



Emilia Pérez Reigns in Film, Shogun Shines in TV Rankings

Description

Netflix's Spanish-language musical *Emilia Pérez* has made a remarkable achievement by joining the ranks of a select few non-English-language films that have featured in the American Film Institute's (AFI) annual top 10 films list since 2001. This prestigious list also includes the Spanish-language *Maria Full of Grace* from 2004 and the French-language *The Diving Bell and the Butterfly* from 2007.

According to AFI's eligibility criteria, stories may be considered regardless of the language they are presented in, as long as they are "incontrovertibly American," involving "significant creative and/or production elements from the United States." In this instance, it likely refers to American-born actresses **Zoe Saldaña** and **Selena Gomez**.

In previous years, partially non-English titles have also made the cut, including *Letters from Iwo Jima* (2006), *The Farewell* (2019), *Minari* (2020), and *Past Lives* (2023). Fully non-English films have received special recognition, such as *The Artist* (2011), *Roma* (2018), and *Parasite* (2019).

Other films that have joined *Emilia Pérez* on this year's top 10 list include Universal's *Wicked* and *Conclave*, A24's *The Brutalist* and *Sing Sing*, along with several others.

Notably absent from the list are *Gladiator II* and *Inside Out 2*, among others. Furthermore, a special award will be given to Netflix's *Baby Reindeer*, a British production.

"The AFI Awards is never about competition, but rather about community," stated AFI president and CEO **Bob Gazzale**. The AFI Awards luncheon is scheduled for January 10, 2025, at the Four Seasons in Beverly Hills.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Prestigious** /prɛ'stɪdʒ.əs/ (adjective): Having high status and respect in society; distinguished.
2. **Achievement** /ə'tʃi:v.mənt/ (noun): A thing that has been done successfully typically by effort courage or skill.
3. **Eligibility** /,ɛlɪdʒɪ'bɪlɪti/ (noun): The state of having the right to do or obtain something through satisfaction of the proper conditions.
4. **Significant** /sɪg'nɪfɪkənt/ (adjective): Sufficiently great or important to be worthy of attention; noteworthy.
5. **Recognition** /,rɛkəg'nɪʃən/ (noun): The action or process of recognizing or being recognized in particular.
6. **Community** /kə'mju:nɪti/ (noun): A group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common.



Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. Which Spanish-language musical made it to the American Film Institute's annual top 10 films list since 2001?

- Option: Emilia Pérez
- Option: Maria Full of Grace
- Option: The Diving Bell and the Butterfly
- Option: The Artist

2. Which language films have received special recognition in the AFI's top 10 list?

- Option: Spanish and French
- Option: French and Italian
- Option: English and Spanish
- Option: Korean and Italian

3. Which American-born actresses are mentioned in relation to the AFI Awards eligibility criteria?

- Option: Zoe Saldaña and Selena Gomez
- Option: Jennifer Lopez and Penelope Cruz
- Option: Emma Stone and Natalie Portman
- Option: Scarlett Johansson and Reese Witherspoon

4. Which production received a special award from AFI?

- Option: The Brutalist
- Option: Baby Reindeer
- Option: Sing Sing
- Option: Conclave

5. When is the AFI Awards luncheon scheduled for?

- Option: January 10, 2025
- Option: December 25, 2024
- Option: February 15, 2025
- Option: November 30, 2024

6. Which film is notably absent from this year's top 10 list according to the provided text?



- Option: Gladiator II
- Option: The Artist
- Option: Parasite
- Option: The Farewell

True-False

7. Films on the AFI top 10 list must have significant creative and production elements from the United States.
8. Netflix's Baby Reindeer is a British production that received a special award from AFI.
9. The AFI Awards luncheon will take place at the Four Seasons in Beverly Hills on February 12, 2025.
10. Emilia Pérez is the only non-English-language film to make it to AFI's top 10 list.
11. Bob Gazzale is the current CEO of AFI.
12. Wicked and Conclave are American production films on AFI's top 10 list.
15. According to AFI's eligibility criteria, stories may be considered regardless of the language they are presented in, as long as they are "incontrovertibly American," involving "significant creative and/or production elements from the United States."

Gap-Fill

17. The AFI Awards luncheon is planned for January _____, 2025, at the Four Seasons in Beverly Hills.
18. In the text, it mentions that the list is notably absent from _____.

Answer

- Multiple Choice:** 1. Emilia Pérez 2. Spanish and French 3. Zoe Saldaña and Selena Gomez 4. Baby Reindeer 5. January 10, 2025 6. Gladiator II
- True-False:** 7. True 8. True 9. False 10. False 11. True 12. False 15. False
- Gap-Fill:** 17. 10 18. Gladiator II and Inside Out 2



Answer

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