

Toronto Critics' Body Hails 'Roma'

TORONTO: The Toronto Film Critics Association has handed "Roma" two of its top prizes.

The TFCA named Alfonso Cuarón's black-and-white drama, about a live-in housekeeper for a middle-class family in Mexico City, best picture.

It also deemed Cuarón best director. "Roma," which hits Netflix on Friday, has racked up a slew of accolades since emerging on the festival circuit.

It's nominated for several Golden Globes, was named best film of the year by the Los Angeles Film Critics Association, won the Golden Lion at the Venice Film Festival and topped the New York Film Critics Circle.

Other TFCA winners announced Sunday include Olivia Colman as best actress for her portrayal of Queen Anne in Yorgos Lanthimos' historical period comedy "The Favourite."

Ethan Hawke won best actor for playing a minister going through



a crisis of faith in Paul Schrader's drama "First Reformed."

The South Korean mystery-drama "Burning" won best foreign language film.

Awards for supporting roles went to Regina King for "If Beale Street Could Talk" and Steven Yeun for "Burning."

The best screenplay category saw a tie between "The Favourite" and "First Reformed."

"Won't You Be My Neighbor?" landed the RBC Allan King Documentary Award and "Isle of Dogs" was named best animated feature.

"Anthropocene: The Human Epoch," "Ava" and "Maison du bonheur" will compete for the Rogers \$100,000 Best Canadian Film Award, which will be announced at the TFCA Awards Gala on Jan. 8.

Detective Sues Netflix

NEW YORK: A retired detective has sued Netflix and the filmmakers of hit series and Emmy award winner "Making a Murderer" for defamation.

Andrew Colborn alleges the documentary series suggested he planted evidence to frame murder suspect, Steven Avery, the BBC reported.

His lawyer, Michael Griesbach, says his client has been subjected to "worldwide ridicule, contempt, and disdain" since the show's 2015 debut.

The BBC has contacted Netflix for a comment. The case was filed in Manitowoc County in Wisconsin. "He is filing this lawsuit to set the record straight and to restore his good name," Griesbach said of Colborn.

The 10-part documentary, written and directed by Laura Ricciardi and Moira Demos.

Rush Accused Of Misconduct

NEW YORK: ffrey Rush engaged in sexually inappropriate behaviour when they starred in "The Diary of a Madman" in 2010.

Speaking to The New York Times, the 33-year-old said Rush danced naked in front of her in their dressing room, used a mirror to watch her while she showered and sent her occasionally erotic texts.

Stone said she "enthusiastically and willingly" replied to the texts from her fellow Australian actor when she was 25 and he was 59.

"I was so flattered that someone like that would spend their time texting me into the very early hours of the morning," she said. "Gradually the text messages became more sexual in nature, but always encased in this very highfalutin intellectual language."

"I'm embarrassed by the way I participated," Stone said. "I certainly wouldn't engage as the person I am now in the way I did when I was 25." Stone said she was trying to manage "uncomfortable moments" without offending the star.

In a statement, Rush said the allegations "are incorrect and in some instances have been taken completely out of context."

Winslet To Romance Roman

LOS ANGELES: Stars Kate Winslet and Saoirse Ronan will play lovers in an independent historical drama "Ammonite".

The film is inspired by the life of fossil hunter Mary Anning.

Winslet, 43, and Ronan, 24, will take on the story of Anning, a fossil collector and paleontologist credited with making important discoveries in Jurassic marine fossil beds in the cliffs along the English Channel, reports people.com. The movie will be directed

by Francis Lee, who gained critical acclaim for his 2017 drama "God's Own Country" -- which is about a romance between two male farm workers.

Set at an English coastal town in the 1820, the movie will follow as Anning (Winslet) and a wealthy woman from London struggling with health issues (Ronan) develop an intense relationship that affects their lives.

The filming of the movie will start in March next year.

Claudia Keen On Bollywood

LOS ANGELES: Actress Claudia Kim says she would love to crossover and explore the world of Bollywood one day.

"I have lots of friends working in the industry. I would love to do Bollywood films... Who knows where life will take you," Kim told IANS.

