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Damon remembers dad in Stand Up To Cancer PSA

Matt Damon showed his Red Sox pride and talked about his family's experience with cancer in a new PSA from Stand Up To Cancer that premiered during the Major League Baseball All-Star Game in Cleveland on Tuesday.

In the public-service announcement, Damon is shown entering Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles with a young cancer survivor, Red Sox cap in tow. In a voice-over, the Oscar winner mentions the importance of unity when it comes to fighting the deadly disease.

"These are the moments that bring us to our feet," Damon says, as shots of other celebrities participating in ball-park activities are shown. "But the most important moment is when we all stand up together."

Joining Damon in the spot are **Uzo Aduba**, **Joe Manganiello**, **Jordana Brewster**, **Zachary Levi**, and **Candice Patton**, all of whom have been affected by cancer in some way, according to Stand Up To Cancer.

Damon is shown during the "placard moment" — when players and fans at a baseball game stand up to identify loved ones and friends who have been touched by cancer. Damon holds up a sign that says, "I stand up for DAD."

Damon's father, **Kent Damon**, died in 2017 after a lengthy battle with multiple myeloma, a form of plasma cell cancer. Since his father was diagnosed in 2010, Damon has helped raise awareness and funds for cancer research and treatment. He's attended several benefits for the Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center in



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Boston and hosted private fund-raisers in Los Angeles.

In a behind-the-scenes interview for the PSA, Damon said he hopes others will soon not have to experience the grief he felt.

"Most recently, my father died from cancer. That was really a painful struggle for all of us," Damon said. "I'm looking forward to the day that kids don't have to go through that with their parents, friends, and loved ones."

The Stand Up To Cancer PSA was to premiere during the fifth inning of the 90th annual All-Star game at Progressive Field in Cleveland. Red Sox manager **Alex Cora**, who led the team to victory in last year's World Series, managed the American League team. **Dave Roberts** of the Los Angeles Dodgers managed the National League team for the second consecutive year.

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Davis, Streep, and Hill in new gender inequality documentary

Some of Hollywood's leading voices have come together in a new feature-length documentary to speak out about the industry's long-standing issues with gender discrimination and representation.

After an extensive festival tour, "This Changes Everything" will receive a one-time theatrical release on July 22 via Fathom Events.

Produced in collaboration with Oscar winner **Geena Davis** (inset) and her non-profit Institute on Gender in Media, the documentary features commentary and firsthand accounts by Davis, **Meryl Streep**, **Reese Witherspoon**, **Anita Hill**, **Rashida Jones**, **Natalie Portman**, **Shonda Rhimes**, and **Jill Soloway**, among many others both in front of the camera and behind the scenes.

"This Changes Everything" premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival last year and has screened at documentary film festivals around the country.

Directed by **Tom Donahue**, the film's official synopsis describes itself as a "feature length documentary that

uncovers what is beneath one of the most confounding dilemmas in the entertainment industry — the under-representation and misrepresentation of women. It takes an incisive look at the history, empirical evidence, and systemic forces that foster gender discrimination and thus reinforce disparity in our culture."

"Remember the kids' books in the 50s — 'See Dick, See Jane'? I just felt like we see Dick all the time," Davis, a Wareham native and BU grad, says in the trailer. "I just wanted to see more Jane."

When children's film and TV characters are disproportionately male, as a study by the Institute on Gender in Media found, then "we are teaching them that girls and women don't take up half the space in the world," Davis says in the film, as reported by Variety.

Founded in 2004 by Davis, the Geena Davis Institute conducts research and workshops on media representation to "expose gender imbalance, identify unconscious bias and creatively remodel content to achieve gender equity." MARTHA MERROW



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Mindy Kaling to the world: 'You don't have to be a size 0' to wear a bikini

With swimsuit season well underway, **Mindy Kaling** wants to remind the world that everyone should be able to wear whatever swimwear they want, regardless of their body type.

The actress posted a pair of photos of her wearing high-waisted bikinis on Instagram over the weekend, along with a message of body positivity for her 4.3 million followers.

"IDK who needs to hear this but... WEAR A BIKINI IF YOU WANT TO WEAR A BIKINI," the Cambridge native wrote on Instagram. "You don't have to be a size 0."

Kaling's post received more than 11,000 comments, with celebrities

like **Kim Kardashian**, actress **Yara Shahidi**, and fashion designer **Tory Burch** leaving positive messages for Kaling.

In a video, Kaling explained that she first began wearing bikinis during her college years when she visited her best friend **Jocelyn Leavitt** in Hawaii.

"What I was struck about Hawaii is that everybody wears bikinis. It does not matter what your body type is, you rock a bikini because you're in Hawaii," Kaling said. "And there's so much body positivity there that I — who was always really shy about my body — would wear bikinis."

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From left: **Olivia Nikkanen**, **Kathryn Newton**, **Gideon Adlon**, **Rachel Keller**, **Salena Qureshi**, and **Jack Mulhern** attended the premiere of "The Society" in Los Angeles in May.

Netflix drama filmed in Mass. just got renewed for season 2

Get ready for more film crews to show up in Massachusetts soon.

"The Society," a Netflix drama filmed in Massachusetts about a group of teens who suddenly find their wealthy Connecticut town completely devoid of adults, has been renewed for a second season.

