

GRAPE VINE

Brendan Fraser's sex allegations!

Brendan Fraser, the Canadian-American actor well-known for starring in *George of the Jungle* (1997), *Journey to the Center of the Earth* (2008) and *The Mummy* trilogy (1999, 2001 & 2008), has recently stated in an interview that he was a victim of sexual assault. He has pinpointed Philip Berk, former president of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association (HFPA), to have "inappropriately groped" him in public and apparently humiliating him in secrecy. The HFPA, the host for the Golden Globes, comprises of esteemed journalists, photographers and critics who strongly stand against sexual misconduct, especially in Hollywood. Regarding Fraser's claims, the HFPA has stated that they have begun an investigation into the matter, the results of which are still unconfirmed. If the claims do turn out to be true, we could be seeing the Golden Globes themselves being painted in a new light!



Source: New Musical Express



FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

CHRIS MARTIN

"Lights will guide you home..."

In the list of successful international rock bands, Coldplay undoubtedly stands among the top. Aside from winning 7 Grammy Awards, 9 Brit Awards, 6 Billboard Music Awards and multiple nominations in several music award categories, Chris Martin along with his band has made songs like *Yellow*, *Fix You*, *Viva la Vida*, *Paradise* and *Clocks* some of the most

recognized tracks worldwide.

The co-founder and lead-singer of this famous British band also happens to be a philanthropist, being known for holding concerts for disaster relief charity and contributing to social movements aiming to end poverty. Chris Martin reached the age of 41 yesterday. Star Showbiz wishes Mr. Coldplay a belated birthday and many more successful years to come!

Controversial 'Touch Me Not' Snags the Golden Bear!

In an achievement that has come as a surprise to many, the Romanian drama film *Touch Me Not* has won the prestigious Golden Bear award at the 68th Berlin International Film Festival. Held from 15 to 25 February, 2018, the 68th iteration of the revered award ceremony was as glamorous as ever, pushing experimental cinema and international films to newer heights. However, by *Touch Me Not*, a movie about a woman researching the concept of sexuality, winning the best prize of the event was a move not everyone seemed to have appreciated. An article in *The Guardian* deemed *Touch Me Not*

to possess "a fatuous and shallow approach to its ostensible theme of intimacy", which apparently is "a calamity to the prestige of the festival". However, other sources have praised the experimental approach in which the director Adina Pintilie brought out the different perspectives in how beauty can be seen. All in all, the Jury agreed on *Touch Me Not*, controversial or not, to be deserving of the Golden Bear, so in the end, did the achievement alone define the film's success? Only time will tell!

Source: Internet

