



'Black Panther' Shatters Records

While superhero films have always made their mark in the global box office, Marvel's newest film *Black Panther* has seemingly reached new heights. Making \$192 million in the opening weekend and an estimated amount of over \$380 million at the time of

this writing, *Black Panther* has become the most successful film to be made by a black director which also showcases a largely black cast. The opening revenue alone marks it as the second-highest opener for a Marvel film and the fifth-highest opening

weekend revenue overall. Such impressive records made by a movie about the African culture situated in a fictional African nation certainly breaks any racial stereotypes previously held by international viewers, and bodes a positive message as far as the

global box office is considered. Such records also show that superhero films are here to stay, and will be ruling the international charts in the near future as well.

Source: New York Times

Fergie bashed for "Worst Rendition Ever" of the US National Anthem



During the 2018 NBA All-Star Game held last Sunday, Fergie received harsh criticism from listeners in both US and abroad for her personal spin to the US National Anthem, *The Star-Spangled Banner*. Social media exploded in rage upon hearing Fergie attempting a "sexy touch" to the beloved anthem, a move that no one seemed to have appreciated. This lead many to wonder how a 8-time Grammy Award winner could disregard her own country's national anthem to the point of butchering its meaning and value, which was not at all expected from Fergie. Viewers called it the "worst rendition ever", which may be spelling doom for the career of this 42-year old singer.

Source: Internet



'Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri' Rocks the 71st BAFTA!

Held last Sunday, 18 February, at London's Royal Albert Hall, the 71st annual British Academy Film Awards (BAFTA) awarded promising and noteworthy films, documentaries and media personalities who made a name for themselves in 2017. While *The Shape of Water* made splashes by having a whopping 12 nominations in different categories, it was the drama film *Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri* that received the most spotlight, with nine nominations and five award wins in a number of categories. Directed by the British-Irish director Martin McDonagh, the

film was given the "Best Film", "Best Original Screenplay" and "Outstanding British Film" awards. Frances McDormand won the "Best Actress in a Leading Role" and Sam Rockwell won the "Best Actor in a Supporting Role" awards for this film as well. *Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri* received considerable praise from fans and critics alike since its release, and it has received multiple awards in Golden Globes this year as well. Is this a sign of things to come in Oscars? Only time will tell.

Source: Internet