, email conversations and text messages about the music. The songwriters that Tim was collaborating with on this album have continued the process to get as close to his vision as possible. "Since Tim's passing, the family decided not to keep the music locked away - instead they wanted to share it with his fans all around the world." Coldplay's Chris Martin - who previously worked with him - provided vocals on a song named 'Heaven'. Net proceeds from the album will benefit the Tim Bergling Foundation, which was set up by his family to help those struggling with mental illness and also to support the prevention of suicide. — BangShowbiz

## Mendes has British roast dinner every Sunday

Shawn Mendes has a British roast dinner every Sunday. The Canadian pop star has roots in the UK, with his mother Karen hailing from Yeovil in Somerset, south west England, and the family have kept up traditions such as eating the traditional meal - comprised of roast meat, roast potatoes, vegetables and gravy - weekly. The 'Stitches' singer has even acquired the country's dry sense of humor. Speaking to The Sun newspaper about his heritage, Shawn - who was brought up in Ontario, Canada, with his English mum and Portuguese dad Manuel - said: "My mum's British, so I've been having roast dinners every Sunday for as long as I can remember. I definitely inherited my sense of humor (from her). "Sarcasm, and understanding that people aren't going to take it easy on you sometimes, that's kind of the British culture - in a good way."

Many of Shawn's relatives reside in Sturminster Newton, Dorset, and the 'In My Blood' hitmaker was able to bring a large number of his family to London's iconic Royal Albert Hall for the ultimate British experience, seeing him play Queen Elizabeth II's 92nd birthday concert last year. Shawn said: "It was insane. My grandad and my nan were there and it was a massive deal for them." The 20-year-old pop star - who has invited his family to his shows in London next month - previously revealed he spent 10 "awkward" minutes backstage with Her Majesty at the show. Before he went on stage, the 'Treat You Better' singer bumped into



the Queen, but because she did not spark up a conversation first, which is royal protocol, they were left in "silence" for some time.

He recalled: "I'm in this backstage area before you go on stage...and I'm standing there waiting to go on stage and the Queen just walks up next to me. "You're not allowed to speak to her unless she speaks to you first, so it was like this every - 10 minutes of awkward silence between me and the Queen." Asked if she even looked at him, Shawn laughed: "She didn't look at me at all. — BangShowbiz

## Johansson says keeping Avengers secrets was 'traumatizing'

Scarlett Johansson admits keeping the plot of 'Avengers: Endgame' secret was "traumatizing". The 34-year-old actress - who plays Natalia Romanova aka Black Widow in the Marvel Cinematic Universe - readily admits it was "stressful" to not slip up and spill any spoilers about the highly-anticipated blockbuster. Speaking to talkRADIO at a London fan event for 'Avengers: Endgame' on Wednesday night she said: "I am so excited to not have to keep these secrets anymore like I'm stressed out about it like it's traumatizing. "I literally will go home and lie awake at night and be like 'Am I good? Did I say anything? No we're good?'"

Chris Hemsworth - who plays Thor in the franchise - went on to explain that although cast members are only given parts of their scripts, they are able to read the full movie with "lots of security" around, however, he opted not to as he "feels like a fan" and wanted to watch the movie "come together". He said: "We only read out individual pieces of script - we could go and read the entire script if we wanted in a room with lots of security around and stuff. But I feel like a fan of the franchise ... so if you get to go to one of the premieres you see it all come together." Scarlett stunned on the red carpet at the event wearing a Tom Ford silk satin jacket featuring an asymmetrical cut out and plunging cut-out neckline paired with chic tuxedo trousers. 'Ant-Man' star Paul Rudd, also attended the event alongside the movie's directors Anthony and Joe Russo. — Bang Showbiz

