

Welcome to the latest edition of our Entertainment News newsletter.

It's been a very busy few months for the team. We've brought you the biggest interviews from the summer's festivals so far – and got the apology from Bono when Glastonbury fans were left gutted that U2 had to pull out of the event following his emergency back surgery. It doesn't stop there, we'll be bringing you more of the big star name interviews as the summer rolls on. Talking of summer, we're just a month away from the new series of The X Factor launching, taking us through to Christmas, as well as the new series of Strictly Come Dancing. As you'll read in a moment, we already know who'll be among the guest celebrities in the show!

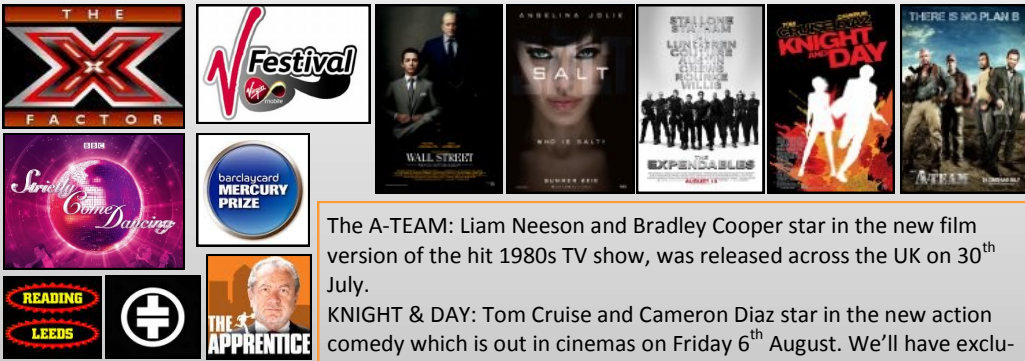
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Some of the events that Entertainment News will be covering in the coming months:

X FACTOR: The new series of the hit talent show is starting this August. A series of celebrity guests have appeared on the judging panel, replacing Dannii Minogue who's taken time out to look after her baby. She'll return to the show for the 'judges houses' stage of the competition.

STRICTLY COME DANCING: A whole host of stars will be tripping the light fantastic in a new series of the hit dance show, which starts in September. Frank Bruno, Patsy Kensit, Ann Widdecombe, Felicity Kendall and Gavin Henson are among the celebrity contestants who've reportedly signed up to the show.

THE APPRENTICE: Lord Sugar's returning to the boardroom this Autumn for more hiring and firings in the sixth series of the hit reality business show. This time around he's got a new right-hand woman - former Birmingham City boss Karren Brady - who's replaced Margaret Mountford as Alan's aide.



The A-TEAM: Liam Neeson and Bradley Cooper star in the new film version of the hit 1980s TV show, was released across the UK on 30th July.

KNIGHT & DAY: Tom Cruise and Cameron Diaz star in the new action comedy which is out in cinemas on Friday 6th August. We'll have exclusive audio from Tom.

THE EXPENDABLES: Hollywood hard men Sylvester Stallone, Jason Statham, Dolph Lungren and Mickey Rourke star as a team of mercenaries who head to South America on a mission to overthrow a dictator. The movie's due for UK release on the 19th August.

SALT: Angelina Jolie stars as a CIA agent who's accused of being a Russian spy. The film's released in the UK on the 20th August.

WALL STREET: MONEY NEVER SLEEPS: Michael Douglas is about to unleash Gordon Gekko on cinema-goers for a second time. He's reprising his Oscar-winning role in the upcoming Wall Street sequel. The new film's set 23 years after the original and sees Gekko trying to make amends after a lengthy prison stint. The film is released in theatres on 24th September.

V FESTIVAL: Kasabian, Kings Of Leon, Paul Weller, Stereophonics and Faithless, are among the acts headlining the double-venue festival in Hylands Park, Chelmsford and Weston park in Staffordshire on the 21st and 22nd of August.

READING & LEEDS FESTIVAL: Guns N' Roses, Arcade Fire, Blink 182, Dizzee Rascal & Queens of the Stone Age are just some of the acts who'll be taking to the stage at this year's festival on the 27th-29th August.

MERCURY PRIZE: Twelve albums have been shortlisted for the prestigious music trophy from the likes of Dizzee Rascal, Corinne Bailey Rae, Paul Weller and The XX. The winner will be announced in London on September 7th.

THAT THAT: The reunited band is releasing a new album in November, It's the first time all five members have worked together since Robbie quit 15 years ago. Their first single, set for release the same month is reportedly called the flood.

Here are just some of the stars interviewed by the Entertainment News team in recent months.

Noel Clarke
 Newton Faulkner
 Adrien Brody
 Tom Cruise
 Will.i.am
 Karen Gillan
 Steven Moffat
 Robbie Williams
 Michael Sheen
 James Corden
 Dominic Cooper
 BAFTA
 Bon Jovi
 Peter Andre
 Ringo Starr
 Ricky Gervais
 Stephen Merchant
 Sam Worthington
 Jude Law
 Paul Weller



Chris Tarrant
 Oliver Stone
 Elle Macpherson
 Sarah Jessica Parker
 Kim Cattrall
 Kristin Davis
 Cynthia Nixon
 Chris Noth
 Olivia Coleman
 Tom Hollander
 Scissor Sisters
 Alan Fletcher
 John Torode
 Russell Brand
 Gerard Butler
 Harrison Ford
 Steve Coogan
 Katie Melua
 Janet Jackson
 Matt Helders



