celebs

Idris Elba says it would be 'natural progression' to move into directing

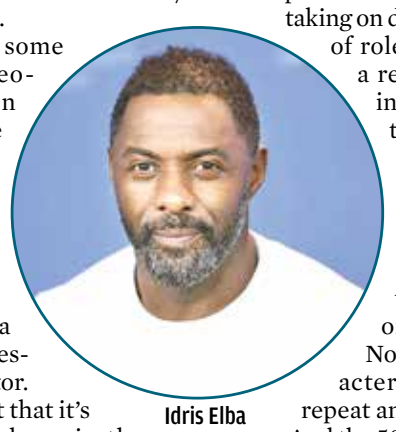
IANS | Los Angeles

While still passionate about his career in front of the camera, Hollywood star Idris Elba believes it would be a "natural progression" to move into directing.

The 'Luther' actor is looking ahead to the possibility of juggling more than one role on set at a time, citing Denzel Washington and Jon Favreau as inspirations, reports aceshowbiz.com.

"I love acting but I feel like there's much more to offer as a director, as a writer and a producer perhapsaI feel there are characters and roles that I haven't done yet and I still want to do those, but the truth is that I'd probably like to do that as an offering as a film director/actor," he said.

"There are some incredible people like Jon Favreau, like Denzel who have acted and directed, and directed themselves in movies and I feel like that's a natural progression for an actor.



Idris Elba

"It turns out that it's 30 years I've been in the game already, it still feels like only yesterday. I love acting, don't get me wrong, but there are other things that I like to do," the actor adds.

Idris prides himself in always taking on different kinds of roles. He said in a recent podcast interview: "I've tried not to repeat myself as an actor, there's only one 'Luther' character, there's only one 'Beasts of No Nation' character. I try not to repeat anything."

And the 50-year-old star is also hoping to do more with his music career.

He said: "I produce and I've always had a studio, so I'm a sort of self-taught producer, I sing a little bit but I'm no Jamie Foxx, don't get me wrong!

"I like poetry and rap and so I feel like there's an offering in me in the form of an album, I've put out music before and varied types of music, but I definitely feel as though there's an outlet for me. When I'm writing and it comes to music, I feel a lot more free and at liberty to say what I want to say.

"As an actor, especially in this day and age, everyone is afraid of being cancelled or over-sharing ... In music I can say what I like, if I have an opinion I'll say it via my music and not feel worried about it, it's a different part of me, you're making music, you're in control of it, it's your narrative."

Ryan Reynolds 'idolised' Will Ferrell

Ryan Reynolds Will Ferrell

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Ryan Reynolds has "idolised" Will Ferrell for his "entire working life".

The 'Deadpool' star was thrilled to sign up to star in 'Spirited' because it meant working with the 55-year-old comedy legend.

He said: "Will Ferrell is somebody that has contributed more to the comedic lexicon of society than almost any other comedic performer.

"He's somebody I've quite literally idolised for my entire working life.

"I love his vulnerability in his work, that's what makes him so funny and accessible.

"So it was about working with Will and getting to be around him."

However, Ryan was horrified when he realised what he'd let himself in for in signing up for the festive film.

He admitted: "It was only afterwards when I realised it was a musical that I knew that I was in deep, deep trouble."

> He's somebody I've quite literally idolised for my entire working life. I love his vulnerability in his work, that's what makes him so funny and accessible
>
> RYAN REYNOLDS

The 46-year-old actor turned to his friend Hugh Jackman for advice but admitted the 'Greatest Showman' star was too skilled to be much help.

He said, "It comes so naturally to Hugh that in a weird way, his helping was not helping. He was like, 'Just make sure you're listening to those count-offs and those beats'.

"And I was like, 'I don't hear the beats man. Help me out with something real here!"

Kim Kardashian won't rule out getting married again

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Kim Kardashian would like to get married again.

The 42-year-old reality TV star - who has been married three times - admitted she still holds out some hope that she will find true love but says she is happy to be single for a while.

Kim told Gwyneth Paltrow's Goop podcast: "I feel, honestly, my last marriage was my first real. The first one, I just don't know what was happening. The second one, I felt like I wanted to be married so badly because all my friends were at that place and that's where I should have been. I didn't accept that that just wasn't where I was.

"Now I feel like I will definitely take my time. I would be okay [with] a forever partnership as well. I'm taking my time. I really do want to be single for a few years.

Kim Kardashian

Olivia Colman wanted sexy scenes cut from Empire Of Light

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Olivia Colman wanted her sexy scenes to be cut from 'Empire Of Light'

The 48-year-old Oscar-winning actress stars opposite Micheal Ward, 25, in Sam Mendes' new movie but she's admitted the saucy segments between the lead stars left her cringing and she was hoping the director would remove them in the final edit.

She told the Daily Mail newspaper's Richard Eden: "I always wanted Sam to take out the sex scenes because I was so embarrassed.'

"I said, 'Why can't they go for the kiss, and cut, and then pretend that it had already happened?'"

In the film, she plays a cinema boss who falls for a much-younger ticket-seller and Olivia went on to credit Micheal with being "much more mature" than her and says he helped her steady her nerves.

It comes after Olivia revealed she was shocked to find out she is five years older than Micheal's mother.

