



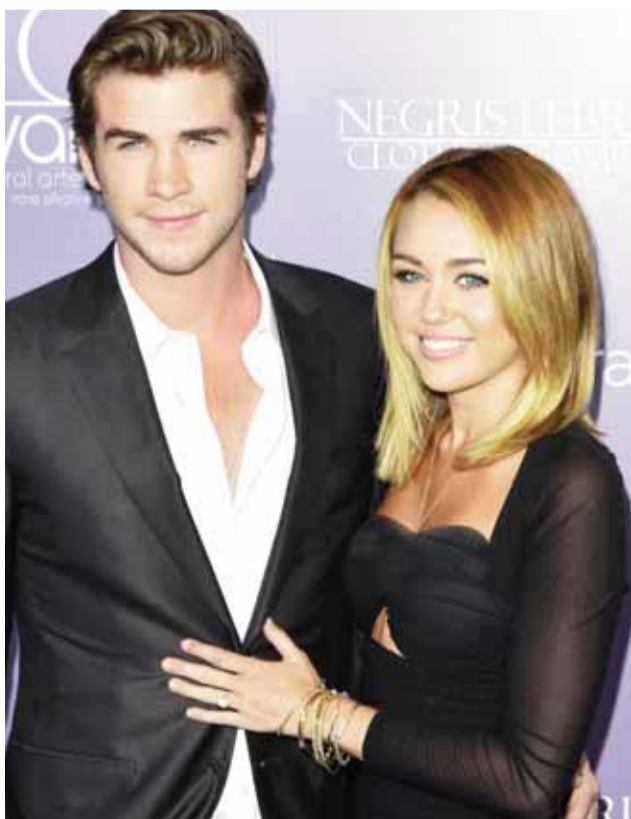
# Oscar Isaac set to take on the role of Hamlet

The 36-year-old actor has taken on the iconic role as the Danish prince in a Sam Gold-directed off-Broadway version of Shakespeare's play, according to the Daily Mail newspaper. He will take to the stage at the Theatre For A New Audience venue in Brooklyn, New York, next year with the production set to start in the Spring of 2017. However, Bruce Cohen, a spokesperson for the theatre says there is "no information" regarding the show at present. The hunky star is well versed when it comes to doing theatre work having performed in a number of shows including 'Romeo and

Juliet', 'We Live Here', 'Grace', 'Two Gentlemen of Verona' and 'Beauty of The Father', and he also previously studied at the Juilliard School for performing arts in New York. Isaac is currently in London shooting 'Star Wars' Episode VIII', in which he plays X-wing fighter pilot Poe Dameron. The sequel to 'The Force Awakens' is scheduled for release on December 15, 2017. He will next be seen playing villainous mutant Apocalypse in superhero movie 'X-Men: Apocalypse', which hits cinemas in May.

## Miley Cyrus has changed her party-loving ways

The 'Wrecking Ball' singer reunited with former fiance Liam Hemsworth earlier this year - over three years after they split - and is keen to prove she has changed and put her wild ways behind her. A source said: "She either doesn't answer their calls or says she's not going out. Liam never liked that she got crazy, so Miley is making big changes. She doesn't want to screw it up." Instead, the 23-year-old beauty is spending most of her time at the 'Hunger Games' actor's Malibu home, doing everything she can for him to be comfortable. The source told Us Weekly magazine: "She has been cooking and cleaning for Liam, waiting on him hand and foot. She wants to make sure she keeps him." Despite their problems in the past, Miley and Liam, 26, are confident their relationship will last this time around. The source added: "They know what they have is real. Miley needed some time to grow up, but she feels ready for this now." It was recently claimed that after getting back together, the couple, who split in September 2013, are also planning to marry again, but there was no big proposal from Liam. A source said: "It's true, the engagement is back on. It's been a whirlwind but they're both totally in love with each other and decided to pick up where they left off. There was no big proposal this time, they just talked about it and Miley decided to put the ring back on. She's told friends that she feels as if she's come full circle."



## Zoe Saldana rebuffs criticism about her appearance in 'Nina'

The 'Avatar' star was criticized by Nina Simone's family, who are against the biopic about the jazz singer and civil rights activist, following the release of the movie's trailer, while many Twitter users complained about Zoe's appearance as the teaser showed her sporting a prosthetic nose and a darker skin tone for the role. A friend of the actress has now spoken out, insisting Zoe - whose father was from the Dominican Republic, while her mother is from Puerto Rico - is not bothered by the backlash and was expecting it because she is not African American. The source told the New York Post newspaper: "This started three years ago. They actually thought the project was shelved, but it's coming out and she's proud of it. There's always controversy [over] 'is she Latin or isn't she Latin,' so she's used to that, but this is different for her." Zoe was chosen for the role in 2012 and she has admitted she expected her casting to cause controversy. The 37-year-old actress previously said: "I didn't think I was right for the part, and I know a lot of people will agree, but then again, I don't think Elizabeth Taylor was right for Cleopatra either. "An artist is colorless, genderless ... It's more complex than just, 'Oh, you chose the Halle Berry look-alike to play a dark, strikingly beautiful, iconic black woman.' The truth is, they chose an artist who was willing to sacrifice herself. We needed to tell her story because she deserves it." After the trailer was released the official Nina Simone Twitter account, which is now run by her estate, posted: "Please take Nina's name out your mouth. For the rest of your life ... Hopefully people begin to understand this is painful. Gut-wrenching, heartbreaking, nauseating, soul-crushing. It shall pass, but for now... (sic)" Zoe has not spoken out about the criticism, but her pal insists she "loves the film" 'Nina' is set to be released in April.

## Jennifer Lopez says she gets 'better with age'

The 'On The Floor' hitmaker believes she has "more to give" as she gets older. She said: "When you first start in this business, you think, 'This is going to run out' or 'It's going to finish at a certain time' or 'If I reach a certain age I won't be relevant.' 'I have found that I just get better and better with more experience and more life. I have more to give to what I do and that's what I look forward to when creating this record." The 45-year-old singer and actress has just recently resigned with record label Epic and is looking forward to the change as she believes it will be a "great starting point again". She added to PEOPLE magazine: "I've had so much success over the years but this is going to be a great starting point again. It's all about finding the right sound for me and the right songs and the right lyrics for me right now. Hopefully we'll have new music very soon." Meanwhile, Jennifer is reportedly incredibly excited about collaborating with LA Reid again. A source said: "Jennifer and LA are longtime friends, and they love working together. She has a bunch of hits. But she's always making music. And she's really excited to work with LA to put new stuff out."

