

Daniel Craig, back as Bond, keeps 007 fans on edge

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NEW YORK — Daniel Craig's 007-era will die another day.

After months of gossip and denials, Craig on Tuesday night confirmed to Stephen Colbert on the "Late Show" that he will indeed return for another James Bond movie. The yet-titled film is due out November 2019.

"We've just been trying to figure things out," Craig told Colbert. "I always wanted to. I needed a break."

The 49-year-old actor's stewardship of James Bond has spanned four films — and now will go for a fifth — but it has generated enough rumors to power the kind of doomsday device Bond is usually trying to stop.

Craig's time as Bond has been distinguished. His "Skyfall" remains a high point in both dollars and quality for the 55-year-old franchise. His last one, 2015's "Spectre," grossed \$880 million worldwide. Most consider him a terrific Bond who has raised the bar for the franchise, and his official return was greeted warmly on Wednesday.

But the Craig Era, far more than its predecessors, has been characterized by a steady supply of Bond drama. Rumors and debates over who should be the next 007 have been nonstop for years, as has Craig's frequent hints about calling it quits. In 2015, he famously said he'd rather "slash my wrists" than make another Bond movie, a comment he later explained as a kind of joke from the fatigue of

just completing one.

Yet even while Craig keeps donning the tux, the next-Bond handicapping has been a year-round business. Tom Hardy, Tom Hiddleston, Jack Huston and Riz Ahmed are just some of the actors who have been linked to the role — some of them for the better part of the decade.

Others have lobbied for a female 007, like Charlize Theron. Idris Elba has been a favorite for at least two years, going back to when Bond author Anthony Horowitz suggested he was "too street" for the part.

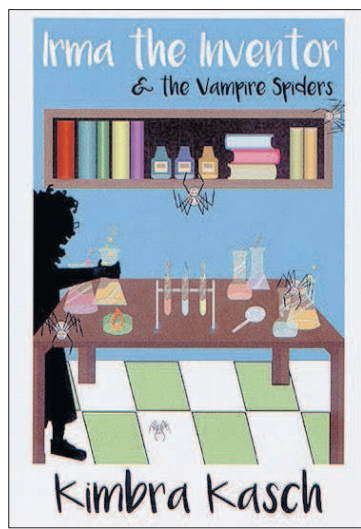
The meetings of producer Barbara Broccoli are spied on as if they concern national security. In a way, they do. Bond is a nation-state of its own, with more than \$7 billion in box-office revenues alone. And that's a heavy burden for any actor to bear.

Craig's constant dance with Bond has very possibly been a smart strategy to deflect some of that pressure. He has, perhaps more than anyone since Sean Connery, eluded being completely defined by 007. Last year he did "Othello" off-Broadway with David Oyelowo. He gives a comic turn in Steven Soderbergh's "Logan Lucky," out Friday.

It's as though Craig has always wanted his future with James Bond a little up in the air — shaken, if you like — so as to avoid the stasis that could set in for a decades-old franchise now preparing its 25th films. Craig acknowledged on Colbert that his return had been settled months ago, meaning he was evading questions about Bond as recently as that morning when he told a Boston radio station that "no decision has been made."



Daniel Craig poses for the media in 2015 as he arrives for the German premiere of the James Bond movie 'Spectre' in Berlin, Germany.



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STEM, teen angst combine in new young adult novel

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Junior high school can be the most difficult time for teens. Even more so if you just don't fit in.

Kimbra Kasch's new book, "Irma the Inventor and the Vampire Spiders," tells the story of a girl light years ahead of her class intellectually, but clueless when it comes to understanding human nature. All she wants to do is share her love and passion for science, but kids like Kate, the school bully, just want to tear her down for being different.

Kasch navigates the roller-coaster emotions of teendom like a pro, showing that even the smartest kids can take the low road when they've been humiliated in front of their peers. But when the chips are down, lifelong enemies can also come together to save something that really matters. Kasch cleverly leaves the door open for a whole series of adventures.

Kimbra Kasch is a Portland resident and author of other young adult titles.

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Festivals

Morrow County Fair & Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo

•Aug. 16-20
•Morrow County Fairgrounds, Heppner
www.co.morrow.or.us/fair/page/county-fair
\$4/ages 8-and-older, free/ages 7-and-under. Rodeo tickets are \$10-\$15 and \$6/ages 7-12. Saturday features a parade (10 a.m.), buyers lunch (noon) and youth livestock auction (2 p.m.).

Milton-Freewater Rocks!

•Aug. 18-20
•Yantis Park, 200 Dehaven St., Milton-Freewater
www.facebook.com/events/686618031527763
Free admission. Festival features live entertainment, food/craft vendors, beer/wine garden, fundraising meals and the Firefighters Water Fight.

