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Celine Dion's Olympic performance 'was a dream come true'

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Celine Dion fulfilled a "dream" by performing at the Olympics opening ceremony.

The 56-year-old singer made her long-awaited return to live performing in Paris on Friday, and Celine has taken to social media to express her sense of pride.

Celine - who stopped performing live after she was diagnosed with Stiff Person Syndrome, a progressive neurological disorder that affects her muscles - wrote on X: "Wow,



Celine Dion what a night. Thanks to everyone at @Paris2024, @Olympics

and @Dior who helped make this dream come true. And now, it's already time to go! I will miss you Paris! - Celine xx... (sic)"

Celine closed the ceremony with a rendition of Edith Piaf's 'L'Hymne à l'amour'.

The award-winning singer subsequently took to social media to express her joy and gratitude, admitting that she felt "honoured" to perform at the opening ceremony and hail Paris as one of her "favorite cities".

Cardi B sends warning to her rap rivals

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Cardi B insists she's "not in a rat race" with her rap rivals.

The 31-year-old star has taken to social media to hit back at her critics, insisting that she's a league of her own as a female rapper.

Cardi wrote on X: "These b***** have absolutely lost their mind... I'm getting all my lick backs on my album tho ...ON EACH



Cardi B

ONE OF YOU B***** !!! (sic)"

Cardi subsequently suggested that her own career achievements can't be compared to those of her rap rivals.

She wrote on the micro-blogging platform: "These b***** can't see me in numbers or status, y'all had WAY too much time to catch up. Can't see me in money, can't see me in real estate, fashion, and CAN'T SEE ME IN PERSON either... I'm not in a rat race with none of you b*****!! And ima show yall (sic)"

Meanwhile, in June, Cardi took to social media to warn her production team not to "play with [her] money".

The chart-topping star

slammed her team following a technical mishap during her performance at the BET Experience event in Los Angeles.

Cardi - who was vocally critical of the team during her performance - said on X: "let me tell you about yesterday!! I spent 100k on pyro that we couldn't use because the production team failed to have the fire marshall go over safety with my team which is sooo simple to do.. spent days in rehearsal learning choreography just so for them to have the wrong mix and we had to swap it out.. booked four fans so they could be turned on during BarTier Cardi and that never happened.. you wanna know why?"

Lady Gaga pre-recorded her Olympics performance

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Lady Gaga pre-recorded her performance at the Olympics due to "safety reasons".

The 38-year-old pop star sang 'Mon Truc En Plumes' on a set of stairs along the Seine River in Paris - but Maud le Pladec, the choreographer of all Olympics and Paralympics opening ceremonies, has now revealed that the performance was actually pre-recorded.

Speaking to Variety, Maud explained: "Unfortunately, it was the only [performance] that, for safety reasons, we had to pre-record late in the afternoon, once we knew for sure that it was going to rain - we had minute-by-minute updates, we had never watched the weather forecast so closely in our lives.

"We assessed that it was going to be too dangerous for performers, even with a few drops of rain. [Gaga] wanted to do it



Lady Gaga during her performance

absolutely so we preferred to pre-record it rather than cancel it."

Maud explained that the performance wouldn't have worked in the bad weather.

She said: "The soil would have been slippery. She was wearing heels, very near the water, there were stairs ... We had to be extremely cautious."

Gaga took to social media after her performance, revealing that she relished the opportunity.

She wrote on Instagram: "I feel so completely grateful to have been asked to open the Paris @Olympics 2024 this year. I am also humbled to be asked by the Olympics organizing committee to sing such a special French song—a song to honor the French people and their tremendous history of art, music, and theatre. This song was sung by Zizi Jeanmaire, born in Paris a French ballerina, she famously sang 'Mon Truc en Plumes' in 1961. The title means 'My Thing with Feathers.' And this is not the first time we've crossed paths. Zizi starred in Cole Porter's musical 'Anything Goes' which was my first jazz release. (sic)"

Keanu Reeves' knee 'cracked like a potato chip' in freak accident

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Keanu Reeves' knee "cracked like a potato chip" in a freak accident when he tripped on a piece of carpet on a movie set.

The 'John Wick' star, 59, suffered a fractured kneecap after falling over while filming his new comedy movie 'Good Fortune' and he was later pictured walking on crutches with an ice pack strapped to his leg - and Keanu has now revealed the injury happened when he took a tumble following an ice bath.