Speaking on 'The Graham Norton Show', she explained: "There was one particular moment when I was astride Micheal in a compromising and slightly embarrassing situation and he said, ''It's my mum's birthday today.'

"When he said she was 43, I was like, ''OK, stop talking!''

She also addressed rumours Sam wrote the part of Hilary the cinema manager with Olivia in mind. The actress said: "Apparently it was [written for me]. But Sam is so nice he would say that anyway. He was watching 'The Crown' at the time and thought of me.

Olivia Colman

James Cameron: I will always mourn the stories I don't get to make

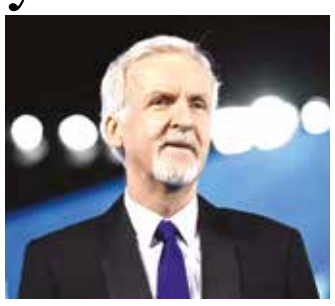
Celebretainment | Los Angeles

James Cameron confessed he does "mourn some of the stories" he's not been able to turn into movies.

The legendary filmmaker has devoted most of his time to the 'Avatar' franchise, with four sequels developed and two filmed.

And although it has meant other projects have taken a backseat, the 'Titanic' helmer has been able to weave a lot of the stories into the world of Avatar.

Asked if he feels bad that he never got to tell the other stories and ideas he had due to how much time he's spent on the 'Avatar' franchise, Cameron told Empire magazine: "Two thoughts in answer to your question: the first is that the world of Avatar is so sprawling that I can tell most of the stories I want to tell within it and try many of the stylistic techniques that I hope to explore. And secondly, yes... our time as artists is finite. I will always mourn some of the stories that I don't get to make. But I feel a great satisfaction when other directors want to explore some of my ideas, like Kathryn Bigelow did with 'Strange Days', and Robert Rodriguez did when I passed him the baton on 'Alita: Battle Angel'. I look forward to more collaborations in the future with directors I admire."



James Cameron

SUDOKU

				1		5		2
		1			5		3	
5						7		
		7	5	9			8	
		8				4		
	4			6	7	1		
		2						1
	5		1			6		
9		3		5				

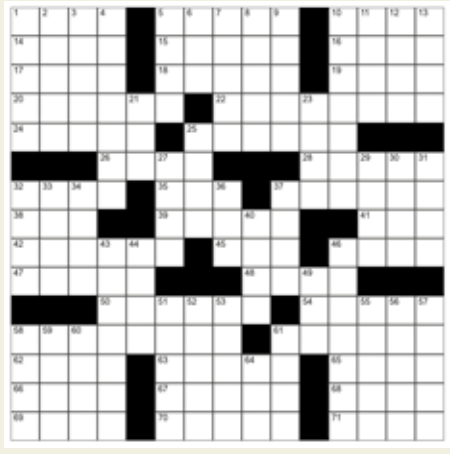
Yesterday's solution

5	2	3	1	4	7	9	6	8
9	7	4	8	6	3	1	2	5
1	6	8	2	9	5	4	3	7
8	5	6	4	7	9	2	1	3
4	3	1	5	2	6	7	8	9
7	9	2	3	1	8	5	4	6
2	8	9	6	5	4	3	7	1
6	4	5	7	3	1	8	9	2
3	1	7	9	8	2	6	5	4

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.

CROSSWORD



Across

1- Precious stones; 5- Grain stores; 10- Swabbies; 14- Test; 15- Fill with glass; 16- Busy as __; 17- Portico; 18- Mortise insert; 19- Christmas song; 20- Some sculptures; 22- Cheap copy; 24- Root or Yale; 25- Spenser's "The __ Queene"; 26- Bluesy James; 28- Rendezvous; 32- Neuter; 35- Bobby on the ice; 37- Fix, as a shoe; 38- Beer; 39- Very hard mineral; 41- Fuel type; 42- Planks; 45- When doubled, a dance; 46- Puts into words; 47- Egyptian peninsula; 48- "Orinoco Flow" singer; 50- Head cases?; 54- Give a seat?; 58- Magician; 61- Complete; 62- Switch back?; 63- Musical drama; 65- Brain wave; 66- Start from scratch; 67- Frenzied; 68- Capone foe; 69- Org.; 70- First letter of the Hebrew alphabet; 71- Gaelic language of Ireland or Scotland;

Down

1- Beau __; 2- Sing the praises of; 3- New Zealand aboriginal; 4- Drunk; 5- Cpls.' superiors; 6- Martinique, e.g.; 7- Sri __; 8- Form of oxygen; 9- Spanish Mister; 10- Large ships; 11- Peek follower; 12- Coral habitat; 13- Ego; 21- Not in; 23- Quote; 25- Old MacDonald's place; 27- Some digits; 29- Eastern discipline; 30- Kill; 31- Dick Tracy's love; 32- Chews the fat; 33- "The Time Machine" race; 34- Low in fat; 36- VCR button; 37- Tatum's dad; 40- She played Carla on "Cheers"; 43- Nocturnal carnivore; 44- Desperate; 46- Brie base; 49- Strong desire; 51- Bouquet; 52- Sherpa's home; 53- Peace goddess; 55- Duck with soft down; 56- Salad green; 57- Mock, annoy; 58- Lab fluids; 59- Raw materials; 60- Fishing gear; 61- "From __ according to his abilities..."; 64- Final letters?;

Yesterday's solution