



Kim Novak Opposes Sydney Sweeney Casting Decision

Description

Veteran actress Kim Novak has expressed her doubts about Sydney Sweeney playing her in a new biographical film. In an interview with The Sunday Times, Novak, who is 93, shared her concerns about the casting of Sweeney.

Novak described Sweeney as “sexy all the time” and criticized her for not looking like the younger version of herself. She claimed that Sweeney is “totally wrong” for the role and would not have approved the casting. Novak is worried about how her relationship with entertainer Sammy Davis Jr. will be portrayed in the film.

Sweeney has gained attention for her varied roles in shows like HBO’s Euphoria and is set to star in the movie titled Scandalous, which explores her romantic relationship with Davis Jr. This relationship drew a lot of media attention in the 1950s.

According to Novak, her connection with Davis Jr. was more profound than the film might suggest. She believes their bond included deep emotional understanding, rather than just a sexual relationship, even if Sweeney's public image focuses on her looks.

Sweeney has previously stated that she admires Novak and finds her story relevant, especially in today's world where public image and personal life often come under scrutiny. Novak reflected on her own career, saying it was challenging to be seen only for her beauty.

Vocabulary List:

1. **biographical** //ˌbaɪəˈɡræfɪkəl// (adjective): about a person's life and past events
2. **casting** //ˈkæstɪŋ// (noun): the choice of actors for a film
3. **criticized** //ˈkrɪtɪˌsaɪzd// (verb): said something was bad or wrong
4. **portrayed** //pɔːrˈtreɪd// (verb): shown or described in a certain way
5. **profound** //prəˈfaʊnd// (adjective): very deep and strongly felt emotion or meaning
6. **scrutiny** //ˈskruːtəni// (noun): very careful watching or close examination

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice



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1. What is the age of Kim Novak as mentioned in the interview?
 - Option: 90
 - Option: 91
 - Option: 92
 - Option: 93

 2. In which publication did Kim Novak express her doubts about Sydney Sweeney?
 - Option: The New York Times
 - Option: The Guardian
 - Option: The Sunday Times
 - Option: The Washington Post

 3. What movie is Sydney Sweeney set to star in?
 - Option: Euphoria
 - Option: Scandalous
 - Option: Romantic Encounters
 - Option: The Hollywood Story

 4. Who was the entertainer Kim Novak had a relationship with?
 - Option: Frank Sinatra
 - Option: Elvis Presley
 - Option: Sammy Davis Jr.
 - Option: Dean Martin

 5. What aspect of Sydney Sweeney did Kim Novak criticize?
 - Option: Her acting skills
 - Option: Her age
 - Option: Her looks
 - Option: Her experience

 6. What does Kim Novak believe was the nature of her bond with Sammy Davis Jr.?
 - Option: Superficial
 - Option: Deep emotional understanding
 - Option: Strictly professional
 - Option: Complicated and confusing

True-False



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7. Kim Novak is 93 years old.
 8. Sydney Sweeney has expressed her doubts about playing Kim Novak.
 9. Kim Novak believes that public image is more important than personal life.
 10. Kim Novak thinks Sweeney was the right choice for her biographical film.
 11. The relationship between Kim Novak and Sammy Davis Jr. was portrayed purely as sexual.
 12. Sydney Sweeney admires Kim Novak and finds her story relevant.

Gap-Fill

13. Kim Novak is concerned about how her relationship with Sammy Davis Jr. will be portrayed in the film, saying it was more profound than the film might suggest, with a deep emotional understanding rather than just a sexual relationship, even if Sweeney's public image focuses on her _____ .
14. Kim Novak described Sydney Sweeney as 'sexy all the time' and criticized her for not looking like the younger version of _____ .
15. In the 1950s, the relationship between Kim Novak and Sammy Davis Jr. drew a lot of _____ attention.
16. Sweeney has gained attention for her varied roles in shows like HBO's Euphoria and is set to star in a movie titled _____ .
17. Kim Novak reflected on her own career, stating it was challenging to be seen only for her _____ .
18. According to Novak, she is worried about the representation of her relationship with _____ in the upcoming film.



Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. 93 2. The Sunday Times 3. Scandalous 4. Sammy Davis Jr. 5. Her looks 6. Deep emotional understanding

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

Gap-Fill: 13. looks 14. herself 15. media 16. Scandalous 17. beauty 18. Sammy Davis Jr.

Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. Who are individuals that engage in illegal trade of goods or people?

- Option: Smugglers
- Option: Traffickers
- Option: Sellers
- Option: Distributors

2. What is often held to honor and remember someone who has passed away?

- Option: Celebration
- Option: Memorial
- Option: Rally
- Option: Ceremony

3. What is the term for a gathering of people who have been apart for a long time?

- Option: Reunion
- Option: Ceremony
- Option: Event
- Option: Gathering

4. What do you call a person who campaigns for a cause?

- Option: Activist
- Option: Politician
- Option: Leader
- Option: Supporter

5. What term describes mental or emotional strain?



- Option: Relaxation
- Option: Tension
- Option: Joy
- Option: Calm

6. What do you call the last competitors remaining in a contest?

- Option: Participants
- Option: Winners
- Option: Finalists
- Option: Entrants

7. What type of film tells the life story of a significant person?

- Option: Action
- Option: Documentary
- Option: Biographical
- Option: Fictional

8. What is the process of selecting actors for roles in a project?

- Option: Rehearsing
- Option: Auditioning
- Option: Casting
- Option: Shooting

9. What is the close examination of something termed?

- Option: Review
- Option: Scrutiny
- Option: Oversight
- Option: Survey

10. What word describes the process of bringing back to life or popularity?

- Option: Decline
- Option: Revival
- Option: End
- Option: Completion

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

11. The act of _____ someone's trust can lead to deep emotional pain.

12. The community organized a _____ to protest against the new law.



13. They were _____ their true intentions to achieve their goal.
14. In the movie, there is a dramatic _____ that reveals the character's past.
15. Her _____ about her abilities often held her back from taking risks.
16. The sudden _____ shocked everyone at the meeting.
17. The film was _____ for its lack of character development.
18. He _____ the role of a troubled genius in the drama.
19. Her speech had a _____ impact on the audience.
20. Listening to that song brings a sense of _____ for my childhood.

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

21. An activist fights for social and political change through various forms of advocacy.
22. A memorial serves to honor and remember those who have passed away.
23. Tension often arises in situations of conflict or disagreement.
24. Casting is crucial for ensuring that the right actors bring a script to life.
25. The finalists in the competition were announced with much excitement.
26. Insecurity can lead to a lack of confidence in one's abilities.
27. The revival of the local theater brought back classic performances to the community.
28. A flashback often provides insight into a character's backstory in films.
29. Public figures often face intense scrutiny from the media.
30. The novel's themes offered a profound commentary on human nature.

Answer

- Multiple Choice:** 1. Traffickers 2. Memorial 3. Reunion 4. Activist 5. Tension 6. Finalists 7. Biographical
8. Casting



9. Scrutiny 10. Revival

Gap-Fill: 11. betraying 12. rally 13. disguising 14. flashback 15. insecurity 16. revelation 17. criticized
18. portrayed 19. profound 20. nostalgia

Matching sentence: 1. activist 2. memorial 3. tension 4. casting 5. finalists 6. insecurity 7. revival 8. flashback
9. scrutiny 10. profound

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