



Selena Gomez Stars in Groundbreaking Musical About Trans Drug Lord

Description

From the very start of *Emilia Pérez*, directed by Jacques Audiard, it's evident that this film is a musical, albeit not in a conventional sense. No daydreaming characters in glamorous rehearsals here; instead, the music feels as if it arises organically from the environments surrounding the characters. For instance, a sweeping aerial shot of Mexico City at night introduces an unsettling harmony, blending the voices of street vendors calling out for used appliances. Later, the rhythmic sound of tires on asphalt transforms into a character's urgent yearning for acknowledgment. This essence encapsulates what one might expect from a traditional "I want" song.

Audiard originally conceived *Emilia Pérez* as an opera, reflecting its grand and theatrical nature. The film prominently features three powerful female leads, each delivering captivating solos that explore a spectrum of emotions such as anger, longing, and desire. Spanning over two hours, the narrative traverses five years across diverse continents, intertwining elements of crime, familial drama, and profound self-discovery, while addressing themes ranging from redemption to tragic hubris—often found in both film noir and melodrama.

Though *Emilia Pérez* isn't exclusively targeted at female viewers, it delves deeply into the female experience. Some characters perceive womanhood as a constraint, while others view it as a realm for personal reinvention. Karla Sofía Gascón shines as the transgender protagonist, delivering a remarkable performance that captures her character's contradictions, rendering her simultaneously admirable and flawed. Gascón's magnetic presence does not overshadow the talented supporting cast, including Zoe Saldaña, who showcases her skills as a singer and dancer, and Selena Gomez, who adds depth to her character through humor and vulnerability.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Organically** /ɔːr'gæni:kli/ (adverb): In a manner that relates to or is characteristic of living organisms; naturally.
2. **Captivating** /'kæptɪ,veɪtɪŋ/ (adjective): Attracting and holding the interest or attention of someone; enchanting.
3. **Spectrum** /'spektrəm/ (noun): A wide range of related ideas qualities or activities.
4. **Intertwining** /,ɪntər'twainɪŋ/ (verb): Twisting or twining together; interweaving.
5. **Melodrama** /,melə'drɑ:mə/ (noun): A dramatic work that exaggerates emotional appeal and has a sensational plot.
6. **Contradictions** /,kɒntrə'dɪkʃənz/ (noun): Statements or actions that are opposite or contrary to each other.

Vocabulary quizzes



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

1. What is a tribute?
Option: A form of payment
Option: An expression of admiration or gratitude
Option: A legal contract
Option: A type of punishment
2. What does an advocate do?
Option: Treats patients in a hospital
Option: Defends or supports a cause or proposal
Option: Plays musical instruments professionally
Option: Writes novels
3. What does it mean to insist?
Option: To agree readily
Option: To demand something forcefully
Option: To change direction abruptly
Option: To express doubt
4. What does the term "spectrum" refer to?
Option: A type of computer monitor
Option: A range of values conditions or characteristics
Option: An ancient manuscript
Option: A scientific theory

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

5. A person's _____ is what they leave behind for future generations.
6. Extreme pain or _____ is known as anguish.
7. A person or team competing to win a competition is called a _____.

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

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| 8. The fox used its intelligence and trickery to outsmart the other animals. |
| 9. The magician's performance was so enchanting that the audience was spellbound. |



10. The professor highly respected in his field was an member of the academic community.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. An expression of admiration or gratitude 2. Defends or supports a cause or proposal
3. To demand something forcefully 4. A range of values conditions or characteristics

Gap-Fill: 5. legacy 6. anguish 7. contender

Matching sentence: 1. Cunning 2. Captivating 3. Esteemed

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