Pilot Rock Community Days

•Aug. 18-20
•City Park & other venues
Many activities free. Features yard sales, craft and food vendors, kids' games, eclipse presentation (11:30 a.m.), wiener dog races, car show, parade (6 p.m.), live music and beer garden.

Path of Almost Totality Tailgate Party

•Sunday, Aug. 20; 11 a.m.-11:30 p.m.
•Umatilla Marina Park
www.facebook.com/umatillaoregonchamber
Free admission. Features Blue Tattoo and The Outsiders. RV/tent sites available by calling 541-922-3939. Beer garden and food available for purchase.

Eclipse Across America

•Monday, Aug. 21; 9 a.m.-noon
•SAGE Center, 101 Olson Road, Boardman
www.visitsage.com
Free. A NASA livestream of the total solar eclipse. Viewing of the eclipse from the SAGE Center is estimated at 97.7 percent totality.

Art, Museums & Authors

Summer's Bounty Student Art

•Saturday/Sundays; noon-5 p.m.
•Arts Portal Gallery, 508 N. Main St., Milton-Freewater
Free. Exhibit featuring student artwork. Also includes local fruits and vegetables celebrating the season's bounty.

WHAT TO DO

Harvest of Art

•Aug. 18-20
•Central School, Milton-Freewater
Free. The indoor exhibit offers cash prizes awarded in four categories. Infusion: A Night of Artful Pairings
•Thursday, Aug. 24; 5-8 p.m.
•Arts Portal Gallery, 508 N. Main St., Milton-Freewater
\$30/advance, \$35/door. Enjoy art exhibit with wine from Forgeron Cellars and food by local chef Steven Grabinski of Ox & Cart in Walla Walla.

Small Works Invitational

•Tuesday-Fridays; 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturdays; noon-4 p.m.
•Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St.
Free. Features small works from regional artists. Runs through Aug. 26.

Naamí Nisháycht, Our Living Culture Village

•Monday-Saturdays; 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
•Tamátslikt Cultural Institute, near Wildhorse Resort & Casino.
\$10/adults, \$9/senior citizens, \$6/youths, free/5 and under or \$25/family of four. Highlights American Indian life, including displays, activities and stories from tribal leaders. Runs through Sept. 2.

A Kaleidoscope of Color: American Indian Trade Blankets

•Monday-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
•Tamátslikt Cultural Institute, near Wildhorse Resort & Casino.
\$10/adults, \$9/senior citizens, \$6/youths, free/5 and under or \$25/family of four. Showcases pre-1925 Indian trade blankets from historic manufacturers, including Pendleton Woolen Mills. Runs through Oct. 14.

"A Love of Western Color"

•Monday-Fridays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturdays; 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
•Pendleton Art + Frame, 36 S.W. Court Ave.
Free. Features watercolors and fluid acrylic paintings by The Dalles artist Mary Rollins. Runs through Aug. 31.

Oregon Grange

•Monday-Thursdays; 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday-Saturdays; 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
•Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave.
www.hermistonlibrary.us
Free. Exhibit features photos and memorabilia highlighting the history and accomplishments of the Oregon Grange. The National Grange is celebrating its 150th anniversary.

Collected Works: Black & White

•Monday-Thursdays; 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday/Saturdays; 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
•Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave.
Free. Features Walla Walla artist Susan How. Runs through Aug. 31.

Music

Jamie & Luke

•Saturday, Aug. 19; 7-9 p.m.
•Echo Ridge Cellars, 551 N. Thielsen St., Echo
No cover. All ages. Features Jamie Nasario and Luke Basile.

EOCenes

•Saturday, Aug. 19; 7 p.m.
•La Grande Methodist Church, 1612 Fourth St.
•Sunday, Aug. 20; 4-6 p.m.
•Geiser-Pollman Park, 1723 Madison St., Baker City
\$8/adults, \$5/seniors & students (Saturday show), \$5/suggested donation (Sunday show). Features former Eastern Oregon university classmates performing bluegrass music.

Stompin' Ground

•Saturday, Aug. 19; 8 p.m.
No cover
•Wildhorse Sports Bar, Wildhorse Resort & Casino, off I-84 Exit 216, Mission

Badd Influence

•Saturday, Aug. 19; 8 p.m.-midnight
•Archie's Restaurant, 194 Main St., Pilot Rock
\$3/single, \$5/couple. Live music in the beer garden. Guest appearance by Medium.

Wheatstock Music Festival

•Saturday, Aug. 19; noon-10 p.m.
•Quantum 9 Arena, Helix
www.wheatstock.org
\$20/advance, \$28/gate, free/military personnel and youths 12-and-under. Free camping with tickets. Dual headliners include Super-suckers and Too Slim and the Taildraggers. Other musicians include George Devore, Imperial Twang, Little McKay Creek and Tylor & The Train Robbers.