During an appearance on 'The Late Show with Stephen Colbert', Keanu explained: "I was

filming a scene with Aziz An-sari and Seth Rogen and we were in a cold plunge.

"I was loving it, I was standing there, and we finish the scene, and you know when you're cold and you're [shuffling]? I had a bathing suit and a towel, and you put it over your head and you do the cold shuffle?"

"I'm doing the cold shuffle in this room that had protective carpets down and then, just here, there was like a little pocket, and my foot got caught in the pocket in the shuffle, and then I went [down], but [my knee] didn't follow."



Keanu Reeves

Kevin Hart thinks Tom Brady branded Netflix Roast 'bittersweet' as he wanted to 'protect' family

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Kevin Hart thinks Tom Brady branded his Netflix Roast "bittersweet" as he wanted to "protect" his family.

The comic, 45, spoke out after retired NFL star Tom, 46, told 'The Pivot' podcast in May he regretted agreeing to the event as his children were "affected" by the gags.

During the live-streamed 5 May roast from the Kia Forum, Cal-

ifornia, Tom was targeted with a string of close-to-the-knuckle gags about his divorce from Brazilian supermodel Gisele Bündchen, 44, with whom he has children Benjamin, 14, and 11-year-old Vivian.

Kevin told the Bleacher Report about Tom's reaction: "I can side with time and see where he's coming from and just him wanting to protect the idea of family and the conversation attached to that.

"That's probably where that's

coming from.

"And you know, I'm not privy to whatever he dealt with after, so I know his response and saying something about it was a result of possibly that."

Tom told 'The Pivot' he "didn't like" the way his children were "affected" by the jokes made about his exes Gisele and Bridget Moynahan.

He said: "It's the hardest part about the bittersweet aspect of when you do something that you

Kevin Hart

think is one way and then all of a sudden you realise, 'I wouldn't do that again,' because of the way that affected actually the people that I care about the most in the world."

Father-of-three Tom also has 16-year-old son John "Jack" Edward Thomas with his actress ex Bridget, 52.

Kevin added: "When he says he regretted doing it... I think he's saying, 'I could have tapered it a little differently, or (had) a conversation pre-(roast), of like,

'Guys, let's go and do this, but let's not touch this or this'.

"The idea of going all in and just saying, 'I don't care, because I know the world would love to see me being on the receiving end of s*** because I'm Tom Brady and I've been at the highest stage all my life' - I think it was that."



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Yesterday's solution

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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- Bookie's concern; 5- Sleight of hand; 10- Deep hollow; 14- Fuel source; 15- Old French expression meaning "goodbye"; 16- Fall birthstone; 17- Fashion mag; 18- Haute; 19- Get up; 20- Patronage; 22- Dishwasher cycle; 23- Chart shape; 24- Business card no.; 25- Domesticated fowl collectively; 29- Cradlesong; 33- Grows in Brooklyn; 34- Not a dup.; 36- End in (draw); 37- Na Na; 38- Paradise; 39- One time; 40- Hades; 42- Russo of "Tin Cup"; 43- Female horses; 45- Weapons supply; 47- Pragmatic person; 49- Skid row woe; 50- Gallery offering; 51- Sound of a horse; 54- Covered with sand and lime mixture; 60- Last word in a threat; 61- A Judd; 62- avis; 63- Banned apple spray; 64- Bubbling on the stove; 65- Oklahoma city; 66- Makes brown; 67- British buddy; 68- Meets one's maker;

Down

1- Crude cartel; 2- Big name in PCs; 3- Mustachioed artist; 4- Spire; 5- Something that occupies space; 6- Zip-...-Doo-Dah; 7- Female child; 8- Able was...; 9- Theatrical hint; 10- Ape; 11- arms (angry); 12- Glasgow gal; 13- Make an escape; 21- TV's "Nick at..."; 22- Fam. reunion attendee; 24- Pulls; 25- Ottoman title; 26- Alternative; 27- Russian range; 28- Alpine song; 29- Cruise ship; 30- Maker of Pong; 31- Seizes with teeth; 32- Brewer's need; 35- Cartoon Chihuahua; 38- Effortless; 51- Tidy, without fault; 52- Singer Fitzgerald; 44- Changed; 46- degree; 48- Effortlessly; 51- Tidy, without fault; 52- Singer Fitzgerald; 53- This... outrage!; 54- Sunscreen ingredient; 55- Booty; 56- French friend; 57- Wife of a rajah; 58- Great Lake; 59- Pops; 61- Where some vets served;

Yesterday's solution

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