

ABC Super Soap Weekend 8 Another Success

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Actors and fans rub shoulders at ABC Weekend

For the 8th Year in a Row, ABC Daytime Wows Fans at SSW at Disney-MGM Studios at the Walt Disney Resort in Orlando, Fla.

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LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. -- More than 30 ABC Daytime stars from "All My Children," "One Life To Live" and "General Hospital" appeared at the eighth annual ABC Super Soap Weekend at Disney-MGM Studios, Nov. 8-9, 2003, at Walt Disney World Resort. The star-studded event was headlined by "All My Children" actress Susan Lucci (Erica).

The fan-friendly event featured autograph sessions, Hollywood-style motorcades, star conversations, celebrity concerts and interactive game shows. Fans also had the opportunity to purchase one-of-a-kind memorabilia from the shows.

Did you Know?

ABC Super Soap Weekend is the world's largest annual soap opera fan event!

In addition to Susan Lucci, some of the other stars that appeared this year included:

From All My Children

Rebecca Budig (Greenlee), Tomy Dunster (Juan Pablo) , Michael B. Jordan (Reggie), Michael E. Knight (Tad), Eva La Rue (Maria), Cameron Mathison (Ryan), Alicia Minshew (Kendall), Eden Riegel (Bianca), Aiden Turner (Aidan) and Jacob Young (JR).

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From One Life to Live

Melissa Arche (Natalie), Kathy Brier (Marcie), Kamar de los Reyes (Antonio), Kassie DePaiva (Blair), Michael Easton (John), Dan Gauthier (Kevin), Hillary B. Smith (Nora), Trevor St. John (Walker) and Tuc Watkins (David).

From General Hospital

Chad Brannon (Zander), Scott Clifton (Dillon), Tyler Christopher (Nikolas), Rick Hearst (Ric), Wally Kurth (Ned), Natalia Livingston (Emily), Kelly Monaco (Sam), Ingo Rademacher (Jax), Greg Vaughan (Lucky) and Alicia Leigh Willis (Courtney).

Celebrity Hosts

Linda Dano, who portrays Rae Cummings on One Life To Live, hosted the ABC Super Soap Talk Show and Walt Willey (Jackson, All My Children) emceed the Colgate Total Street Jam. The Street Jam, which took place both evenings, featured soap stars in a live, musical concert showcase. Catherine Hickland (One Life To Live) hosted the celebrity motorcades and star conversations.

In addition, Willey also hosted Casting Call, an event new to Super Soap Weekend, where fans got an opportunity to audition in front of a live audience to do a scene with an ABC Daytime star.

There were special "Super Soap Editions" of "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire-Play It," with ABC stars answering questions in the game's famed "Hot Seat" while audience members played along.

Also, "Soap Talk" -- SOAPnet's Daytime Emmy-nominated daily talk show hosted by Lisa Rinna and Ty Treadway -- taped two episodes inside the theme park on Nov. 8. The SOAPnet crew

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also taped four of the event's star conversations and motorcades at 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Saturday. The four motorcades and star conversations will be edited into two episodes of "Soap Talk" airing Nov. 19-20 on SOAPnet. See below.

ABC Super Soap Weekend was included in the regular theme park admission at Disney-MGM Studios. Disney-MGM Studios is one of four theme parks at Walt Disney World Resort.

FASTPASS used for the first time at Super Soap Weekend

For the first time in event history, Disney's award-winning FASTPASS system was utilized for all "On Location" celebrity autograph sessions. The FASTPASS system, which reduces wait time at popular Disney theme park attractions, allowed guests to maximize their time at ABC Super Soap Weekend and experience other event activities.

SSW 8 on SoapTalk November 19 - 20, 2003

"Soap Talk" #0179 - Premieres Wednesday, November 19, 2003

Some of ABC's biggest soap stars came out to play and hang with their fans November 8-9 during ABC's Super Soap Weekend at Disney-MGM Studios in Orlando, Florida. In this, the first of two episodes of "Soap Talk" taped in front of a live audience from the annual event, Ty and Lisa focus their attention on super-couple Susan Lucci and Walt Willey from "All My Children" as well as the remarkable cast of "One Life to Live," including guests Catherine Hickland (Lindsay, OLTL), Kathy Brier (Marcie, OLTL), Dan Gauthier (Kevin, OLTL) and Trevor St. John (Walker, OLTL).

"Soap Talk" #0180 - Premieres Thursday, November 20, 2003

The fun and excitement of ABC's Super Soap Weekend at Disney-MGM Studios in Orlando, Florida continues in the second installment of "Soap Talk" taped in front of a live audience from the event on November 8. In this episode, the beautiful and talented stars of "General Hospital," including Rick Hearst (Ric), Alicia Leigh Willis (Courtney), Greg Vaughan (Lucky), Natalia Livingstone (Emily), Tyler Christopher (Nikolas) and Chad Brannon (Zander), as well as the gifted and charismatic stars of "All My Children," including Tomy Dunster (Juan Pablo), Alicia Minshew (Kendall), Aiden Turner (Aidan), Eva LaRue (Maria) and Cameron Mathison (Ryan), take a break from the commotion to chat with Lisa and Ty.

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