

Media Questions Of The Week

Would it have been better to cast someone other than Zoe Saldana in the role of Nina Simone in the movie *Nina*? If so, who? And why did director Cynthia Mort want to make a movie about Simone based on a [fictitious relationship](#)?



Is Berry Gordy right about Michael Jackson still being alive if he had stayed on [Motown](#)?

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Is Malcolm Jamal-Warner right about Woody Allen and Roman Polanski not having their careers suffer in the same way as Bill Cosby for similar issues because Cosby is Black?

Nina Trailer

Entertainment Weekly debuted the trailer for the Cynthia Mort-directed *Nina*. Zoe Saldana stars as Nina Simone and the internet is already criticizing Saldana's heavily made-up appearance as Simone. Many people feel that Saldana's appearance is disrespectful to Simone's legacy as a proud dark-skinned Black woman who spoke openly about her challenges in a world that deemed her ugly. When Saldana was initially cast as Simone, onlookers questioned the choice and wondered why another actress like Adepero Oduye, Teyonah Paris or Lauryn Hill were not considered for the role. The movie looks at Simone's life as a trailblazing artist, her depression and her relationship with Clifton Henderson, played by David Oyelowo, who was her assistant and became her manager. *Nina* will be in theaters and available as VOD on April 22nd.

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How and why did Rachel Dolezal fool people for so long into believing she is African-American?



Why did Zoe Saldana take the role of Nina Simone if she didn't feel she was right for the film?



Will the reboot of the TV Show *Fame* be any good?

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1. Will Zoe Saldana play Betty Davis in the Don Cheadle-directed *Shoot The Trumpeter* about Mile Davis's life?



2. What will Bobby Womack sound like on a Rick Ross song?



3. Has there been a shortage of Black women on *SNL*, and if so, Is Lorne Michaels really

having a hard time finding Black female comedians who have the skills for the show?