

Carter Hoskins 0:04

Hello, everybody and welcome back to the Disney boy podcast. I am your host Carter Hoskins and today I am joined by a very good friend of mine, Ryan say Hi, Ryan.

Ryan 0:13

Hi, everyone. I'm really happy to be here today.

Carter Hoskins 0:16

So lately I've just been perplexed by I don't know if you've seen this, Ryan, but like all the controversy regarding really how Disney has been casting people, especially for their live action remakes. Have you seen any of like the controversy with?

Ryan 0:30

Yeah, I feel like I've seen a lot of it all over social media, especially like Tik Tok, and even Twitter. Recently, I feel like Twitter kind of fell down. But with all the live action remakes, I feel like Twitter's been like popping with all controversy. Yeah,

Carter Hoskins 0:46

and like I think specifically, I really wanna talk about the Little Mermaid remake. I know that came out in about, like, I think May it was of last year, of this year, my bad. And I just that one really stood out to me, where they cast it on Halle Berry, who is an African American actress. She got the starring role of Ariel, and that really received quite some backlash. And you see all that?

Ryan 1:07

Yeah. That was crazy to me. Just like, I feel like it was a constant thing on social media scrolling through my 14 page, it was constantly like, I couldn't get away from it.

Carter Hoskins 1:18

I know. And honestly, I'm not gonna lie. Like I really didn't understand the controversy really why people were so riled up until I kind of dove deeper into it with the comments and then did my own research. And pretty much everyone's just really upset that they did not cast a fair skinned redhead as the lead role. Which I guess I kind of understand, you know, that everyone grew up knowing Ariel as like the crazy fiery red hair, mermaid. And obviously, you know, that is a little bit of a change, but I did not expect people to get so riled up. Did

Ryan 1:49

you know, I think that I, that was shocking to me, definitely. I don't think change is a bad thing. I think, do I think that was a step in the right direction. I think people totally took that the wrong way and blew it such out of proportion.

Carter Hoskins 2:03

No, I agree. And honestly, like if the actress if Halle Berry, I don't know, like, after I'm not actually seeing the film, I need you. But from just like the trailers and everything I've seen, she is, in my opinion, like the perfect girl for this role. She has such a, like a innocent Princess look to her. And like, also, her singing voice is amazing. So like, with those factors involved, I don't know why people are so upset. I get it if like, let's say you had an actress who didn't look the part and also couldn't sing and didn't really seem like a princess. Yes, I get that. But I thought she was perfect for the role, really. But people really were mainly upset about I guess the it not following the Danish just sent the Danish origin of the original fairy tale where this did happen around, I guess Denmark and Aereo does live under the water where there's not going to be a lot of sunlight exposure, people were trying to argue saying that it'd be impossible for a mermaid to have dark skin like that, which I think people are just reaching and they want something to be upset about. But what are your thoughts on people, people really bringing this back to the whole Danish just sent that as it's not? It's just not following the original fairytale.

Ryan 3:13

For me, personally, I feel like it's just totally wrong. And like what you've said, people are just reaching and trying to find something to be upset about. Well, I try and do is like, I try and look at it from like the actresses point of view. And like, imagine how she felt I'm hearing all this backlash about her. And everything she was trying to do. She had no malicious intent from taking this role. So personally, I just, I'm very sympathetic towards her. And I just feel bad for what she had to go through when filming this movie and taking on this role.

Carter Hoskins 3:47

No, I totally agree. And I know we're like focusing obviously on like the criticism of it. There was definitely such positive feedback of this too, especially of like, of the black community. A lot of people were very excited that there was representation there. But I actually have a friend who is of Danish descent, and she was actually offended. I don't know, again, I don't really know why. Because there is so much white representation in the media that I don't I guess people just want to find the one time that they are not represented and they want to, you know, cause a ruckus on it. But my friend who I'll just I'll say friend loosely, but she was a little upset about it. She was like, I like those my favorite movie because it was of my descent. And mind you I never knew this was up Danish descent until this controversy came up and then all the facts of the original came out. But she was claiming how she just felt like she wasn't being represented in this new film, even though every other princess is pretty much white. But she was like, this was my favorite one growing up, and I was so excited when they announced the remake. And if I was a little girl, I'd want to look up to Princess that was of my same descent. But what are your thoughts on that? Do you think that's valid how she feels or not really

Ryan 4:54

I don't think that's valid at all. And I think I do vaguely remember seeing between different like hashtags going around, I specifically remember a hashtag, it was called not my Ariel. That was trending on Twitter at one point. So that like disgusted me personally just like seeing the things that people were saying. And I feel like people shouldn't really have an opinion. It's affected them in no way so they can have their opinion, but to voice their opinion in the way that they did was disgusting to me. Yeah,

Carter Hoskins 5:28

and even as a viewer ourselves, like, I mean, I was, I was a little shocked, obviously, you know, when you, you have a very, I think Ariel is probably one of the most don't know her luck is probably one of the most like, distinguished out of all the princesses like she's the only one like not in the dress, you know, she has the crazy red hair, like she definitely stands out. So when you are thinking about her movie remake, you know, I guess it was a little shocking, but nothing too, I would say to cause any of this backlash, people got really into it. And I think it just shows that people are bored, and people want to argue about something. But I really agree with what you said about the actress, I feel bad for her, you know what I do, she does not deserve any of that. I just hope that all the positive feedback from all of the little black girls who could look up to her I hope that just drowned out any of the hate that she was receiving and that she realized that she really did make a difference and was good representative.

Ryan 6:19

Yeah, personally, I feel to that, with everything that has gone on in our country in the last five or so years, especially since COVID. I feel like that was such a good step in the right direction. And the hate that it got was just trying to almost trying to pull it back. But when you look at numbers and from an economic standpoint, in the movie, the movie did so well. So and I give all I give the credit to the actress mainly just because she kind of took that hay and fumbled it into such a good movie and such a good film that really did so much for so many people. No,

Carter Hoskins 6:52

I totally agree. I definitely want to go watch it now. I'm super eager to know what you guys all think about this. I want to know where were you guys kind of thinking when they when they released the casting for this movie. I want to know your original thoughts. Were you guys like us where you are a little bit shocked. But you're totally okay with it. Or we get disappointed. I'm really curious to know because I know I've talked to people who come from all sorts from both sides of the spectrum. And I find everyone's take pretty interesting those route for and against it. I find it interesting just listening to that. But yeah, thank you so much, Ryan for coming in today and talking to me about this. Yeah, thank you for having me. And if you want to submit any questions or topics for next week's discussion, please do so. You can find all that information in the link below. Thank you guys till next time

