

Miss the three-hour Daytime Emmy broadcast? Soapdom didn't!

... and the Daytime Stars Came Out at Night Again

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Radio City Music Hall was all a glitter as the 30th Annual Daytime Emmy Red Carpet arrivals began. There were dazzling dresses, gorgeous do's, handsome gents, and a host of reporters and photographers capturing the moment as fans watched and screamed for their favorites from the sidelines.

ABC hosted the broadcast this year and extended it from the usual two hours to three-hours long. Show host, Daytime Emmy winner, Wayne Brady, opened the show with a hip hop, rapped out musical number. Another segment with music was added, showcasing the singing talents of many of daytime's finest. Too bad each actor/singer only got to sing two lines of the song. Just as I was getting into a rendition it was cut, zip, next. LOL Still it was fun to see the actors in another light. I am always in awe of just how talented – in a number of areas – daytime actors truly are.

But here's the thing. I love Susan Lucci. She is the icon of the industry. She is so beautiful. So gracious and charming, but I must cop to not being a fan of her singing. Every time I hear her (and it's been maybe five times now) she is always flat. Is it nerves that disconcert her? She did mention backstage that she was jittery singing in front of her peers. Or is it truly impossible for her to carry a tune? She has a deep, throaty resonance that's wonderful, if only it was on pitch. I wonder if those around her have ever brought this to her attention. Or, is it a case of the Emperor's New Clothes – they are so wanting to remain in her favor that they are afraid to tell her she's off pitch? Perhaps I am being too harsh, but I always feel embarrassed for her as she belts out a tune. On key or not, she still she dazzled the audience in her pail blue sheathe and her gracious presence. She is as regal as they come.

But I digress. Let's go back to the beginning. The festivities opened with host Wayne Brady taking the stage in a rather ill-fitting tuxedo and sneakers. What's with that? Here's what. It was mere seconds before he ripped open the velcroed tux to reveal a red warm-up suit. He

broke into a rap with a little help from a bunch of dancers.

First presenter, John Ritter, star of ABC's 8 Simple Rules, gave out the award for Outstanding Supporting Actor. From a field of Josh Duhamel (Leo, AMC), Christian Le Blanc (Michael, Y&R), Ron Raines (Alan, GL), Paul Anthony Stewart (Danny, GL) and Ben Hendrickson (Ben, ATWT), it was Hendrickson who walked away with the Emmy. An audience shot of cast mate, Cady McCain (Rosanna, ATWT), showed her tearing up with joy at Hendrickson's win. This was his first win in three nominations. He commented that prior to this night he thought the winner in this category had to have great hair. Now, after winning, he knew he was right!

The next presenters, Y&R's Peter Bergman (Jack), Michelle Stafford (Phyllis), and Susan Waters (Diane) announced the nominees for Outstanding Supporting Actress. The nominees were Rebecca Budig (Greenlee, AMC), Robin Christopher (Skye, GH), Linda Dano (Rae, OLTL), Vanessa Marcil (Brenda, GH), Cady McClain (Rosanna, ATWT) and Kelly Monaco (Livvie/Tess, PC). A very stunned and surprised Vanessa Marcil took home the Award. Quite the shocker for her, especially as she'd only been back on General Hospital for a short stint.

Kelly Ripa then introduced the first of TV Guide's Ten Most Memorable Daytime TV Moments. Here is the entire list:

1. "All My Children," 1970 - The introduction of Erica Kane
2. "Sesame Street," 1983 - Saying goodbye to Mr. Hooper
3. "General Hospital," 1981 - Luke and Laura's wedding
4. "The Young and the Restless," 1984 - Kay Chancellor's facelift, with footage from the actual facelift of Jeanne Cooper, who portrays Kay
5. "General Hospital," 1994 - BJ's death and the heart transplant that saved her dying cousin, Maxie
6. "The Donahue Show," 1988 - Phil Donahue wearing a skirt for a show on cross-dressing
7. "Days of Our Lives," 1982 - The Salem Strangler killing Marlena - or does he?
8. "Guiding Light," - Reva stripping and proclaiming herself "The Slut of Springfield"
9. The Oprah Winfrey Show," 1988 - a newly slimmed down Oprah rolling a wagon with 67 pounds of fat on stage - the amount of weight she lost
10. "The Price is Right," 1977 - excited contestant Yolanda Bowsley coming out of her top.

The audience was asked to text message or log on to ABC.com's enhanced TV to vote for their favorite. The winner? With over 125,000 votes received, it was hands down, Luke and Laura's Wedding on General Hospital. The winner was announced by Dr. Phil McGraw toward the end of the broadcast.

Soap stars from the past came out to introduce segments including Judith Light (former Karen Wolack, OLTL), Vivica A. Fox (Y&R, Days of our Lives, Generations), Ming Na (Leanne Hughes, ATWT), Mark Hamill (former Kent Murray, GH), and Debbie Morgan (former Dr. Ellen GH/PC and Angie Hubbard, AMC).

For a show heralding daytime, there was a number of prime time talent participating. Along with John Ritter, Sharon Osbourne (The Osbournes), and Eric Roberts (Less Than Perfect), presented awards.

Daytime presenters included Peter Bergman (Jack), Michelle Stafford (Phyllis) and Susan Waters (Diane) of Y&R; Jack Wagner (Dominick) and Ronn Moss (Ridge) of B&B; Bradley Cole (Jeffrey) and Laura Wright (Cassie) of Guiding Light; Ben Masters (Julian) and Tracy Ross (Eve) Passions; Martha Byrne (Lily/Rose) and Grayson McCouch (Dusty) ATWT; Tamara Braun (Carly) and Alicia Leigh Willis (Courtney) of GH; Brian Gaskill (Rafe) and Kelly Monaco (Livvie/Tess) of PC; Kamar de los Reyes (Antonio), Sherri Saum (Keri), Bree Williamson (Jessica) and Erika Slezak (Viki) of OLTL; Kirsten Storms (Belle) and Jason Cook (Shawn) of DOOL, Alicia Minshew (Kendall), Max Alexandro (Carlo) and Rebecca Budig (Greenlee) of AMC; and Robin Christopher (Skye) Ingo Rademacher (Jax) and Tony Geary (Luke) of GH. Susan Lucci (Erica, AMC) presented the Most Outstanding Drama Award.

I like that ABC took pains to use stars from all three network's daytime drama line up as presenters. In years past, networks tended to monopolize the show with talent from their own daytime lineup.

Daytime also took time out in primetime to remember members of its community who had passed on this past year -- most predominantly, Mr. Rogers. A poignant and fitting tribute to Mr. Rogers was delivered by Wayne Brady and the Muppets.

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