Pendleton Block Party w/Hillstomp

•Friday, Aug. 25; 6-10 p.m.
•Great Pacific Wine & Coffee Co., 403 S. Main St., Pendleton
Free. All-ages event features live music, food vendors and beer/wine garden.

Island of Black & White

•Friday, Aug. 25; Saturday, Aug. 26; 8 p.m. No cover
•Wildhorse Sports Bar, Wildhorse Resort & Casino, off I-84 Exit 216, Mission

TBA

•Saturday, Aug. 26; 6 p.m.
•Jone City Park
No cover. As part of the monthly Music in the Park concert series, features the local group country group. Bring lawn chairs or blankets and a cooler.

Open Mic at GP

•Thursday, Aug. 31; 7-9 p.m.
•Great Pacific Wine & Coffee Co., 403 S. Main St., Pendleton
No cover. All ages are welcome during the last Thursday of each month. Bring your instrument, voice, family and friends.

Dokken

•Thursday, Aug. 31; 8 p.m.
•Rivers Event Center, Wildhorse Resort & Casino, off I-84 Exit 216, Mission
\$29. All tickets for the 21-and-older show are standing/dancing room only. Formed in 1978, the heavy metal band continues to rock. No-host bar available.

Night life

DJ music

•Saturdays, 8 p.m.
•The Pheasant, 149 E. Main St., Hermiston

Karaoke w/DJ David

•Saturdays; 8 p.m.
•Riverside Sports Bar, 1501 Sixth St., Umatilla

LOL Comedy Jam

•Thursdays; 8 p.m.
•Wildhorse Sports Bar, Wildhorse Resort & Casino, off I-84 Exit 216, Mission.
No cover. Aug. 24: Travis Nelson

Digital Karaoke

•Thursdays and Fridays, 8 p.m.
•The Pheasant, 149 E. Main St., Hermiston

Wine tasting

•Fridays, 4-8 p.m.
•Sno Road Winery, 111 W. Main St., Echo.

Open Mic

•First/third Friday each month, 8 p.m.-midnight
•The Packard Tavern, 118 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton
www.facebook.com/groups/pendletonopenmic

Sip & Shop

•Friday, Aug. 25; 6-8:30 p.m.
•Sno Road Winery, 111 W. Main St., Echo
No cover. Enjoy wine tasting while shopping with Melissa & Amy (LuLaRoe and Simply Comfortable).

Karaoke w/DJ David

•Fridays; 8 p.m.
•Riverside Sports Bar, 1501 Sixth St., Umatilla

DJ and dancing

•Fridays, 8 p.m.
•The Pheasant, 149 E. Main St., Hermiston

Cimmi's Late Night Martini Lounge

•Fridays; 9 p.m.-midnight
•Virgil's at Cimmiyotti's, 137 S. Main St., Pendleton
No cover. Features martinis, mixology and music.

Theater, stage, film & lectures

"Cabaret: The Musical"

•Aug. 18-19, 25-16; 7 p.m.
•Aug. 20, 27; 2 p.m.
•Power House Theatre, 111 N. Sixth St., Walla Walla
\$20-\$32. The familiar Broadway musical opened in 1966, playing for 1,165 performances. It won eight Tony Awards.

"Bump off at the BBQ"

•Saturday, Aug. 26; 5:30 p.m.
•Maxwell Siding Event Center, 145 N. First Place, Hermiston
\$30. Murder mystery dinner theater presentation features maple bacon chicken or rotisserie pork loin dinner. For tickets, call 541-571-7293 or 541-567-8774.

Hot tickets

•Juniper Jam: (various artists) Sept. 2, Wallowa County Fairgrounds, Enterprise. Tickets (\$18 to \$20) via www.juniperjam.com

•Round-Up Happy Canyon Kick-off Concert: (Gary Allan) Sept. 9, Happy Canyon Arena. Tickets (\$40 to \$130) via www.pendletonroundup.com

•EOCenes: Sept. 14-15, Pendleton Center for the Arts. (\$12) available via 541-278-9201

•Maryhill Winery Summer Concert Series: Steve Winwood, Sept. 9 (\$46-\$86), Goo Goo Dolls & Phillip Phillips, Sept. 17 (\$50-\$1,500) near Goldendale, Washington.

