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Mikey Madison

Performances & substance shine at the Oscar

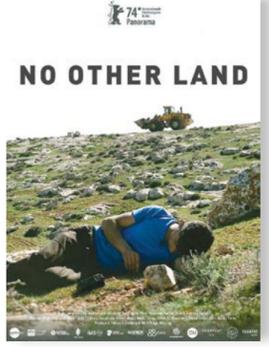
The 97th annual Academy Awards was a glittering night that was dominated by 'Anora.' The indie darling won major awards while the musical 'Emilia Perez' won Best Original Song and Best Supporting Actress



Zoe Saldana

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Anora, a screwball comedy-drama about a sex worker who marries a Russian oligarch's son, won the biggest prizes of the night: Best Picture, Best Actress, Best Director, Best Editing and Best Original Screenplay. At age 25, Mikey Madison upset the Best Actress category beating frontrunners Demi Moore and Fernanda Torres with a win for the title character in 'Anora,' and director Sean Baker won for Best Director.



PALESTINIAN-ISRAELI DOCUMENTARY 'NO OTHER LAND' TAKES OSCAR
 'No Other Land', that won the award for Best Documentary Feature tells the story of a young Palestinian man named Basel Adra, one of the film's directors, as he documents the destruction of his hometown of Masafer Yatta, in the occupied West Bank, at the hands of Israeli settlers. A documentary made by a collective of Palestinian and Israeli activist filmmakers, won the award for documentary feature. The film is about the systemic demolition of Palestinian homes in the West Bank. "We made this film, Palestinians and Israelis, because together, our voices are stronger," said the film's co-director, Yuval Abraham."

AND THE OSCAR GOES TO...		
Best picture ANORA	Best adapted screenplay CONCLAVE	Best original song EL MAL, FROM 'EMILIA PÉREZ'
Best actor in a leading role ADRIEN BRODY, 'THE BRUTALIST'	Best original screenplay ANORA	Best original score THE BRUTALIST
Best actress in a leading role MIKEY MADISON, 'ANORA'	Best live action short film I'M NOT A ROBOT	Best makeup and hairstyling THE SUBSTANCE
Best actor in a supporting role KIERAN CULKIN, 'A REAL PAIN'	Best animated short film IN THE SHADOW OF THE CYPRESS	Best costume design WICKED
Best actress in a supporting role ZOE SALDANA, 'EMILIA PÉREZ'	Best animated feature film FLOW	Best editing ANORA
Best director SEAN BAKER, 'ANORA'	Best documentary short THE ONLY GIRL IN THE ORCHESTRA	Best sound DUNE: PART TWO
Best cinematography THE BRUTALIST	Best documentary feature film NO OTHER LAND	Best production design WICKED
Best international feature film I'M STILL HERE		Best visual effects DUNE: PART TWO



Adrien Brody

ADRIEN BRODY WINS BEST ACTOR IN A LEADING ROLE
 Twenty-two years ago, Adrien Brody won the Oscar for Best Actor. With his win this Oscars, Brody, 51, remains the record-holder for the youngest actor ever to win the best actor category as he was 29 in 2003. He took home the award for his role in 'The Brutalist,' a historical drama about an architect who survives the Holocaust, only to face anti-Semitism, drug addiction and violence in the United States. "I'm here once again to represent the lingering traumas and repercussions of war and systematic oppression and of anti-Semitism and racism and othering. And I believe — I pray for a healthier and a happier and a more inclusive world. And I believe, if the past can teach us anything, it's a reminder to not let hate go unchecked," said Adrien.

A STAR-STUDED OSCARS TRIBUTE TO JAMES BOND

The James Bond series is considered the longest-running film series in Hollywood history, as the first Bond film premiered 62 years ago in 1962. It got a star-studded send-up at the Oscars. Actress Margaret Qualley danced a tribute to the James Bond series, which was recently sold from the family of Barbara Broccoli and Michael G Wilson to Amazon. Lisa from the K-pop group BlackPink performed the theme song 'Live and Let Die,' while Doja Cat performed another Bond classic, the song 'Diamonds Are Forever'. Raye, hit the high notes with the theme song for the 2012 Bond film 'Skyfall'.



Keiren Culkin

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS ZOE SALDANA, PAYS TRIBUTE TO IMMIGRANTS

Zoe Saldanha accepted the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress tearfully as she paid tribute to the 'quiet heroism' of her character in 'Emilia Perez' and the rest of the cast and crew. She spoke about the role of immigrants in the arts. "My grandmother came to this country in 1961. I am a proud child of immigrant parents with dreams and dignity and hardworking hands, and I am the first American of Dominican origin to accept an Academy Award," Zoe said. Zoe had won a Golden Globe, a Screen Actors Guild Award, a Critics' Choice Award and a BAFTA for her performance. "I know I will not be the last. I hope the fact that I'm getting an award for a role where I got to sing and speak in Spanish — my grandmother, if she were here, she would be so delighted," she added in her acceptance speech.

GLAMOUR AND GRACE PAINTS THE OSCARS RED CARPET

The 2025 Oscars red carpet at the Dolby Theater in Los Angeles was a night of high glamour from nominees. From shining metallic dresses to structured gowns, the 97th Academy Awards red carpet was nothing short of style and grace



DEMI MOORE
 'The Substance' star Demi Moore, nominated for Best Actress, looked gorgeous in a custom Giorgio Armani Privé gown embellished with silver crystals and a unique bow-like structure at the waist.



TIMOTHÉE CHALAMET
 Timothée Chalamet dazzled in a bold butter yellow Givenchy suit, featuring a cropped double-breasted jacket and matching shirt and pants.



CYNTHIA ERIVO
 Best Actress nominee Cynthia Erivo arrived on the red carpet in a dramatic custom Louis Vuitton look in a green velvet gown with exaggerated sleeves and raised neckline. The ensemble was completed with extravagant green and gold nail details.

SCARLETT JOHANSSON
 Scarlett Johansson an aristocratic aura in a velvet blue Thierry Mugler gown with matching elbow-length gloves. The elegant look was accessorized with De Beers jewelry.



ARIANA GRANDE
 The red carpet came alive with Ariana Grande in a stunning Schiaparelli gown with over 190,000 crystal sequins, rhinestones and cut beads, giving her tulle skirt an iridescent shimmer.



HALLE BERRY
 Halle Berry dressed for the occasion in a mirrored mosaic gown by Christian Siriano. The actress accessorized her strapless frock with Pomellato jewelry.

