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## Mila Kunis: 'Standing ovation at Oscars for Will Smith shocking and insane'

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Mila Kunis says it was "shocking" and "insane" Will Smith received a standing ovation when he picked up his best actor Oscar after he attacked Chris Rock.

Unlike a strong of A-listers, the actress, 39, along with her husband Ashton Kutcher, 44, refused to stand when 'The Fresh Prince Of Bel Air' actor was honoured for his role in 'King Richard' despite slapping comic Chris on stage.

Mum-of-two Mila told the new issue of C magazine: "The idea of leading by exam-

ple only makes sense when you actually have someone to lead.

"We have our tiny little tribe here at home, and never once do I want to tell them to do something if I'm not willing to do it myself.

"Not standing up to me was a no-brainer, but what was shocking to me was how many people did stand up.

"I thought, 'Wow, what a time we're living in that rather than do

what's right, people focus on doing what looks good'. It's insane to me."



MILA KUNIS

Her comments come days after it was revealed Will, 54, is facing a boycott by Oscars voters over his 'Slapgate' scandal.

The actor's performance in his new film 'Emancipation', in which he plays a runaway slave during America's Civil War era, has divided members of

the Academy Awards who spoke to The Hollywood Reporter.

While some say they would never vote for Will due to him slapping Chris Rock, 57, at this year's 94th Oscars, other voters on the board said only his performance should be the focus of any nomination decision.

Apple plans to release the Smith-led Civil War drama on its streaming service in December, less than a year after Will stormed the stage to slap Chris over a joke about the shaven head being sported at the ceremony by his wife, Jada Pinkett Smith, 51, who suffers from alopecia - before weeping after the assault on stage when picking up his best

actor trophy for his performance in 'King Richard'.

The release window means the film will be eligible for consideration for the 2023 Oscars.

Among critics of Will's was Lawrence David Foldes, a member of producers branch of Academy voters, who told The Hollywood Reporter: "Would I vote for Smith? NO F\*\*\*\*\* WAY.

"His shameful violent outburst and pathetic snivelling 'acceptance' diatribe witnessed by millions - and his blatant disrespect of the Academy - should preclude him from any consideration and reward from AMPAS (Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences) members for life."

## Justin Bieber 'thinks Kanye West crossed a line'

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Justin Bieber thinks Kanye West "crossed a line" with his recent comments about his wife Hailey.

The 28-year-old pop star is said to be angry with Kanye, 45, after he recently spoke out against the 23-year-old model.

A source said: "Justin is very protective over Hailey. He is upset by Kanye's attack on her where he said hurtful and untrue things."

Hailey was targeted by Kanye after she voiced her support for Vogue editor Gabriella Karefa-Johnson, who publicly blasted Kanye's White Lives Matter apparel.

Justin is now "distancing himself from Kanye" and he's keen to offer support to his wife.

The insider told 'Entertainment Tonight': "He feels like he has been a true friend to Kanye, and tried to empathise with him in the past, but this crossed a line that he's not OK with.

"Being there for Hailey and supporting his wife is Justin's main priority, and he's doing that and distancing himself from Kanye."

The 'Stronger' hit-maker has been widely criticised for his provocative new fashion line, which the Vogue editor described as "pure violence".

And after Kanye Hailey Bieber

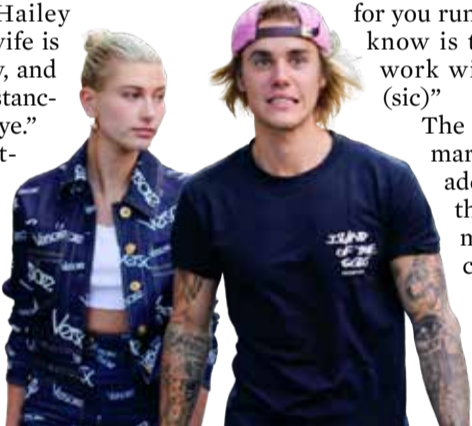
rubbished Gabriella's criticism, Hailey took to social media to offer her some support.

Hailey - who has modelled for the likes of Guess, Ralph Lauren, and Tommy Hilfger - wrote on Instagram: "My respect for you runs deep my friend! To know is to adore you and to work with you is an honor. (sic)"

The blonde beauty - who married Justin in 2018 - added: "The most kind, the most talented, the most fun, the most chic. (sic)"

Kanye responded to the post by calling the model "nose job Hailey Baldoose".

Justin Bieber



## Dwayne Johnson was ordered to lose weight, change name for Hollywood career

FIANS | Los Angeles

Hollywood star Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson was ordered to lose weight, drop his stage name and stop talking about wrestling if he wanted to make it in Hollywood.

The 'Fast and the Furious' star shot to fame in the mid-1990s as a regular performer with the World Wrestling Federation (WWF) adopting the name 'The Rock' and becoming one of the franchise's most recognisable wrestlers before making a crossover to movies with a role as the Scorpion King in 2001's 'The Mummy Returns', reports femalefirst.co.uk.

However, Johnson has now shared that he was asked to make some serious changes if he wanted to be taken seriously as an actor. Speaking on 'CBS Sunday Morning', he said: "They said, 'Okay, great. But now here's what you have to do: You have to stop working out as much. You have to lose weight. You can't call yourself The Rock. You can't talk about wrestling. Let's stay away from all that.'"

Host Tracy Smith then asked him: "These are all the things they told you? 'Don't be this anymore?'" and the

star replied: "That's right. So, I tried that, Tracy, I tried getting smaller, losing weight. It all felt wrong."

Tracy then asked: "And once you started being yourself?" and he explained: "That was it. When that happened, a funny thing happened: Hollywood conformed around me. And years later, I'm sitting here with you."

Johnson went on to land his first leading role, reprising his Scorpion King character for a self-titled 2002 spin-off and his Hollywood career took off.



## Eva Mendes clarifies she never quit acting

ANI | Washington

Actor Eva Mendes recently addressed numerous reports about her quitting acting.

The mother of two -- who has been with the father of her children, Ryan Gosling, since 2011 -- took to Instagram on Friday to address the many reports claiming she had retired from Hollywood, Page Six reported.

She posted a video montage that flashed several headlines discussing her longtime absence from the entertainment industry, explaining in the caption that she simply chose to prioritize her family.

Eva Mendes was last seen in the 2015 fantasy thriller "Lost River," which Ryan Gosling directed. However, she did voice a character on the children's show Bluey in 2021

were just not up to her standards.

"I was not excited about the stereotypical roles being offered to me at the time," she wrote, calling "Lost River" a "dream project" and "a tough act to follow."

"What's the point of this post? To shift that narrative. I never quit," she concluded.

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Eva Mendes



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**Yesterday's solution**

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