Sandi Thom
 Simon Pegg
 Martin Shaw
 David Morrissey
 Mark Ronson
 Kimberley Walsh
 Emma Bunton
 John Barrowman
 Katie Price
 Jaden Smith
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 Jackie Chan
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 Topher Grace
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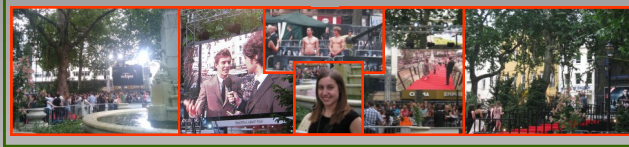
When you think of the Predator movies, you think vintage Arnold Schwarzenegger, aliens, thermal imaging etc – not Oscar-winning actor Adrien Brody. However he's the one taking on the monsters in the third film in the Predator franchise – calledPredators. The film's in cinemas now, but ahead of release Entertainment News' Kim Pidgeon popped to Paris (tough job) to speak to Adrien about the role, and why he wanted to be part of the Predator world... Adrien plays Royce in the movie (loosely based on Arnie's 'Dutch' character in the '87 original) – a mercenary forced to lead a group of elite warriors, who - like himself - have been abducted and dumped on an alien planet - as prey. And the action-packed role certainly fulfilled the adrenalin-junkie in him..."I wish I didn't have such a curiosity for speed and excitement – recently I did a movie called Wrecked – a survival story, they threw me down a glacial river, white water rapids in Canada – pretty exciting and had a high level of risk, but that's cool, it's nice to earn respect of your stunt men."

For Predators, Adrien not only transformed himself physically for the super-fit ex-military character, he also mentally prepared for the role by opting to stay, on his own, in a one-room bungalow in the middle of the Hawaiian rainforest (where the film was shot) – "I was able to immerse myself and live in the darkness with the animals."

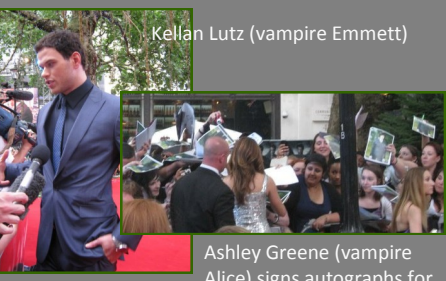
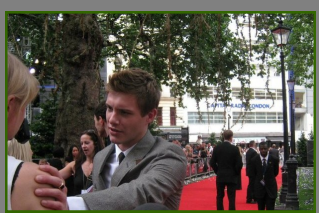
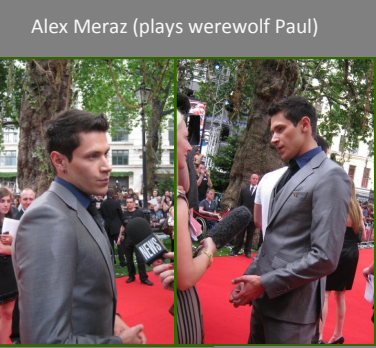
As for whether Adrien felt any pressure stepping into the Predator franchise and following in Arnie's footsteps: "I knew there would be comparisons made, and there'd be judgement on the onset, and force me to have to prove myself – that's inspirational. I like to have to have to make people see it, rather than repeat myself, I like to dispel that doubt."



Twilight fans sink their teeth in to the new movie, Eclipse by Rachel Tregenza



It seems there are simply no limits to the dedication of Twilight fans. Screaming 'Twi-hards' descended on London for the UK gala premiere of the latest movie in the hit vampire-werewolf series, Eclipse, even though the film's three main stars weren't there. Hundreds of supporters lined Leicester Square on July 1st just to catch a glimpse of the cast members, with some even camping out for days to get a good spot. London's famous square had been transformed into a magical forest for the premiere – complete with a blood-red carpet leading towards the entrance of the Odeon. There were bare-chested stuntmen leaping from tree to tree in werewolf-like acrobatic moves. There were also huge screens dotted around, so that everyone could get a good glimpse of the action. These were also used to show the video messages from leading actors Robert Pattinson, Kristen Stewart and Taylor Lautner, who couldn't be at the movie's launch – apparently work commitments prevented them from travelling over. Each video message was accompanied by ear-splittingly loud screams from fans around the square. Entertainment News got to speak to some of the supporting cast members in the movie: Ashley Greene (who plays vampire Alice), Kellan Lutz (vampire Emmett), Nikki Reed (vampire Rosalie), Alex Meraz (werewolf Paul), BooBoo Stewart (werewolf Seth) and Xavier Samuel (evil vampire Riley). The ladies were all very glamorously dressed, and the dapper-looking men sent female pulses racing! Each of them seemed overwhelmed by the response from UK fans, and delighted with the success of the franchise. While talk of the rumoured romance between R-Patz and K-Stew was off-limits, the cast were happy to talk about life on set with the leading movie stars. Xavier joked that he had to be careful not to harm Rob's beautiful face during their fight scenes, for fear of being targeted by his adoring female followers! And Alex jokingly revealed the secret to Taylor's ripped torso – he talks to his abs to give them positive reinforcement! There was also a brief discussion of the next movie in the blockbusting series, Breaking Dawn. The film's expected to hit cinemas in two parts – the first instalment being scheduled for release next year. The cast were all looking forward to getting back into their roles – be it bare-chested werewolf, or pale-faced, contact-lens-wearing vampire. And if this movie premiere is anything to go by, journalists will need to be issued with ear plugs for the launch of the final Twilight film!



BooBoo Stewart (werewolf Seth) Xavier Samuel (vampire Riley)

Nikki Reed (vampire Rosalie) Ashley Greene (vampire Alice) signs autographs for hundreds of eager fans