



# 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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