

# [***Singer Shakira's big swipe at Barbie movie***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6BPF-01H1-JCBW-N2H6-00000-00&context=1516831)

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Shakira has said the ***Barbie*** movie could be seen as "emasculating" to young boys and she believes women should be empowered "without robbing men of their possibility to be men".

The Colombian pop superstar, 47, was asked about watching the Greta Gerwig-directed ***Barbie***, which sees Barbieland controlled by women until the Mattel dolls experience patriarchy by entering the real world in the comedy film.

Shakira said: "My sons hated it. They felt that it was emasculating and I agree.

"I'm raising two boys. I want (them) to feel powerful too (while) respecting women.

"I like pop culture when it attempts to empower women without robbing men of their possibility to be men, to also protect and provide.

"I believe in giving women all the tools and the trust that we can do it all without losing our essence, without losing our femininity. I think men have a purpose in society and women have another purpose as well.

"We complement each other, and that complement should not be lost."

***Barbie***, which stars Margot Robbie and Ryan Gosling, also features a powerful monologue delivered by actress America Ferrera about the hypocritical expectations placed on women by society and has been seen as a tongue-in-cheek feminist tale.

**Graphic**

Pop star Shakira.

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