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**Zac Brown, Lambert,
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Awards Nominations**

It is a wide-open field for this year's CMT Music Awards as four artists have a leading three nominations each: Brothers Osborne, Miranda Lambert, Maren Morris and Zac Brown Band. Nominations for the awards, to be held June 5 in Nashville, Tennessee, were announced Tuesday. Grammy-winning act Little Big Town, which is nominated for two awards, is returning for a second year as hosts for the show airing live.

— The Associated Press

Backstage Pass

INSIGHTS ON STAGE, SCREEN AND BEYOND

**Eder to Explain
Role of Passion
In Concert,
Master Class**

By KRISTEN FIORE | Daily Sun Senior Writer

Passion benefits performance, and Linda Eder is passionate. Eder, an actress, singer and recording artist known for her interpretations of pop, standard and theatrical tunes, will perform at 7 p.m. May 21 at The Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center.

But Eder's appearance in The Villages doesn't end there. At 2 p.m. on May 22, she will teach a vocal master class at The Sharon.

Tickets for the show range from \$25 to \$70. All participant slots for the master class are full, but there are still tickets available for observers for \$25. All tickets can be purchased online at thevillagesentertainment.com or at any Villages Box Office location.

Eder, who has recorded 17 solo albums over the years, will base the show on her latest collection, "If You See Me," which is full of Broadway standards.

Eder said she hopes the show makes the audience feel something.

"That's why we listen to music," she said. "Sometimes it's an emotional relief. It's not about how high or low you sing, it's about how much emotion and experience you're giving the listener."

This very intimate connection with the audience is Eder's favorite part about performing. "When I'm singing, it's quiet, and there's this energy between me and the audience," she said. "I give them something, they give something

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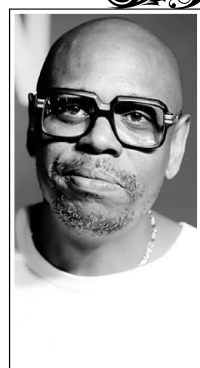
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CELEBRITY SPOTLIGHT



DAVE CHAPPELLE

The comedian has been chosen to receive this year's Mark Twain Prize for American Humor. The 45-year-old Chappelle shot to international stardom through his Comedy Central program, "Chappelle's Show."



AMY SCHUMER

Meghan Markle isn't the only one celebrating a newborn today. Comedian Amy Schumer has also given birth to her first child. Schumer and husband Chris Fischer's son was born Sunday night, according to her Instagram.



GINA RODRIGUEZ

The "Jane the Virgin" star has gotten married. The 34-year-old shared a video on Instagram of Saturday's wedding to Joe LoCicero. The couple met in 2016 when LoCicero played a stripper on the CW series. They got engaged in the summer of 2018.

LOS ANGELES

Coffee Cup in 'Game Of Thrones' Scene Perks Up Viewers

"Game of Thrones" fans got a taste of the modern world when eagle-eyed viewers spotted a takeout coffee cup on the table during a celebration in which the actors drank from goblets and horns. The characters Daenerys and Jon did not react to the out-of-place cup in Sunday's episode. Many viewers complained the show should have caught the gaffe, which turned into an enduring meme Monday.

— The Associated Press

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Disney Slates Fox Films; 'Avatar' Pushed Another Year

The long-delayed 'Avatar 2' originally was set for release in 2020, but that's been rescheduled for late 2021.

By **JAKE COYLE**
The Associated Press

NEW YORK

Now armed with the upcoming releases of 20th Century Fox, the Walt Disney Co. on Tuesday set forth a shock-and-awe release schedule spanning the next eight years, including the yet-again-postponed "Avatar" sequels, a new batch of "Star Wars" releases and Steven Spielberg's "West Side Story" adaptation.

Since Disney's \$71.3 billion acquisition of Fox was completed in March, the studio hadn't budged on the listed release dates of a number of Fox releases, even as it was increasingly apparent to the industry that high-profile upcoming films were sure to be delayed under the Disney shakeup.

But the most notable delay announced Tuesday was a familiar one: The long wait for more "Avatar" films will go on a little longer.

James Cameron's long-delayed "Avatar 2" will now open in theaters on Dec. 17, 2021, instead of its most recent date of Dec. 18, 2020 — which itself followed numerous already scrapped release dates.

The subsequent "Avatar" sequels have moved to 2023, 2025 and 2027, respectively.

Cameron's original "Avatar" came out in 2009. Disney's "Avengers: Endgame" currently is approaching the film's \$2.8 billion box-office record with \$2.2 billion in worldwide ticket sales after less than two weeks of release. Disney previously dated eight Marvel movies over the next 3 1/2 years, though it is yet to map out its post-"Endgame" cinematic universe.

Disney also dated three untitled "Star Wars" films to

arrive in theaters in 2022, 2024 and 2026.

The company has not revealed details of those projects. "Star Wars: The Last Jedi" director Rian Johnson is developing a new trilogy for the space saga.

That means that Disney, which this December will release "Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker," is set to rule the next nine Christmas box office seasons with either an "Avatar" or a "Star Wars" movie, except for one.

For the lone exception, December 2020, the company

has dated Steven Spielberg's "West Side Story" (Dec. 18) and "Cruella" (Dec. 23), a Cruella De Vil origin story starring Emma Stone.

As expected, a number of upcoming Fox films were delayed. James Grey's science-fiction tale "Ad Astra," with Brad Pitt, has been pushed from May 24 to Sept. 20. "The New Mutants," an "X-Men" movie, was pushed from this summer to April next year.

The "X-Men" spinoff "Gambit" has been removed entirely. The YA adaptation

"Artemis Fowl" moved from this August to next May.

Disney already is poised for a summer string of blockbusters including "Aladdin," "Toy Story 4" and "The Lion King."

"With a strong summer already in place, we are eager to carry that momentum forward over the coming years thanks to a creative wellspring of bold and imaginative stories coming from our world-class studios," Cathleen Taff, head of distribution for Disney, said in a statement.

back to me and then I return it. To me it's tangible. I can read an audience because of that."

It's a really special feeling, Eder said.

"I'm one person and the audience becomes a unit," she said. "It's like two beings are talking to each other and that's a really cool feeling."

After years of being asked to teach voice lessons, Eder is finally doing it — and enjoying it.

"[At my first lesson] I was scared to death," Eder said. "But the minute the first person got up and sang, I relaxed because I knew what I'd tell them. It's like that every time."

Eder said that innately, she knows what to do and say to help people be better performers.

"I have a way of teaching that is very hands-on, and I think that helps me explain [singing] in a way that is understandable," Eder said.

When it comes to voice lessons, Eder's motto is that not everybody will be a great singer, but everyone can sing better.

"The No. 1 thing is to come away thinking about the way they're singing and producing words. There really aren't any rules, it's about whatever will be the most natural."

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