

Conan O'Brien: Oscars to Respect Wildfire Impact

Description

PARK CITY, Utah (AP) — Conan O'Brien, the host of this year's Oscars, has conveyed that he remains unable to return to his residence due to the catastrophic wildfires that swept through Los Angeles. He emphasized that the show's organizers are committed to being mindful of the hardships faced by the local community.

"Everyone I know has been touched by these events," O'Brien remarked in an interview with The Associated Press on Friday. "Currently, I am displaced from my home. Thankfully, while the flames drew perilously close, my house endured. However, it will be a considerable time before I can return. I count myself fortunate; I am acutely aware of many who have tragically lost everything. It is essential that the show embodies the current climate and highlights the right individuals appropriately."

Devastating wildfires ravaged the Pacific Palisades and Altadena neighborhoods this month, leaving thousands of residents without homes. Many whose properties survived are still unable to return due to lingering smoke damage or other hazardous conditions.

Selected to host the 97th Academy Awards, scheduled for March 2 in Los Angeles, O'Brien noted the fires had necessitated two delays in the announcement of the Academy's nominations, which were finally revealed on Thursday, with "Emilia Pérez" leading the nominations.

The tumultuous events have disrupted Hollywood's awards season, transforming it into a campaign for recovery. While some have suggested the Oscars ought to be canceled, organizers maintain their intention to reconfigure the event to "unite us as a global film community and honor those who valiantly battled the wildfires."

"We desire to be attuned to the current moment and the realities that have unfolded," O'Brien stated on Friday. "This weighs heavily on our minds, and we are engaging in extensive discussions about it."

With just five weeks until the Oscars, he underscored the necessity of processing these experiences in order to deliver the most impactful show possible on March 2, stating, "We not only aim for a great show, but one that resonates with the collective sentiment of that day." O'Brien shared his thoughts at the premiere of his latest film, "If I Had Legs I'd Kick You," alongside co-star Rose Byrne.

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Vocabulary List:

1. **Catastrophic** /ˌkæt.əˈstrɒf.ɪk/ (adjective): Involving or causing sudden great damage or suffering.
2. **Displaced** /dɪsˈpleɪst/ (adjective): Forced to leave one's home or normal place of residence.
3. **Devastating** /ˈdɛv.ə.steɪ.tɪŋ/ (adjective): Causing severe and overwhelming shock or grief.
4. **Hazardous** /ˈhæz.ər.dəs/ (adjective): Risky; involving danger or harm.
5. **Unite** /juːˈnaɪt/ (verb): To come together for a common purpose or action.
6. **Resonate** /ˈrɛzəneɪt/ (verb): To evoke or suggest images or emotions.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. Who is the host of this year's Oscars?
Option: Conan O'Brien
Option: Emilia Pérez
Option: Rose Byrne
Option: Noah Centineo
2. Which neighborhoods were ravaged by devastating wildfires?
Option: Pacific Palisades and Altadena
Option: Beverly Hills and Malibu
Option: Santa Monica and Hollywood
Option: Venice Beach and Long Beach
3. When is the 97th Academy Awards scheduled?
Option: March 2
Option: April 15
Option: May 10
Option: June 5



4. What is the title of Conan O'Brien's latest film?

- Option: If I Had Legs I'd Kick You
- Option: The Great Escape
- Option: Lost in Paradise
- Option: Into the Wild

5. Who led the nominations for the Academy Awards?

- Option: Emilia Pérez
- Option: Conan O'Brien
- Option: Rose Byrne
- Option: Noah Centineo

6. What event did the wildfires transform Hollywood's awards season into?

- Option: A campaign for recovery
- Option: An international film festival
- Option: A celebrity galore
- Option: A music awards show

True-False

- 7. Conan O'Brien can currently return to his residence due to the wildfires.
- 8. The Oscars are scheduled to take place on February 14.
- 9. Conan O'Brien remarked that only a few people he knows have been affected by the wildfires.
- 10. The Academy Awards nominations were delayed only once due to the fires.
- 11. Conan O'Brien emphasized the need for the Oscars to be canceled.
- 12. The organizers intend to honor those who battled the wildfires at the Oscars.

Gap-Fill

16. Conan O'Brien shared his thoughts at the premiere of his latest film, "If I Had Legs I'd Kick You," alongside co-star _____.



Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Conan O'Brien 2. Pacific Palisades and Altadena 3. March 2 4. If I Had Legs I'd Kick You
5. Emilia Pérez 6. A campaign for recovery

True-False: 7. False 8. False 9. False 10. False 11. False 12. True

Gap-Fill: 16. Rose Byrne

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. Which word means widely known and esteemed?

- Option: Allegedly
- Option: Renowned
- Option: Hazardous
- Option: Fabricating

2. What term refers to a licensing agreement or contractual relationship?

- Option: Triumphed
- Option: Franchise
- Option: Devastating
- Option: Resilient

3. Which word means a formal written or spoken statement?

- Option: Unite
- Option: Testimony
- Option: Authenticity
- Option: Defamation

4. What term describes someone who provokes or stirs debate?

- Option: Egregious
- Option: Provocateur
- Option: Intricacies
- Option: Allegations

5. Which word means evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret?



- Option: Deterioration
- Option: Poignant
- Option: Displaced
- Option: Collectively

6. Which word means able to withstand or recover from difficult conditions?

- Option: Renowned
- Option: Resilient
- Option: Allegedly
- Option: Catastrophic

7. Which term indicates being removed from its usual place or position?

- Option: Intricacies
- Option: Collectively
- Option: Displaced
- Option: Authenticity

8. Which word means involving risk or danger?

- Option: Hazardous
- Option: Defamation
- Option: Fabricating
- Option: Resonate

9. What term means to come or bring together for a common purpose or action?

- Option: Allegations
- Option: Scars
- Option: Unite
- Option: Veracity

10. Which term means inventing or concocting something typically with deceitful intent?

- Option: Resonate
- Option: Fabricating
- Option: Allegedly
- Option: Defamation

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. The group worked _____ to achieve their goal.

12. The company denied all _____ made against its CEO.



13. His behavior was so _____ that it resulted in immediate termination.
14. The journalist was praised for the _____ of her reporting.
15. The next _____ of the TV series will air next week.
16. The museum curator confirmed the _____ of the ancient artifact.
17. The hurricane had a _____ impact on the coastal town.
18. The artist is _____ for her unique style and creativity.
19. Understanding the _____ of the legal system can be challenging.
20. Her words seemed to _____ with all those who heard them.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The underdog team unexpectedly achieved victory in the championship.
22. The earthquake led to a loss of life and property.
23. The heated argument between the two colleagues led to a tense .
24. The war veteran bore physical and emotional from combat.
25. The neglected building showed signs of severe over the years.
26. The farewell speech was filled with moments for everyone present.
27. The false and harmful statements about the celebrity led to a lawsuit for .
28. The suspect committed the crime but claims innocence.
29. The lab results confirmed the of the ancient manuscript.
30. His behavior at the meeting shocked all attendees.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Renowned 2. Franchise 3. Testimony 4. Provocateur 5. Poignant 6. Resilient 7. Displaced 8. Hazardous



9. Unite 10. Fabricating

Gap-Fill: 11. Collectively 12. Allegations 13. Egregious 14. Veracity 15. Instalment 16. Authenticity
17. Devastating 18. Renowned 19. Intricacies 20. Resonate

Matching sentence: 1. Triumphed 2. Catastrophic 3. Confrontation 4. Scars 5. Deterioration 6. Emotional
7. Defamation 8. Allegedly 9. Authenticity 10. Egregious

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