

CIVIL WAR ON ITS WAY



Prime Video has announced the premiere date of the action-packed war film *Civil War*. It will be available to stream from June 28. The film stars Kirsten Dunst, Cailee Spaeny, Wagner Moura, Stephen McKinley Henderson and Nick Offerman in pivotal roles.

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First look

The makers of Sonakshi Sinha-starrer *Kakuda*, have announced the release date and also shared the first-look poster. The film is set to be released on July 12.

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ANITA DEVGAN AND YOGRAJ SINGH

Life's good

Yograj Singh has reason to celebrate. His Punjabi film *Teriya Meriya Hera Pheriyan* hits the screens today and a Hollywood project is already in his kitty

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PUNJABI film *Teriya Meriya Hera Pheriyan* brings us a love story between a *baniya* boy (played by Pukhraj Bhalla) and a *jatt* girl (essayed by Aditi Aya). An ensemble cast, comprising Rana Jung Bahadar, Jaswinder Bhalla, Yograj Singh, Anita Devgan and Harby Sangha, spices it up. Ricky MK, director of the film, shares, "It has been an exhilarating experience shooting for my debut project. The diverse talent in our star cast brought the script to life in ways I couldn't have imagined. We hope that as much as we enjoyed making this film, the audience also enjoys it with

friends and family."

Comedy maestro Jaswinder Bhalla's son Pukhraj Bhalla, who plays the lead character, shares his happiness at sharing screen space with his father in another project. Bhalla says, "I have never been hard on myself or taken pressure of being stereotyped. Knowing that my father is hailed as one of the great comic actors of Punjab, it's natural for people to expect comedy from me, but it doesn't mean that I have to do it too. I am more inclined towards thriller genre."

Mincing no words

In the mood to spit fire, Yograj Singh doesn't think twice when he says Amitabh Bachchan and



PUKHRAJ BHALLA

Ammy Virk are the same! "There's no A or B category in anything, be it media channels or actors. Everybody is here to work and should be treated equally," he says. Yograj, while criticising the jealousy factor in many directors, hailed the South Indian film industry for staying humble. Apparently, the actor who did *Darbar* with Rajinikanth, says he would forever remember the latter's humble nature. "It's something that cannot be taught and

can only be acquired if one is willing. In Punjabi cinema, good films like *Maurh* and *Rode College* did not work because many directors and distributors could not see someone else climbing the stairs of success. It's worrisome and it moves me to tears sometimes." Yograj thanks the Almighty for getting everything that he has ever wished for. Soon to essay a role in a Hollywood film wherein Yograj will play an officer who had served in the

Army deployed in Afghanistan and lives in Canada, he recalls, "I wanted to work in Bollywood and it came true with films like *Bhaag Milkha Bhaag*, *Singh Is Bliing* and *Chandigarh Kare Aashiqui*. I have worked in *Darbar* with Rajinikanth sir. Now, with a Hollywood project offered to me when I was shooting for a web series, *Outlaw*, as the director liked my personality, I believe it would be the stepping stone towards my dream of winning an Oscar."

Actor Pankaj Tripathi, who is known for *Singham Returns*, *Gangs of Wasseypur*, *Masaan* and several other projects, has said actors are just puppets and do what writers or directors ask them to do.

The actor attended the trailer launch of the third season of the show *Mirzapur* at a five-star property in the Bandra area of Mumbai on Thursday, along with Ali Fazal, Shweta Tripathi Sharma, Rasika Dugal, Vijay Varma, Anjum Shharma, Priyanshu Painyuli, Harshita Shekhar Gaur and Sheeba Chadha. While the floor wasn't opened to the media for the interaction, Pankaj

'Actors are just puppets'

told the emcee, "We actors are just puppets. The writers and directors are puppeteers, they run the show and streamline the story. As actors, we do what we are told or briefed about."

The actor then made a minor correction in the statement as he looked at the media inside the Ballroom and said, "Chaliye, theek hai, upar waala

humse karwa raha hai aur hum kar rahe hain..."

Produced by Excel Media & Entertainment, and directed by Gurmeet Singh and Anand Iyer, the series is set to stream on Prime Video from July 5. — IANS



PANKAJ TRIPATHI

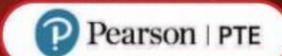
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