•Benton-Franklin Fair entertainment: (Pasco): Boyz II Men* (Aug. 22); Joan Jett & the Blackhearts (Aug. 23); Trace Adkins* (Aug. 24); Eli Young Band (Aug. 25); WAR (Aug. 26). Reserved tickets (\$15) available via www.bentonfranklinfair.com *Reserved sold-out, festival seating available with fair admission

•Central Washington State Fair entertainment: (Yakima): Williams & Ree \$9-\$14 (Sept. 22); LeAnn Rimes, \$18-\$24 (Sept. 23); Music Mexicana, TBA (Sept. 24); Montgomery Gentry, \$18-\$24 (Sept. 26); Smash Mouth, \$18-\$24 (Sept. 27); John Kay & Steppenwolf, \$18-\$24 (Sept. 28); En Vogue, \$18-\$24 (Sept. 29); Mark Chesnut, \$18-\$24 (Sept. 30); Music Mexicana, TBA (Oct. 1). Tickets free w/fair admission or buy reserved seats via www.fairfun.com

BRIEFLY



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Juniper Jam offers a relaxed venue, stunning views of the mountains and music on two stages. This year's event is Saturday, Sept. 2 at the Wallowa County Fairgrounds in Enterprise.

musicians. He went on to perform with the likes of Jackie Greene, Elvin Bishop and Dave and Phil Alvin, as well as musical festivals along the Pacific Coast.

•Brad Parsons Band (3:35 p.m.) features a Portland-based singer-songwriter described as having an "almost unreal powerhouse voice." The group is said to perform a blend of psychedelic rock and Americana.

•Bigfoot Mojo (1:55 p.m.) includes upright bassist Belinda Underwood and national mandolin champion Josiah Payne. The duo adds various guest musicians to create a trio, quartet or more.

•Catskills (7:50 p.m.) is a La Grande-based psychedelic rock quartet known to depart from the mainstream — playing everything from minimalist folk tunes to driving, amped-up Americana music.

•The sounds of Alexa Wiley & the Wilderness (4:40 p.m.) have been called "wild metaphorical music that rocks." Their 2015 self-titled album is said to make them a "must see" group.

•A modern-day troubadour, Beth Wood (6 p.m.) is said to be an introvert with a passion for performing.

•Jezebel's Mother (2:50 p.m.) blends the talents of songwriters Carolyn Lochert and Janis Carper, who entertain with soul and style.

The festival also features food and beverage vendors, and local artisans with everything from glass and pottery to bronze and more. Activities for kids, which are monitored from noon to 5 p.m., include a bouncy house, face painting, bubble fun and more.

Advance tickets are \$18 or \$20 at the gate. Kids 12 and under are

admitted free. Primitive camping is available for \$5 at the Wallowa County Fairgrounds.

For more information, call 541-426-3390 or visit www.juniperjam.com.

Gallery event includes local wine, food

MILTON-FREEWATER — An art gallery event also showcases local wine and food.

Infusion: A Night of Artful Pairings features wine from Forgeron Cellars and food by local chef Steven Grabinski of Ox & Cart in Walla Walla. The event is Thursday, Aug. 24 from 5-8 p.m. at Arts Portal Gallery, 508 N. Main St., Milton-Freewater. Advance tickets for the event are \$30 or \$50, which includes a bottle of Forgeron Cellars 2014 Chardonnay, at www.brownpapertickets.com. Tickets purchased at the door are \$35.

Regular hours at Arts Portal Gallery are Saturday and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/artsportgallery.

Multi-disciplinary program highlights region's geography

JOSEPH — A three-day program of music, literature and art provides an interpretation of man's connection over the ages to the Wallowa Mountains, Snake River and Hells Canyon.

Presented by the Wallowa Valley Music Alliance, in

collaboration with Fishtrap and the Joseph Center for Arts and Culture, "The Geography of Music" is Aug. 24-26.

Refreshments will be served during each of the events.

The event begins with a free reception Thursday, Aug. 24 at 7 p.m. at the Joseph Center, 403 N. Main St., Joseph. Attendees will meet the musicians, writers, artists and photographers while viewing the center's exhibit of photographs of the Snake River and Hells Canyon. The evening includes the performance of a short piece of music and an author's reading.

A full concert of interwoven classical music, spoken word and the visual arts, including real-time painting inspired by the artist's impressions of the music, is featured Friday, Aug. 25. The program begins at 7 p.m. at the Enterprise Christian Church, 85035 Joseph Highway, Enterprise. The cost is \$20 for general admission, \$15 for seniors and free for youths 18 and under.

The final event is Saturday, Aug. 26 at 10 a.m. at Fishtrap, 400 E. Grant St., Enterprise. It features a moderated panel discussion with visual, musical and literary artists exploring how place informs and inspires the creation of art. There is no admission charge.

For more information about "The Geography of Music," contact Bob Webb at 541-432-0156 or Mark Eubanks at bassoonbrothers@gmail.com.

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