

GOSSIP

Knightley's surprise return to Pirates of the Caribbean sequel

Kiera Knightley has made a surprise comeback to 'Pirates of the Caribbean'. The 32-year-old actress, who played Elizabeth Swann in the first three movies in the Disney fantasy film series, will reprise her role in the upcoming 'Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales' - which is also known as 'Pirates of the Caribbean: Salazar's Revenge' - though it is unclear how big a part she would play. Eagle-eyed fans were surprised to spot the 'Begin Again' star in a new Japanese trailer for the film,

as it was previously thought she wouldn't be back, despite Orlando Bloom, who plays her onscreen lover Will Turner, also making a return to the franchise, and Brenton Thwaites cast as their teenage son Henry. The new trailer, which features Japanese narration, shows clips of the film scenes, including one of Knightley as Elizabeth, in which she can be seen doing something off camera wearing a corset dress with her hair in curls, although that is all that can be seen before the camera flicks back to Bloom. The film,

directed by Joachim Ronning and Espen Sandberg, is centered on Captain Jack Sparrow - played by Johnny Depp - and his war against old rival Captain Armando Salazar, played by Javier Bardem, with Sparrow searching for the legendary Trident of Poseidon in order to defeat him. 'Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales' is released in cinemas on May 26.



Pike to play war reporter Marie Colvin in biopic

Rosamund Pike is to portray war reporter Marie Colvin in an upcoming biopic. The 38-year-old actress is to star in director Matthew Heineman's upcoming movie about the US journalist, who braved danger to report from the frontline in conflict zones such as Chechnya, Kosovo, Sierra Leone, Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka. The 'Gone Girl' is expected to wear an eye patch for part of the role, after Colvin lost her left eye due to a blast by a Sri Lankan Army rocket-propelled grenade in 2001 whilst crossing the field to a Government controlled area. The war reporter lost her life in 2012 at the age of 56 during a rocket attack whilst she was covering the civil war in Syria for the Sunday Times newspaper. The script, penned by Arash Amel, is based on a 2012 Vanity Fair article, written by Marie Brenner, entitled 'Marie Colvin's Private War' Meanwhile, producing is Thunder Road Pictures' Basil Iwanyk and Kamala Films' Marissa McMahon, as well as Denver & Delilah Films, Erica Lee is executive producer. Production is planned for an October start in both the UK and Middle East. Pike has just wrapped on filming Scott Cooper's 'Hostiles' opposite Christian Bale and Ben Foster. She recently admitted she barely spoke to Bale on the set of the period drama. She said: "He is intense in a wonderful way. We barely spoke off screen. He would keep a distance. Our characters in 'Hostiles' are quite dysfunctional but have this profound connection that we let happen without ever really talking about it." She added: "I loved working with Christian because of this strange thing where we didn't really communicate, but yet I knew I could throw anything at him and he was just there. I would work with him again, any actress would." In addition Pike stars in upcoming Jose Padilha-directed 'Entebbe' opposite Daniel Bruhl and the Brad Anderson-directed 'High Wire Act' opposite Jon Hamm. And she most recently starred with David Oyelowo in 'A United Kingdom'.



