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Millie Bobby Brown is 'ready to leave Stranger Things

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Millie Bobby Brown is "ready to leave" 'Stranger Things.'

The 19-year-old actress has starred as Eleven in the hit Netflix science fiction series since she was a child but now that the show is set to wrap up completely when its fifth season next year, has admitted that she is "ready" to try new things.

Asked if she was prepared to say goodbye to the character, she told Parade magazine: "Yes, I think I am ready. I think it's been—it's been a long time coming, and I think the fans need closure, and so do the actors. So I think we're definitely ready to be able to say goodbye to those

roles and thank them and be grateful for the time that I've had with them, but I'm ready to move on to new projects and new roles to fulfill."

The 'Enola Holmes' star went on to add that she has no idea what the show's final outing - which is reportedly set to begin filming in June - will entail but explained that after making her



directorial debut for a Samsung campaign in 2022 that stepping behind the camera is something she would like to pursue further.

She added: "I don't know what it's about. Like I honestly don't know what it's about. Nobody's shared anything with me, so you'd have to ask the people that are experts in Stranger Things for that one."

"Yeah, absolutely, [I'd do more directing]. I have many passions and ambitions, but I also am very aware that it takes a lot to fill those boots and I don't want anything handed to me. I want to be able to work for what I want and I'm striving for that."

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Lady Gaga won't sing at Oscars

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Lady Gaga will not perform at the Oscars on Sunday.

The 36-year-old singer-and-actress' track 'Hold My Hand', from the 'Top Gun: Maverick' soundtrack, is nominated for Best Original Song at the ceremony but she will be unable to join the other shortlisted artists at Los Angeles' Dolby Theater due to scheduling conflicts with 'Joker: Folie à Deux', in which she plays Harley Quinn.

Oscars producer Glenn Weiss said during the Oscars Creative Team press conference:

"We have great relationships with Lady Gaga and her camp [but] she's in the middle of shooting a movie right now, and here we are honouring the

movie industry and what it takes to make a movie.

"After a bunch of back and forth, it didn't feel like she can get a performance to the caliber that we're used to with her, that she's used to and all that stuff."

"So she is not going to perform on the show, however, this is all, from our point of view, about someone making a movie and us completely understanding that that's what is priority in this business, especially when we are honoring movies."

While Gaga - who performed at the 2019 Oscars with Bradley Cooper, when 'Shallow' from their movie 'A Star Is Born' won Best Original Song - won't be singing at this year's ceremony, the other nominated acts are all confirmed to perform, including Rihanna ('Lift Me Up' from 'Black Panther: Wakanda Forever'), Sofia Carson and Diane Warren ('Applause' from 'Tell It Like a Woman'), David Byrne, Son Lux and Stephanie Hsu ('This Is a Life' from 'Everything Everywhere All at Once'), and Rahul Sipligunj and Kaala Bhairava ('Naatu Naatu' from 'RRR').

In addition, Lenny Kravitz will sing during the In Memoriam segment.



Lady Gaga

Jessica Simpson had an affair with a 'massive movie star'

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Jessica Simpson says she had an affair with a "massive movie star."

The 42-year-old singer - who is now married to Eric Johnson and has Birdie, three, Ace, nine, and Maxwell, ten, with him but was initially married to Nick Lachey from 2002 until 2006 - and wrote the story she "never thought she would tell" as part of new short story for Amazon Original Stories, 'Movie Star.'

She told PEOPLE: "This is a very personal story and I really thought I would never share it! The whole period was very surreal. There were times I had a lot of fun, don't get me wrong! But a lot of the time it felt isolating because I am someone who likes to deeply connect with people

and I didn't know who was trustworthy and who was not. You can't always take people at their very persuasive word—seems obvious but it really isn't when you are dealing with someone who sells it so well."

The 'I Wanna Love You Forever' hitmaker went on to add that although the affair was "sexy and enticing", it made her feel like a "call girl" and she knew her younger self would not be proud of her.

She said: "Yes, there was something sexy and enticing about all this, but there was also something demeaning about it. I felt like a call girl. I didn't care if he was my teenage fantasy come to life, this was not a choice that same girl, my younger self, would be proud of."



Jessica Simpson

Rupert Grint plans to scale back acting

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Rupert Grint is hoping to scale back his acting work to just "one or two" projects a year.

The 34-year-old 'Harry Potter' actor has admitted he doesn't feel the need to work



Rupert Grint

continuously and would rather take a step back to give himself time to focus on his hobbies as well as spending time with his partner Georgia Groome and their daughter.

He told GQ magazine: "The dream is to do one to two [acting] projects a year, then spend

the rest of my time doing dad stuff, or crafts."

During the interview, Rupert was asked about rumours a new 'Harry Potter' TV show is in the works at HBO Max and he insisted it would be a great idea to bring the wizard franchise to the small screen.

Paul Rudd: This could be the end of Ant-Man!

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Paul Rudd has teased that the latest 'Ant-Man' movie could be his last.

The 53-year-old actor is known for starring in the title role of the Marvel Cinematic Universe for a string of movies but explained that he could have played the role for the final time in the latest blockbuster 'Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania', although he ultimately remains unsure about his future in the fran-



Paul Rudd

chise.

He said: "Maybe it is the end of Ant-Man. I don't really know. As far as what's next, the only thing I can say for sure is that the Kang the Conqueror is going to be a very big part of whatever it is."

The 'Ideal Home' star went on to add that it has felt "huge" working on the series over the course of five films since 2015 as he paid tribute to studio president Kevin Feige and the other bosses at the MCU, noting that they seem to "really care" about the movies.

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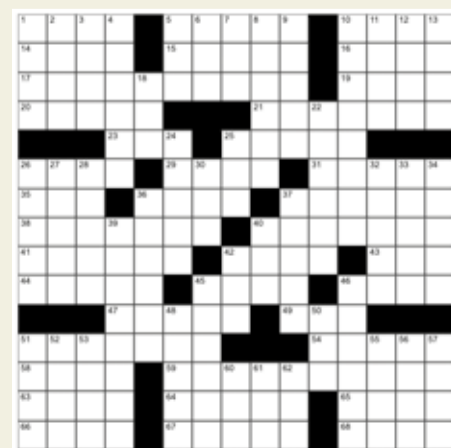
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Across

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Yesterday's solution

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