



Karla Sofía Gascón Defends Oscar Bid: 'I Committed No Crime'

Description

CNN

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Oscar nominee Karla Sofía Gascón, esteemed for her performance in “Emilia Pérez,” resolutely remains a contender for the best actress accolade, notwithstanding the tempest of outrage surrounding her contentious [social media expressions](#).

During an interview with CNN’s Juan Carlos Arciniegas, Gascón—who recently etched her name in history as the first openly transgender actress nominated for an Oscar—extended her “most sincere apologies to all individuals who may have felt offended.”

“I cannot withdraw from an Oscar nomination as I have committed no crime nor inflicted harm upon anyone. I am neither a racist nor any of the abhorrent labels that detractors have sought to impose,” Gascón articulated to CNN.

The discord emerged following journalist Sarah Hagi’s disclosure of Gascón’s prior social media comments, wherein she expressed her discontent regarding Muslim culture, the tragic death of George Floyd, and the trajectory of the Oscars.

Following the uproar, Gascón deactivated her account on X and issued an apology: “I wish to address the dialogue surrounding my past social media contributions that have inadvertently caused harm,” she stated in a message disseminated via CNN.

“As an individual belonging to a marginalized community, I am acutely aware of such suffering and profoundly regret any pain I have inadvertently caused. My lifetime has been dedicated to advocating for a more equitable world, and I firmly believe that light ultimately triumphs over darkness.”

In one of the disputable posts, initially composed in Spanish, Gascón commented on the circumstances surrounding Floyd’s demise in 2020 during a police encounter in Minneapolis, reflecting, “I truly believe that very few actually cared about George Floyd, a fraudulent drug addict,” among other things.

The actress also expressed disparagement towards the 2021 Oscars ceremony, conducted amidst the Covid-19 pandemic, stating, “The #Oscars increasingly resemble an independent and vindictive film awards event; I was unsure whether I was witnessing an Afro-Korean festival, a Black Lives Matter demonstration, or a commemoration for March 8th.”

In her CNN interview, Gascón professed to not “recognize” several resurfaced posts.

“I have been judged, condemned, sacrificed, crucified, and vilified without a semblance of trial or opportunity for self-defense,” Gascón lamented.



She further dismissed authorship of a now-deleted 2022 tweet that sought to denigrate her co-star Selena Gomez, asserting, "It is not mine; I have never uttered any derogatory remarks about my colleague, nor would I ever refer to her in such a manner."

Gascón is [nominated for an Oscar](#) for her portrayal in "Emilia Pérez," a Netflix musical and crime drama recounting the narrative of a Mexican drug trafficker aspiring for gender reassignment surgery, a subject that has sparked considerable debate, particularly within Mexico.

Jacques Audiard, the acclaimed French director of "Emilia Pérez," [defended](#) the film during an interview with CNN en Español in January, asserting, "If aspects of 'Emilia' seem scandalous to Mexicans, I express my sincerest apologies."

Vocabulary List:

1. **Contender** /kən'tendər/ (noun): A person or group competing with others in a contest or competition.
2. **Outrage** /'aʊt.reɪdʒ/ (noun): An extremely strong reaction of anger or shock.
3. **Discord** /dɪs'kɔrd/ (noun): Disagreement or conflict; a lack of harmony.
4. **Disparagement** /dɪs'pærɪdʒmənt/ (noun): The action of speaking about someone or something in a way that shows strong disapproval and lack of respect.
5. **Marginalized** /'mɑrdʒɪnəlaɪzd/ (adjective): Relating to a group of people that is considered to be less important or less powerful than others.
6. **Advocating** /'ædvəkeɪtɪŋ/ (verb): Publicly recommending or supporting a particular cause or policy.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What is Karla Sofía Gascón nominated for?

- Option: Best Director
- Option: Best Actress
- Option: Best Supporting Actress
- Option: Best Original Screenplay

2. For which role is Karla Sofía Gascón esteemed?

- Option: Maria in "Emilia Pérez"
- Option: Emilia Pérez in "Maria"



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- Option: Julia in "The Oscar"
Option: Sarah in "The Contender"

3. What did Karla Sofía Gascón express her apologies for?

- Option: Racist remarks
Option: Comments on social media
Option: Disparagement towards an award show
Option: Disrespect towards her co-star

4. Which event did Karla Sofía Gascón criticize for resembling an independent and vindictive film awards event?

- Option: Sundance Film Festival
Option: Cannes Film Festival
Option: The Oscars
Option: Golden Globe Awards

5. What subject is the film "Emilia Pérez" about?

- Option: A detective solving a murder case
Option: A drug trafficker aspiring for gender reassignment surgery
Option: A political scandal in Mexico
Option: A historical drama about Mexican revolutionaries

6. Who defended the film "Emilia Pérez" in an interview with CNN?

- Option: Martin Scorsese
Option: Alfonso Cuarón
Option: Guillermo del Toro
Option: Jacques Audiard

True-False

7. Karla Sofía Gascón is the first openly transgender actress nominated for an Oscar.
8. Karla Sofía Gascón deactivated her social media accounts following the uproar.
9. Karla Sofía Gascón expressed regret for the pain she inadvertently caused.
10. Karla Sofía Gascón stated that she has committed a crime.



11. Karla Sofía Gascón praised the 2021 Oscars ceremony for its inclusivity.

12. Karla Sofía Gascón nominated herself for an Oscar.

Gap-Fill

13. Karla Sofía Gascón was nominated for an Oscar for her portrayal in “Emilia Pérez,” a Netflix musical and crime drama recounting the narrative of a Mexican drug trafficker aspiring for gender reassignment surgery in _____.

14. Jacques Audiard defended the film “Emilia Pérez” during an interview with CNN en Español in _____.

15. Karla Sofía Gascón extended her apologies for her social media comments to all individuals who may have felt offended during an interview with _____.

16. In a now-deleted 2022 tweet, Karla Sofía Gascón denied authorship of derogatory remarks directed at her co-star _____.

17. Karla Sofía Gascón expressed her disdain towards the 2021 Oscars ceremony, comparing it to an independent and vindictive film awards event, uncertain if she was witnessing an Afro-Korean festival, a Black Lives Matter demonstration, or a commemoration for _____.

18. Following journalist Sarah Hagi’s disclosure of Karla Sofía Gascón’s prior social media comments, the discord emerged regarding her discontent with Muslim culture, the tragic death of George Floyd, and the trajectory of the _____.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Best Actress 2. Maria in "Emilia Pérez" 3. Comments on social media 4. The Oscars 5. A drug trafficker aspiring for gender reassignment surgery 6. Jacques Audiard

True-False: 7. True



8. True 9. True 10. False 11. False 12. False

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Answer

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