

BRYAN TAKES THE LEAD

Not that anyone had any doubts over Bryan Cranston's acting talents after five breathtaking seasons on *Breaking Bad*, but now he has finally got a leading film role that shows them off.

His portrayal of school teacher Walter White's descent into a drugs kingpin while suffering from cancer earned him four Golden Globe nominations, including one win, and now his leading role in biopic *Trumbo* has given the 59-year-old actor his first Oscar nod.

Released on February 5, *Trumbo* is the true story of screenwriter Dalton Trumbo whose left-wing views in McCarthy-era Hollywood saw him not just ostracised but imprisoned and later denied the chance to claim his Oscars for movies including *Roman Holiday* and *The Brave One*.

Speaking at the film's UK premiere, as part of the BFI's London Film Festival, in Leicester Square, Cranston joked: "All my friends have ostracised me too, I have no friends so it was easy to get into his shoes."

Really, though, *Trumbo*'s troubles are more significant and not just for historical reasons.

Cranston added: "The story of *Trumbo* is really one of what would you do to retain your civil liberties in a society that prides itself on its enlightenment and advancement?"

"To all of a sudden have those liberties taken away and demand under the penalty of incarceration, what affiliations do you have politically, if you are religious what do you practice, are you gay, are you straight?"

"The Nazis used that – where are all the Jews? – to persecute, to harm and it is wrong under any description. I think what *Trumbo* does in a very odd way is it reminds people that civil liberties are not to be taken lightly and they should be considered constantly by any government."

His co-star, John Goodman, was more frank about *Trumbo*'s modern parallels. He told us: "We're in America with a political party that trades in fear and paranoia, and they capitalise on it. It is not

In *Trumbo*, *Breaking Bad*'s Bryan Cranston stars as a Hollywood screenwriter whose beliefs meant he wasn't credited for Oscar winning movies. Vibe's JIM PALMER caught up with its stars...

unlike what happened then."

You would be mistaken to think *Trumbo* is a straight-laced, stony-faced biopic but its cast includes comedian Helen Mirren, Louis CK and Goodman, famed for the likes of *Roseanne*, *The Big Lebowski* and *Monsters Inc.*

Responsible for bringing a sense of fun to a serious story was director Jay Roach, whose other movies include *Meet the Parents* and two Austin Powers films.

Talking to Vibe, Cranston's co-star Goodman joked that Roach was a hard taskmaster.

He said: "He tended to whip me, except he'd do it where he wouldn't show the marks. He was great. He very funny. I would love to work with him again."

Among Goodman's films are a whopping six collaborations with the Coen brothers, who he said had a different – and very precise – *modus operandi*.

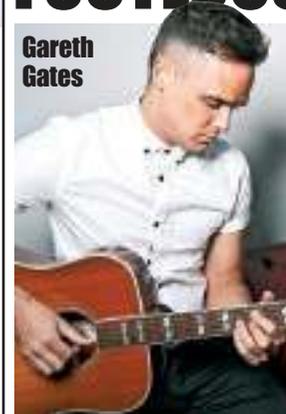
He said: "Joel and Ethan write their stuff, nothing changes. They know exactly what they want so it is a little different in that respect."

Trumbo (15) is out Friday, February 5.

John Goodman, Helen Mirren and Bryan Cranston

FOOTLOOSE CLASSES

Gareth Gates



Fans of *Footloose* will be able to cut loose with a free line-dancing workshop in north Kent to tie in with the show's appearance in Dartford. Based on the 1984 movie starring Kevin Bacon, *Footloose: The Musical* is the story about a city boy who has to move to a rural backwater where dancing is banned. It is at The Orchard Theatre, Dartford, from February 8 to 13 and stars Gareth Gates. The theatre has formed a partnership with Dance Generation to organise a family dance session from 1pm to 3pm on Sunday, January 31. Visit orchardtheatre.co.uk.

Show your true COLOURS

YOUR TONE: Wearing the wrong colour tone may leave you looking tired. When shopping for a new outfit don't forget to hold the colour just under your face, if you see a natural glow then this is for you. 1): Bruce by Bruce Oldfield Camel Dress, £99, available at John Lewis, Bluewater. 2): Bruce by Bruce Oldfield Little Bruce Dress in Red, £160, available at John Lewis, Bluewater. 3): Somerset by Alice Temperley Lace Dress, Black £130, available at John Lewis, Bluewater.