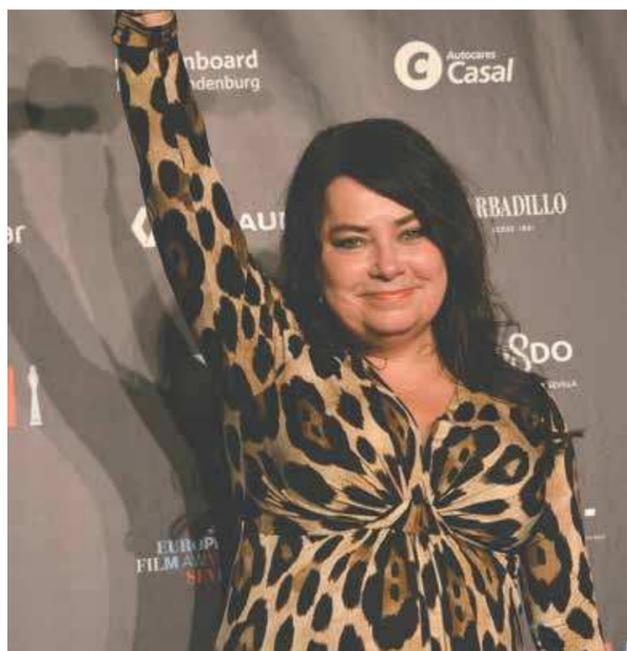
"I really feel that there are no boundaries anymore. I have friends like Zhu Zhu from China who did an Indian film ('Tubelight'). Bollywood is a huge industry that I am dreaming of. And crossover is for everybody," she added.

Kim has been part of big films like "Avengers: Age of Ultron", "The Dark Tower" and Warner Bros Pictures' project "Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindel-



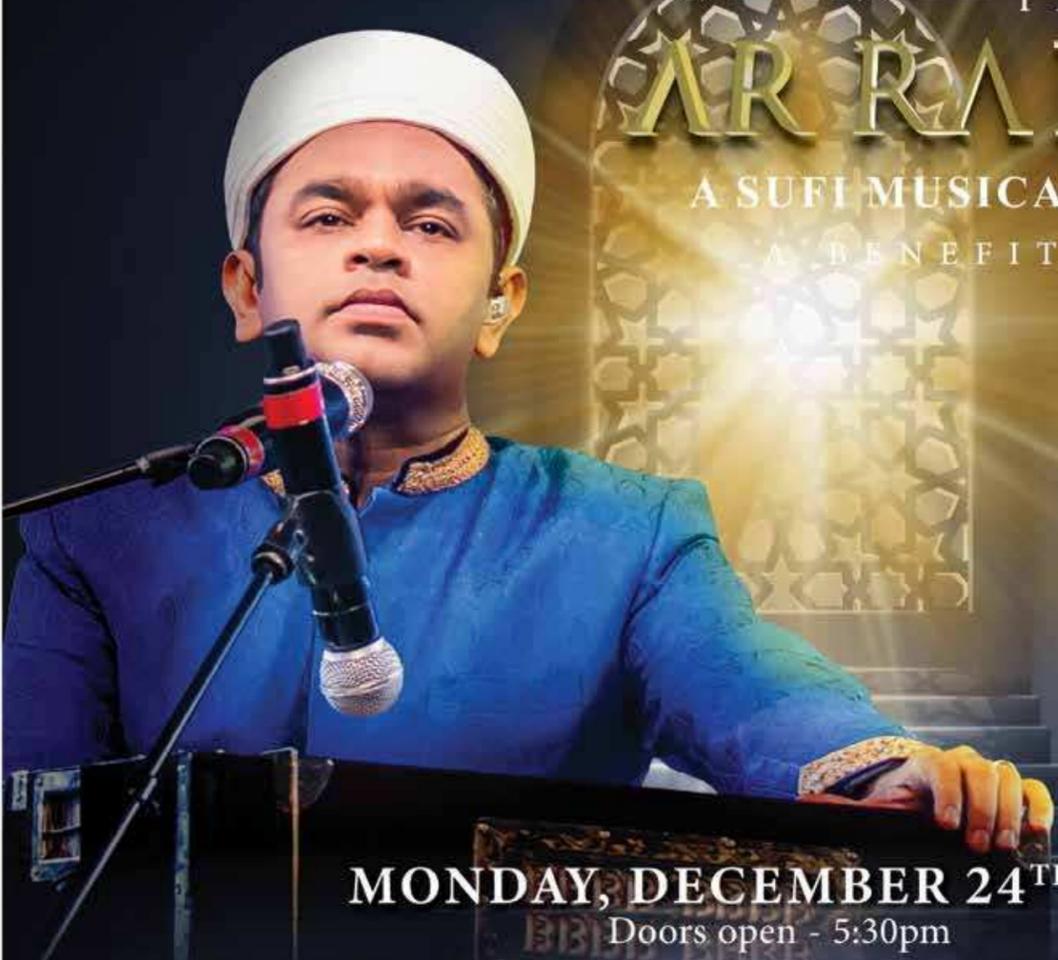
wald". The actress doesn't believe in planning her life.

"Planning is good but in life you can't plan anything. I spent three years just thinking about whether I can do this (acting) for life. And what is my life goal and plan? And I came to a conclusion that nobody can decide on that."



Jane Magnusson poses with her award during the European Film Awards in Seville, Spain, last weekend. (AP Photo/Laura Lean).

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