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Halle Berry dropped out of consideration of playing a transgender male role in an upcoming movie. This past weekend, the Oscar-winning actress sat down in an Instagram Live interview, where she spoke about an upcoming movie playing a transgender man. “[The film is about] a character where the woman is a trans character, so she’s a woman that transitioned into a man,” Berry said with hairstylist Christin Brown. “She’s a character in a project I love that I might be doing.”

This quote was met with backlash about the erasure of transgender roles and actors in Hollywood. Cisgender actors have been noted to play transgender roles, thus not giving the right opportunities for trans actors to play their experiences. Examples of cisgender actors playing trans roles are Eddie Redmayne in *The Danish Girl*, and Jared Leto in *The Dallas Buyers Club*.



Berry made a statement this past Monday, announcing her resignation for consideration of the role, and apologizing to the transgender community. “I had the opportunity to discuss my consideration of an upcoming role as a transgender man, and I’d like to apologize for those remarks. As a cisgender woman, I now understand that I should not have considered this role, and that the transgender community should undeniably have the opportunity to tell their own stories.”



The *John Wick Chapter 3: Parabellum* star’s statement was next met with appreciation and praise for her allyship. However, some people were not as forgiving because she did not address her use of ‘she/her’ pronouns for the transgender male role.



Organizations like GLAAD were pleased to hear about Berry’s decision. “Other powerful people should do the same,” they said in a statement. The company also recommended watching the *Disclosure* documentary on Netflix to get a better understanding of transgender representation in media.

Hopefully, this will show how transgender actors and actresses should be loved and respected enough to play in movies that share their own experiences.

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