

# 'Black Panther', 'Stranger Things' Dominate MTV Awards



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LOS ANGELES: Film "Black Panther" and hit TV show "Stranger Things" reigned at the 2018 MTV Movie & TV Awards, winning the most film awards and dominating the television field.

The show was hosted by Tiffany Haddish, who too took home

an award herself for Best Comedic Performance in "Girls Trip", reports variety.com.

The highest honours of the night were given to actress and writer Lena Waithe, who got The Trailblazer Award, while actor Chris Pratt won The Generation

Award. "Black Panther" bagged four awards, including the Best Movie at the awards ceremony which was held on Monday night.

Actor Chadwick Boseman received two trophies - Best Hero and Best Movie Performance, while actor Michael B. Jordan

received an award for being the Best Villain. Boseman even gave his Best Hero award to real-life hero James Shaw Jr, who fought off a gunman at the Tennessee Waffle House shooting earlier this year. "Stranger Things" walked away with three awards,

including the Best Show and actress Millie Bobby Brown and actor Noah Schnapp took home trophies as well. The Best Fight Award was bagged by "Wonder Woman" where actress Gal Gadot (Wonder Woman) fought German soldiers in the film.

## Warner Bros. Cracks Down On Harry Potter Festivals Around US

PHILADELPHIA: Warner Bros. is cracking down on local Harry Potter fan festivals around the country, saying it's necessary to halt unauthorized commercial activity. Fans, however, liken the move to Dementors sucking the joy out of homegrown fun, while festival directors say they'll transfigure the events into generic celebrations of magic.

"It's almost as if Warner Bros. has been taken over by Voldemort, trying to use dark magic to destroy the light of a little town," said Sarah Jo Tucker, a 21-year-old junior at Chestnut Hill College, which hosts a Quidditch tournament that coincides with the annual suburban Philadelphia festival.

Philip Dawson, Chestnut Hill's business district director, said Warner Bros. reached out to his group in May, letting them know new guidelines prohibit festivals' use of any names, places or objects from the series. That ruled out everything from meet-and-greet with Dumbledore and Harry to Defence Against the Dark Arts classes. "It was apparent (we) weren't going to be able to hold festivals like years past," he said.

The late October festival drew about 45,000 fans last year to the historic neighbourhood's cobblestone streets. This year, they will instead have a "wands and wiz-



File photo: Costumed Harry Potter enthusiasts stop to admire a store front decorated like Gringotts, from the Harry Potter books, in Hudson, Ohio. (AP Photo/Amy Sancetta)

ards" family night and pub crawl and other magic-themed events \_ and people can still dress as their favourite characters. "We want to make the best of it," he said.

Chestnut Hill isn't the only community to receive cease-and-desist letters from the entertainment company. Festival directors around the country, including in Aurora, Illinois, and Ithaca, New York, were also told the new

guidelines would prohibit much of the Potter-themed activities, which are typically free events.

It's all about protecting the trademark.

"Warner Bros. is always pleased to learn of the enthusiasm of Harry Potter fans, but we are concerned, and do object, when fan gatherings become a vehicle for unauthorized commercial activity," the company said.

## 'Teen Mom' Star Says She Slept With Her Ex-Husband

LOS ANGELES: "Teen Mom" star Leah Messer says that she slept with her ex-husband Jeremy Calvert.

The "Teen Mom 2" star, 26, opened up to close friend Kayla on Monday night's episode of the MTV show about her current relationship with ex-husband Jeremy Calvert.

Messer told Kayla she was taken aback by an apology Calvert, 29, had made to her in last week's episode after he made comments in a past season about how he wished he never had a child with her, reports people.com.

"Jeremy also called me during the twins' birthday party. He was just letting me know that he regretted saying some things on TV that he didn't mean to say," Messer told Kayla.

"One thing that he did say (at the time) was that he wished he would never had a child with me. And then he was thanking me for being such a good mom to Addy," she added.

The two married in 2012 and separated in 2015. The share daughter Adalynn Faith, 5.

Messer added that it was "good to hear".

While it seemed like things



were heading toward a friendly road for the two exes, Kayla asked Messer if she was "for sure done with the whole Jeremy situation" or if she would ever consider reconciling with him.

"I mean, he has tried to get me to have sex with him a couple of times," Messer admitted. "And it happened once. It happened a few months ago."

"We went to his house and I had to hide walking out to the car the next morning so his mother couldn't see," she continued. "And our kid was over at his mother's house."

## Aster Was Inspired By Own Life To Make Horror Film 'Hereditary'

LOS ANGELES: Filmmaker Ari Aster took inspiration from his own experience to make horror film "Hereditary".

Aster began envisioning "Hereditary" after his own family endured a string of trials over a three-year period.

"Things had gotten so relentlessly awful that the feeling prevailed that we basically must be cursed. I'm always writing from a personal place, but I also love the genre," Aster said. He added: "I'd never want to baldly dramatise any of the suffering that I or my family had gone through, so by taking the idea of a family being cursed and then literalising that, I was able to put a lot of those feelings through a horror movie filter, where the canvas demands catharsis.

"And if you're making a film about life

being unfair, the horror genre is a very unique playground for that. It's this sort of perverse space where life's injustices are more or less celebrated and even gloried in." The film tells the harrowing story of a family tragedy that veers into the realm of the supernatural -- the Graham family starts to unravel following the death of their reclusive grandmother.

Even after she is gone, the matriarch still casts a dark shadow over the family, especially her teenage granddaughter, Charlie, whom she always had an unusual fascination with. PVR Pictures is bringing the film to India, and will release on June 22.

"Hereditary" stars Toni Collette along with Alex Wolf, Milly Shapiro, Ann Dowd and Gabriel Byrne.

## Timberlake Feels Great Being A Father To Son Silas

LOS ANGELES: Singer Justin Timberlake says his son Silas makes him feel a love that he didn't know existed.

The singer, 37, celebrated Father's Day on Sunday by sharing on Instagram some of his favourite father-son photos since welcoming his son in April 2015, reports people.com.

"The last 3 years of my life have brought more joy than I could ever imagine. Being a father is such a trip... An amazing discovery every day," Timberlake captioned a series of four pictures, including one of Silas

watching his superstar father in concert.

"My son: it is my honour to be your Daddy. You make me feel a love that I didn't know existed. I will always be there... to pick you up when you fall, to lift you up when you are ready to soar, and to remind you that your humility will be your guide through this thing called life."

Timberlake also gave a shout-out to fellow fathers, writing: "And to all the dads out there: Keep on keeping on! Our children are watching and listening more than we know! I'm celebrating you all today!"

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