



**DRAMA PERFORMER PRE-NOMINATIONS
ANNOUNCED
FOR THE 44th ANNUAL DAYTIME EMMY® AWARDS**

New York - January 25, 2017 - The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (NATAS) today announced the Drama Performer Pre-Nominations for the 44th Annual Daytime Emmy® Awards.

The process used to determine those chosen as Pre-Nominated performers follows:

An online judging ballot containing all entrants in each of four performer categories (Lead Actor and Actress and Supporting Actor and Actress) was sent to all registered, eligible peer judges. The ballot contained a randomized order of performers in each category, regardless of their show affiliation. Judges were required to view clips online containing the work of each performer entry before selecting their top 10 performer choices in each category.

Ballots were submitted directly to Lutz & Carr, Inc., an independent accounting firm, who tabulated the results. The candidates below who received the highest number of votes now advance to the blue ribbon screening round, scheduled to begin on February 20, 2017, which will determine both nominees and recipients. Please note that this release also contains the names of the entrants for the Younger Actor and Actress categories, who will proceed directly to the Blue Ribbon Round. Nominations will be announced on Wednesday, March 22, 2017, live on "The Talk" on CBS.

Pre-nominated performers in alphabetical order in six categories follow below:

OUTSTANDING LEAD ACTRESS IN A DRAMA SERIES

Kristian Alfonso, as Hope Williams Brady
Days of Our Lives, NBC

Sharon Case, as Sharon McAvoy
The Young and the Restless, CBS

Melissa Claire Egan, as Chelsea Newman
The Young and the Restless, CBS

Mary Beth Evans, as Kayla Brady
Days of Our Lives, NBC

Nancy Lee Grahn, as Alexis Davis
General Hospital, ABC

Jen Lilley, as Theresa Donovan Black
Days of Our Lives, NBC

Gina Tognoni, as Phyllis Newman
The Young and the Restless, CBS

Heather Tom, as Katie Logan
The Bold and the Beautiful, CBS

Jess Walton, as Jill Abbott
The Young and the Restless, CBS

Laura Wright, as Carly Corinthos
General Hospital, ABC

OUTSTANDING LEAD ACTOR IN A DRAMA SERIES

Maurice Benard, as Sonny Corinthos
General Hospital, ABC

Peter Bergman, as Jack Abbott
The Young and the Restless, CBS

Scott Clifton, as Liam Spencer
The Bold and the Beautiful, CBS

Billy Flynn, as Chad DiMera
Days of Our Lives, NBC

Roger Howarth, as Franco
General Hospital, ABC

Vincent Irizarry, as Deimos Kiriakis
Days of Our Lives, NBC

Christian LeBlanc, as Michael Baldwin
The Young and the Restless, CBS

John McCook, as Eric Forrester
The Bold and the Beautiful, CBS

Kristoff St. John, as Neil Winters
The Young and the Restless, CBS

Jason Thompson, as Billy Abbott
The Young and the Restless, CBS

OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING ACTRESS IN A DRAMA SERIES

Eileen Davidson, as Ashley Abbott
The Young and the Restless, CBS

Judi Evans, as Adrienne Kiriakis
Days of Our Lives, NBC

Stacy Haiduk, as Patty Williams
The Young and the Restless, CBS

Amelia Heinle, as Victoria Newman
The Young and the Restless, CBS

Elizabeth Hendrickson, as Chloe Fisher
The Young and the Restless, CBS

Finola Hughes, as Anna Devane
General Hospital, ABC

Anna Maria Horsford, as Vivian Avant
The Bold and the Beautiful, CBS

Kate Mansi, as Abigail Deveraux
Days of Our Lives, NBC

Michelle Stafford, as Nina Reeves
General Hospital, ABC

Kelly Sullivan, as Sage Warner
The Young and the Restless, CBS

OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING ACTOR IN A DRAMA SERIES

John Aniston, as Victor Kiriakis
Days of Our Lives, NBC

Obba Babatundé, as Julius Avant
The Bold and the Beautiful, CBS

Steve Burton, as Dylan McAvoy
The Young and the Restless, CBS

Sean Carrigan, as Ben "Stitch" Rayburn
The Young and the Restless, CBS

Chad Duell, as Michael Corinthos
General Hospital, ABC

Bryton James, as Devon Hamilton
The Young and the Restless, CBS

Wally Kurth, as Justin Kiriakis
Days of Our Lives, NBC

Jeffrey Vincent Parise, as Carlos Rivera/Dr. Joe Rivera
General Hospital, ABC

James Reynolds, as Abe Carver
Days of Our Lives, NBC

Dominic Zamprogna, as Dante Falconeri
General Hospital, ABC

OUTSTANDING YOUNGER ACTRESS IN A DRAMA SERIES

Lexi Ainsworth, as Kristina Corinthos Davis
General Hospital, ABC

Camila Banus, as Gabi Hernandez
Days of Our Lives, NBC

Reign Edwards, as Nicole Avant
The Bold and the Beautiful, CBS

Hayley Erin, as Kiki Jerome
General Hospital, ABC

Olivia Keegan, as Claire Brady
Days of Our Lives, NBC

Hunter King, as Summer Newman
The Young and the Restless, CBS

Chloe Lanier, as Nelle Hayes
General Hospital, ABC

Alyvia Alyn Lind, as Faith Newman
The Young and the Restless, CBS

Paige Searcy, as Jade Michaels
Days of Our Lives, NBC

OUTSTANDING YOUNGER ACTOR IN A DRAMA SERIES

Jared Breeze, as Max Rayburn
The Young and the Restless, CBS

Bryan Craig, as Morgan Corinthos
General Hospital, ABC

Rome Flynn, as Zende Forrester Dominguez
The Bold and the Beautiful, CBS

Pierson Fodé, as Thomas Forrester
The Bold and the Beautiful, CBS

James Lastovic, as Joey Johnson
Days of Our Lives, NBC

Kyler Pettis, as Theo Carver
Days of Our Lives, NBC

Tequan Richmond, as TJ Ashford
General Hospital, ABC

Anthony Turpel, as R.J. Forrester
The Bold and the Beautiful, CBS

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