SPLASH OF COLOUR: Sometimes just a splash of colour is all you need and the ideal way to brighten an outfit is by accessorising, why not add a silk scarf. 4) John Lewis Dip-Dye Scarf in pink, £22, available at John Lewis, Bluewater. 5) John Lewis Palm Print Scarf, £35, available at John Lewis, Bluewater.

ENERGY BOOSTING: Add a splash of red to your outfit to help boost energy levels and give you the extra get up and go to hit the gym. To focus your mind, opt for darker blue tones, which help restore, calm. 6): Adidas Go to Gear Techfit 3/4 Length Heathered Capris, Dark Pink, £25.00, available at John Lewis, Bluewater. 7): Under Armour UA Tech Space Dye Long Sleeve Top, Fresh Water, £35.00, available at John Lewis, Bluewater.

If ever there's time when we need help to feel good then it's January. We have teamed up with Bluewater, colour psychologist Karen Haller and retailer John Lewis to reveal top tips on bringing mood-boosting colour to your wardrobe. Here are Karen's top tips alongside some outfit suggestions from John Lewis...



WORK WEAR: Colours such as orange or yellow are ideal for fun roles. Darker colours communicate authority, so choose black, navy, dark teal or midnight blue if you want to be taken more seriously. 8): Kin By John Lewis Oversized dress, Navy, £69 available at John Lewis, Bluewater. 9): John Lewis Weekend Striped Fringe Top, £49, available at John Lewis, Bluewater. 10): Bruce by Bruce Oldfield Black dress, £99, available at John Lewis, Bluewater.

COLOUR CONFIDENCE: With Valentine's Day approaching we can't forget this seasons most romantic colours – red and pink. Red embodies the passionate, lustful side of love and is the colour of strength and energy. A light pink, on the other hand, expresses a warmer, softer side.

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HOME COMFORTS

Interior designer Marta Leitane shares some top tips for home decorating trends in 2016.

COLOUR-WISE: We are seeing a surge in the use of strong and playful colours, instead of just using greys.

Remaining still is the use of vibrant jewel tones. The use of deep, dark aubergine, bold greens alongside a touch of rich colours such as canary yellow, lilac and purple tones are delivering a super chic style.

Often, when shifting to more calming atmospheres in rooms such as bedrooms, alabaster is used to represent mindfulness and well-being, complimented by the use of milky blues, shades of lavender and cream. **NATURAL SURFACES:** Nature is making its way into the home, creating an emphasis on environment and nature in unusual spaces such as bathrooms and kitchens. Materials like wood, cork coatings, stone, brick and raw concrete add extra attention to gritty imperfection.

RETRO GEOMETRICS: 2015 saw 70s



patterns, layered rugs and blond woods as far as the eye could see. Fortunately, they're not going anywhere but we'll see less 70s orange kitchen and more oriental-inspired hotel room.

HOME OF SPA: This year, it will not be uncommon to see benches, seats and loungers inside bathrooms in 2016, as the idea of a bathroom is no longer purely to serve as a function, but to be transformed into a relaxation area.

FUNCTIONALISM OF ACCESSORIES: Another major change in the visuals of interior homes is the presence of functional decorative objects. In 2016, we will soon find that there is no room for useless items of clutter.

THE ARRANGEMENT OF SPACE: The minimalistic and clever usage and arrangement of spaces is also extremely important. The

kitchen, for example, can be hidden to open additional space for entertainment, leaving its ability to pop-out when needed. In 2016 we are moving towards a minimalistic model that inhabits a quiet aesthetic that allows us to escape the rush of the city.

Playing with optical illusions in environments such as kitchens and bathrooms through the use of wall-papers – leaving everything the ability to add charm.

Caribbeanbeats

Wishing you were in the sun-filled Caribbean rather than wintry south east London? Bromley Court Hotel is hosting a Caribbean night from 7pm on Friday, featuring a steel band, dancing and a two-course buffet featuring the likes of slow roast jerk chicken, sticky barbecue pork ribs, crispy okra and coconut rolled plantain and hot and spicy sweet potatoes. Tickets cost £29.95. Go to bromleycourthotel.co.uk/events or call 020 84618600.

MARTA LEITANE is hosting a masterclass at Predella House in Nine Elms from 10am to 1pm on Saturday, February 6, looking at top trends, typical layouts and furniture. Tickets cost £120. Search Predella House on Eventbrite.com