



Initial Responses to 'Civil War' Following Its Premiere at SXSW Festival

Description

The South by Southwest Film and TV Festival showcased the intriguing action drama, *Civil War*, produced by A24. The screening took place to a full house at Austin's Paramount Theater. The film is notably a tribute to war journalism, steering clear from the political aspects leading to the primary conflict. It also gives an engaging idea about the possibilities of a modern day civil war.

Notably directed by the renowned Alex Garland, the mind behind "Ex-Machina", the film imagines a dystopian near-future where the country is torn by a long-standing authoritarian president, interpreted by Nick Offerman. The narrative follows Kirsten Dunst's character, a journalist navigating through a hostile and fragmented America. The initial responses from the audience were quite favorable, with much praise towards the film's concept and execution.

The film has triggered much interest due to its timing, in the thick of a heated election year where current President Joe Biden has expressed his concerns about democracy being under threat. With many Americans apparently believing in the rather chilling possibility of a new civil war in the foreseeable future, the film's concept appears to have struck a chord.

Garland revealed he wrote the film four years ago and commended A24 for their courage to back such a project. The film, devoid of specifics on how America lands in such a state of turmoil, aims to stir conversation rather than making assertions, as the director stated. The intention, it seems, is to engage the audience and provide room for interpretation.

Civil War, also featuring Wagner Moura, Cailee Spaeny, Stephen McKinley Henderson, and Sonoya Mizuno, saw a star-studded premiere in Austin. Much of the cast was watching the film for the first time. Kirsten Dunst expressed her admiration for the unique script. The film is set to hit theatres and IMAX on April 12. Watch its riveting trailer below.

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Vocabulary List:

1. **Intriguing** // (adjective): Arousing curiosity or interest fascinating.
2. **Steering clear** // (idiom): To avoid something keep away from.
3. **Fragmented** // (adjective): Broken into small or disconnected parts.
4. **Chilling** // (adjective): Causing fear or unease alarming.
5. **Devoid** // (adjective): Completely lacking empty or absent.
6. **Premiere** // (noun): The first public performance or showing of a filmplayor other form of entertainment.

Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. What is a synonym for "celebration"?
Option: Revelry
Option: Apology
Option: Gloom
Option: Conflict
2. Which word means "luxurious and lavish"?
Option: Sparse
Option: Innocuous
Option: Austere
Option: Opulent
3. What word means "a great victory or success"?



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- Option: Setback
Option: Defeat
Option: Tragic
Option: Triumph
4. Which word describes something that is frightening or causing dread?
Option: Gripping
Option: Amusing
Option: Chilling
Option: Whimsical
5. What is the opposite of "famous"?
Option: Renowned
Option: Unknown
Option: Infamous
Option: Eminent
6. What word means "widely acclaimed and famous"?
Option: Obscure
Option: Unremarkable
Option: Renowned
Option: Intriguing
7. Which term describes a playful trick or prank?
Option: Serious business
Option: Legitimate offer
Option: Practical joke
Option: Professional skill
8. What does "fabrication" mean?
Option: Creation
Option: Destruction
Option: Relocation
Option: Fabrication
9. What is a pair or twosome known as?
Option: Singular
Option: Solo
Option: Double
Option: Duo
10. What term refers to a costume party where guests wear masks?
Option: Revelry



- Option: Masquerade
- Option: Exhibition
- Option: Discourse

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

11. Showing off and _____ one's possessions is considered rude in many cultures.
12. The signing of the peace treaty was a _____ occasion for the war-torn nation.
13. The veteran actor had a long and _____ career in the film industry.
14. Scientific discoveries are often met with initial _____ until further evidence is presented.
15. After the negative experience she decided to _____ of toxic relationships.
16. Her _____ fear of spiders dated back to a childhood incident.
17. Despite facing many challenges the team focused on _____ each obstacle.
18. The project experienced some _____ along the way but eventually it was completed successfully.
19. The model's flawless image on the magazine cover was clearly _____ to perfection.
20. In linguistics the rise and fall in pitch while speaking is known as _____ .

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

21. The billionaire's lifestyle included private jets and luxury yachts.
22. She preferred an outfit for the party opting for elegance over flamboyance.
23. The doctor was aware of the patient's worsening condition.
24. After the earthquake the town's infrastructure was with roads and buildings in disarray.
25. The coroner conducted a detailed to determine the cause of death.



26. The CEO the company's vision for growth in the upcoming year.
27. In order to avoid conflict he focused on of controversial topics during the discussion.
28. The highly anticipated movie was attended by Hollywood stars and critics alike.
29. The barren landscape was of any vegetation due to the harsh climate.
30. The annual ball was a grand where attendees wore elaborate masks and costumes.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Revelry 2. Opulent 3. Triumph 4. Chilling 5. Renowned 6. Renowned 7. Practical joke 8. Creation 9. Duo 10. Masquerade

Gap-Fill: 11. flaunting 12. momentous 13. chequered 14. scepticism 15. steer clear 16. deep-seated 17. surmounting 18. hiccups 19. photoshopped 20. inflection

Matching sentence: 1. extravagant 2. understated 3. acutely 4. fragmented 5. autopsy 6. articulated 7. steering clear 8. premiere 9. devoid 10. masquerade

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