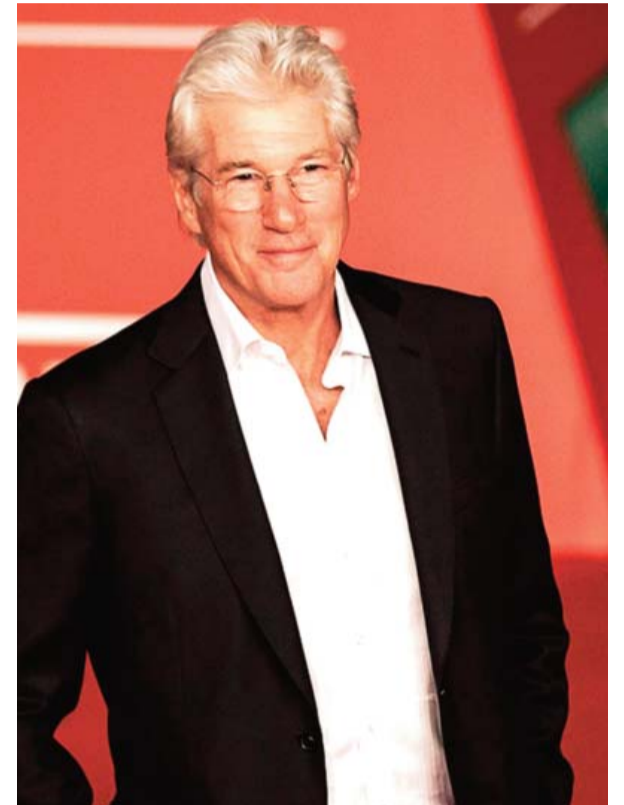
Queen + Adam Lambert announce UK shows

Queen + Adam Lambert have added UK and Ireland dates to their 2017 European tour. The shows, which kick off on November 1st at O2 Arena, Prague in Czech Republic and wrap up at London's The SSE Arena, Wembley on December 15, will feature a brand new state-of-the-art production and set list. It will be the 'Bohemian Rhapsody' rockers, Brian May and drummer Roger Taylor's first British tour with Adam Lambert in almost three years. They last stormed Britain in January 2015 when they played 10 sold-out shows. And in 2016 they got together for a one-off headlining set at the closing night of the Isle of Wight Festival last June. The new set list will no doubt acknowledge this year's 40th anniversary of Queen's biggest-selling studio album to date, 1977's 'News of the World', which included the mega hits 'We Will Rock You' and 'We Are The Champions'. Roger Taylor said the forthcoming shows "will look entirely different to the show we took around before. Production has really changed a lot, the things you can do now, you have a much broader palette, the technology has really come along. But we don't use it all. We don't play to click track. It's 100% live. We're planning on doing stuff we either haven't done before or haven't done for a long time. We started as an albums band, that's what we were. The fact we had hits was just a byproduct." While Brian teased they plan to incorporate Adam's different "dimensions" into what they do. He said: "The general public knows the hits, so you've got to cater for that, but we can chuck in a few things that people really don't expect. We'll do quite a bit more of that this time around. There are so many dimensions to Adam, which of course fits with our music. He can get down and do the rock stuff really dirty, and you have all those dimensions, and we can explore that even more." The 'For Your Entertainment' hitmaker - who takes on the late great frontman Freddie Mercury's lead vocals - is up for the challenge. He said: "What people should know if they came to the shows a couple of years back, is obviously we will still be playing the big hit songs you know and love from Queen, but we thought it would be good to challenge ourselves a bit. "Change it up a little bit, change the visuals, change all the technology, change the set list to some degree. We will probably be pulling some other songs out of the Queen catalogue which we haven't done before, which I am very excited about."

Richard Gere's views affected career

Richard Gere admits his support for Tibet has hindered his career. The 67-year-old actor broke from his script when presenting at the 1993 Academy Awards in order to protest China's occupation of the Far Eastern region and slammed its "horrendous, horrendous human rights situation" and later called for a boycott of the 2008 Beijing Olympics. And because China now has the world's second-biggest box-office market, Richard - who has a lifetime ban from the country - admits his big screen appeal has dramatically reduced in the eyes of studios. He said: "There are definitely movies that I can't be in because the Chinese will say, 'Not with him.'" "I recently had an episode where someone said they could not finance a film with me because it would upset the Chinese." In 1997, Richard appeared as a US businessman wrongly accused of murder in China in 'Red Corner', and while executives were initially happy with the film, it was suddenly dumped. He recalled to the Hollywood Reporter: "Everyone was happy with the film." "I get calls from the heads of the studio. Went on Oprah. Then, out of nowhere, I get calls saying, 'We

don't want you doing press.'" "MGM wanted to make an overall deal with the Chinese. China told them, 'If you release this film, we're not buying it.' And so, they dumped it." And on another occasion, the 'Pretty woman' actor was ousted from an independent, non-studio movie because of his forthright views. He said: "There was something I was going to do with a Chinese director, and two weeks before we were going to shoot, he called saying, 'Sorry, I can't do it.'" "We had a secret phone call on a protected line. If I had worked with this director, he, his family would never have been allowed to leave the country ever again, and he would never work." But Richard insists he doesn't care about being snubbed for Hollywood blockbusters as he still enjoys his work. He said: "The studios are interested in the possibility of making huge profits. But I'm still making the same films that I was making when I started. Small, interesting, character-driven and narrative-driven stories. It hasn't impacted my life at all."



Vergara to voice flamenco dancer in The Emoji Movie

Sofia Vergara will voice the flamenco dancer emoji in 'The Emoji Movie'. The 44-year-old actress-and-comedienne announced on Tuesday that she has joined the animated movie, which also stars Sir Patrick Stewart, TJ Miller and Ilana Glazer, as the red dress-wearing messaging icon. The 'Hot Pursuit' star is thrilled to have landed the role bringing the emoticon to life as she says people always tell her she looks like the woman. She told People magazine: "I thought it was going to be a perfect role for me because people are always saying that I look like her." Spilling details on what her character is like in the film, she added: "And she is always doing the Flamenco. She does it in the morning when she gets up, she does it when she's eating, she probably does it when she's sleeping. It makes things like driving or putting on her makeup very difficult." The Colombian-American beauty shared a picture of herself in a red dress next to her emoji on Instagram. Alongside the photo, she wrote: "Excited to be Flamenco Dancer in @emojiover!!! #emojiover (sic)" "The Emoji Movie" follows the story of Gene (Miller), an emoji born with multiple expressions, who joins forces with the notorious code-breaker Jailbreak (Glazer) and heads off on an adventure through a teenager's phone. The Sony Pictures movie's director Tony Leondis previously said of the concept: "I know what you're thinking - WTF. "What is their story? Emoji are expected to be one thing their whole lives. So I thought, what if one was born with not one, but lots of expressions ... and how would that affect the status quo?" "Everyone has felt different-it's everyone's story." Other cast members include Jennifer Coolidge as Gene's mother Mary Meh, Maya Rudolph as Smiler, and Jake T. Austin as the teenager named Alex. They will be joining a previously announced cast made up of James Corden, who will voice Hi-5, Steven Wright as Mel Meh, and Rob Riggle as Ice Cream. Tony Leondis wrote the script alongside Mike White and Eric Siegel, and Michelle Raimo is set to produce the feature. 'The Emoji Movie' is due to be released in August.

