



AKSHAY KUMAR'S FIGHTS IN BROTHERS ARE THE REAL THING

Don't wince. But that punch in the face and that blood squirting in the boxing scenes of Akshay Kumar's forthcoming film *Brothers* is all so real the faint-hearted may not be able to take it in their stride. Akshay wanted to take the action to the next level in *Brothers*. None of the boxing scenes in the film are faked. Akshay insisted on real punches. He wanted *Brothers* to be the first authentic boxing film of India. *Brothers*

is an upcoming Indian action-drama film, directed by Karan Malhotra and produced by Dharma Productions, Lionsgate Films and Endemol India. The film is an official remake of the 2011 Hollywood film *Warrior*. Starring Akshay Kumar, Sidharth Malhotra and Jacqueline Fernandez in lead roles, while Jackie Shroff will play a supporting role. The film is scheduled for release on 14 August 2015

MOVIE ROLE INSPIRES KATE WINSLET TO TAKE UP GARDENING

Actress Kate Winslet says she has destroyed her hands and fingers perfecting her gardening skills after portraying French landscape artist Sabine De Barra in her latest movie "A Little Chaos". The 39-year-old "Titanic" star had always dreamed of becoming a gardener before taking on the role in Alan Rickman's directorial debut, reported Contactmusic. "I'm proud to say that every single night during filming I would go home and have to dig out mud because it just had to live in Sabine. "I don't have any gardening talents, truth be told. I'm just not very good at it, but I love gardens and I'd love to be a gardener." she said.

UNIVERSAL PICKS UP VIN DIESEL'S 'KOJAK' REBOOT

As busy as Diesel's schedule is getting, that hasn't stopped him from adding a new project to his crowded slate – an adaptation of the 1970s TV show *Kojak*. According to *Variety*, Universal has given the *Kojak* feature film the go-ahead. In it, Diesel is set to take on the role of Lieutenant Theo Kojak, made famous by Telly Savalas in the original series. Playwright Philip Gawthorne will write the adaptation. Running for five seasons on CBS, *Kojak* featured Savalas as a New York City Police Department detective named *Kojak*. Previously, Diesel

expressed his interest in having *Life of Pi* director Ang Lee helm the movie, which is actually the last we heard about the project. Diesel's Universal-based One Race Films is producing, with Neal Purvis and Robert Wade, the writing team behind *Skyfall*, having written a previous draft of the script in 2012. *Kojak* seems like the perfect type of film for Diesel to take on at this point in his career. It's considerably smaller than some of his other recent projects, but it also could be an intense cop drama featuring a central character who is both incorruptible and willing to do whatever it takes to seek out justice (plus, he's bald!)