Netflix released a video compilation of the show's stars, including **Kathryn Newton** ("Big Little Lies," "Blockers," "Detective Pikachu"), **Jacques Colimon** ("Sweet Old World"), and **Alex Fitzalan** ("Slender Man"), announcing the renewal Tuesday morning. The second season of the show will debut on the streaming platform in 2020, with production set to begin later this year.

Season one of the modern-day "Lord of the Flies" series debuted in May, and followed the teenagers of West Ham as they attempted to create a society from scratch and unravel the mystery of how and why they were transported to an exact replica of their hometown ("New Ham"), minus any adults or younger children.

Created by **Christopher Keyser** ("Party of Five"), the series was filmed in a number of Massachusetts towns in 2018.

The town of Lancaster, especially Town Hall and its nearby buildings, served as the primary backdrop. Netflix went so far as to construct a gazebo on the town green for filming purposes. The show was also

filmed in Ayer, Bolton, Carlisle, Concord, Devens, Grafton, Groton, Harvard, Lexington, and Sterling.

"The Society" will mark at least the fourth TV series to film in Massachusetts in 2019. "Defending Jacob," the upcoming Apple TV+ series starring Sudbury native **Chris Evans** ("Captain America"), began filming all over the Bay State this past spring, as did the second season of Hulu's **Stephen King** anthology series "Castle Rock." Both shows are currently still in production.

Additionally, the Starz crime drama "Hightown" filmed scenes in Provincetown, where the show takes place, in late May and early June.

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'Fast & Furious 9' filming in London with John Cena in a mysterious role

It's time to get those **John Cena** bingo cards out. The West Newbury native — former WWE superstar, platinum-certified rapper, and family quiz show host — has a new addition on his resume: "The Fast and the Furious" cast member. Cena's latest endeavor was just teased by a fellow costar.

In a new Instagram video, **Vin Diesel** mentioned Cena as he spoke about upcoming "surprises" in "Fast & Furious 9" and his experience shooting again in London.

"[There are] a few new surprises, including John Cena, who I believe is going to completely shine in this movie," Diesel said.

(Diesel mispronounced Cena's name, correcting himself in the comment section. "The world's saga... it's CENA not SENNA Vin. Haha," he wrote.)

The cast has just entered its third week of production, per Diesel's post.

As for Cena's role in the film, that's still under wraps.

In a June 7 statement, Universal confirmed his presence in the film, calling his character "a badass." Some fans already have their theories, speculating that Cena has been cast as a replacement of sorts for **Dwayne Johnson**, who will not be returning to the franchise this time around.

Diesel's recent Instagram post also confirmed the return of two franchise veterans — **Charlize Theron** and **Helen Mirren**. Both actresses were introduced to fans in 2017's "Fate of the Furious." Theron plays Cipher, a cyberterrorist and the movie's antagonist. Mirren has a smaller role, playing the mother of Deckard (**Jason Statham**) and Owen (**Luke Evans**). Mirren will be seen in this role in the upcoming spinoff "Fast & Furious Presents: Hobbs & Shaw," coming out Aug. 2, which will star Johnson, as well as **Vanessa Kirby**, **Eiza Gonzalez**, and **Idris Elba**.

According to Cena, his role in the film came about thanks to a direct message on Instagram. In an interview promoting his Nickelodeon television reboot of "Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader," Cena mentioned his enthusiasm for the project.

"I'm really super excited," he said. "I have to thank Vin Diesel for kind of orchestrating this; he sent out an Instagram message a long time ago to get this snowball rolling, and I am so grateful to be part of such a storied franchise."

Justin Lin, who directed the sixth installment in the series, has returned to direct the ninth.

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Morgan hosts ESPYs to 'fight against cancer'

For **Tracy Morgan**, hosting the ESPYs is personal. It's not just another gig to the comedian.

The star of TBS's "The Last O.G." will preside over Wednesday night's show honoring the past year's top athletes, performances, and achievements. It airs live on ABC from Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles.

"The main reason I really wanted to do it is the fight against cancer," Morgan said in a recent phone interview, explaining that his grandparents and former wife, **Sabina**, died of the disease. "I have an opportunity to fight their cause and I'm all in."

Besides the laughs, the ESPYs raise awareness and funds for the V Foundation for Cancer Research. It's the charity founded by ESPN and the late basketball coach **Jim Valvano** at the first show in 1993. The cable sports network has helped raise nearly \$97 million for the V Founda-



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tion in 26 years.

One Boston athlete up for ESPYs this year: Red Sox outfielder **Mookie Betts**, who's nominated for Best Male Athlete and Best MLB Player. Patriots' QB **Tom Brady** did not

snag an ESPY nomination for Best Male Athlete this year (he only led the team to yet another Super Bowl victory, but sure). He did get the nom last year, but lost to NHL star **Alexander Ovechkin** of the Washington Capitals.

Last month marked five years since Morgan's life-changing accident on the New Jersey Turnpike when the minibus he was riding in was rear-ended by a Walmart truck. The crash killed friend and fellow comedian **James McNair**.

"I'm 50 years old and I've been hit by a truck doing 75 mph," Morgan said. "I thank God for every day."

He becomes the fifth "Saturday Night Live" alum to host the ESPYs, joining **Seth Meyers**, **Rob Riggle**, **Dennis Miller**, and **Norm Macdonald**.

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