RUSSELL LOVED WORKING WITH STALLONE

Kurt Russell relished working with Sylvester Stallone on 'Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2'. The 66-year-old actor has joined a star-studded cast for the much-anticipated sequel to the 2014 hit, and Kurt has admitted he especially enjoyed starring alongside Sylvester, who plays the role of Starhawk in the new movie. He said: "I was just talking to Sylvester Stallone, who's one of my favorite people, and he loved doing what he did in this movie too." Kurt also revealed he enjoyed working with actor Michael Rooker, having previously appeared alongside him in the Western 'Tombstone'. Kurt shared: "It's been fun seeing Michael Rooker again. We did 'Tombstone' together, and I haven't seen Michael since then. So there were a lot of positives in this project for me." Earlier this week, meanwhile, director James Gunn revealed the second movie in the Marvel series will barely feature the color purple, because he was keen to distinguish it from the first film. James explained: "I wanted to make the second movie have a very distinct visual look that was much different than the first movie. "One of the first things I did was ban the use of the color purple. "There's purple in the movie, but there's very little purple in the movie. Because purple was by far the dominant color in the first movie. "This movie is more about yellow and blue and teal and orange. "But I also really wanted to up the



ante with the pulp elements. "So we harken back a lot to 1950s/60s pulp novel colors and that look of 'Flash Gordon' - both the 1980s version and the earlier comics. Really grabbing onto this pulp feeling and bringing it alive in a bright, big, colorful way was important."



Lorde, Lana Del Rey and more for Radio One's Big Weekend

Lorde, Lana Del Rey and Kasabian are among those confirmed to perform at Radio One's Big Weekend in Hull. The UK radio station's annual music festival will be held at Burton Constable Hall in Hull on May 27 and May 28, and the full line-up has been unleashed featuring some of the biggest names in pop across the globe performing. Also joining previously announced headliner Katy Perry, Kings of Leon, Little Mix and Stormzy are Biffy Clyro, Rag'n' Bone Man, London Grammar, Clean Bandit, Imagine Dragons and Emeli Sande. Zara Larsson, Shawn Mendes and Sean Paul are also on the bill with some artists which have been out of the spotlight for a while, including Plan B, Rita Ora and Haim, who must be about to drop new music. 'Body On Me' hitmaker Rita said of the announcement: "So excited I can't even tell you, it's so long overdue. It's the best news ever - I'm so happy. They're so up for it [Hull crowd]. I can always tell you that no matter what happens, Big Weekend is probably one of the funnest festivals I've ever performed at." 'Chained to the Rhythm' hitmaker Katy, will head up the main stage on the Saturday. The 32-year-old pop superstar is most looking forward testing out the Yorkshire city's local delicacies such as chip spice, savoury patties and Yorkshire puddings. Discussing her plans to visit the famous pudding factor, she previously said: "Radio

1's Big Weekend is always a blast and I'm so happy to be able to make it to Hull alongside the incredible line-up. Grimmy has told me all about Hull and we've already set up a date to the Yorkshire pudding factory!" Ben Cooper, Controller at Radio One said: "Radio 1's Big Weekend just got bigger. The young audiences in Hull and on the BBC are in for one of the planet's greatest performers." Martin Green, the Director of Hull UK City of Culture 2017, added: "It's awesome that Katy Perry is headlining Saturday night at Radio 1's Big Weekend. A superstar addition to a sensational event, as well as to Hull 2017's fabulous music program." Hosted by Radio One DJs, Radio One's Big Weekend is Europe's largest free ticketed festival, and will be heading to Hull to coincide with the UK City of Culture celebrations for Hull in 2017. Speaking about being on the bill, Kings of Leon said: "Looking forward to seeing you in Hull for Radio One's Big Weekend at the end of the May. Huge thanks to Radio One for leading the charge in helping us get our music to our fans, it's going to be a great show, can't wait!" The festival has completely sold out with the majority of tickets going to local people.