

## 2018 MAC Award Nominees

### FEMALE VOCALIST

SALLY DARLING

*Love Lust & Longing*

Don't Tell Mama

DAWN DEROW

*My Ship: Songs from 1941*

Laurie Beechman, Crown and Anchor (Provincetown)

MARNIE KLAR

*Bedtime Stories*

Don't Tell Mama

WENDY SCHERL

*New SCHERL in Town*

Metropolitan Room, Don't Tell Mama, Davenport's

LISA VIGGIANO

*Three's a Charm*

Don't Tell Mama, Society Cabaret (San Francisco)

LISA YAEGER

*Jersey Girl*

Metropolitan Room, Don't Tell Mama

### MALE VOCALIST

JOSHUA LANCE DIXON

*Pack of One*

Don't Tell Mama

RICHARD HOLBROOK

*The Many Moods of Christmas*

Don't Tell Mama

JEFF MACAULEY

*Hollywood Party: Movie Songs 1928-1936*

Pangea

KIM DAVID SMITH

*Morphium Kabarett*

Pangea

### MAJOR ARTIST – FEMALE

CAROLE J. BUFFORD

*Fearless Females of the 1960s*

Feinstein's/54 Below

NATALIE DOUGLAS

*Tribute shows (Sammy Davis, Jr., Linda Ronstadt, Nina Simone, Shirley Bassey)*

Birdland

TANYA MOBERLY

*Six Different Shows, Six Different Musicians, Six Friday Nights*

Don't Tell Mama

STACY SULLIVAN

*The Sultry Side of Cole; The Fever of Miss Peggy Lee*

Beach Café, Rosarito Beach Hotel (Mexico)

#### **MAJOR ARTIST – MALE**

ERIC COMSTOCK

*Saturdays @6PM (20 varying performances)*

Birdland

SEAN HARKNESS

*"Duos" series, Japan Tour 2017*

Birdland, various venues in Japan

JEFF HARNAR

*Easy to Love; Sammy Cahn: All The Way; The 1959 Broadway Songbook*

Beach Café, Metropolitan Room, Laurie Beechman

#### **NEW YORK DEBUT – FEMALE**

CAITLIN FAHEY

*Party of One*

Don't Tell Mama

BECCA C. KIDWELL

*A Song & Its Girl*

Don't Tell Mama

ANN KITTREDGE

*It's About Time; One Night Only*

Metropolitan Room, Don't Tell Mama, Feinstein's/54 Below

KATI NEIHEISEL

*Among the Stars*

Don't Tell Mama

#### **NEW YORK DEBUT – MALE**

DAVID BAIDA

*Unexpected Surprise*

Metropolitan Room

BYRON ST. CYR

*4600 Mithra: My New Orleans*

Don't Tell Mama

JEREMY SUSSMAN

*Jeremy Sussman Sings More of the American Songbook and Other Curiosities*

Don't Tell Mama

## **CELEBRITY ARTIST**

KAREN MASON

*Mason at Mama's in May; Mason's Makin' Music; CD Release Show*  
Don't Tell Mama, Davenport's, the RRazz Room, Birdland

BRIAN STOKES MITCHELL

Feinstein's/54 Below

KT SULLIVAN

*Colored Lights; You're the Top*  
Laurie Beechman, Birdland

## **IMPERSONATION/CHARACTERIZATION/DRAG ARTIST**

DOROTHY BISHOP

*The Dozen Divas Show*  
Metropolitan Room

ROBIN KRADLES (Richard Becker)

*Gambling on Love*  
Don't Tell Mama

GINGER MINJ

*Sweet T; Crossdresser for Christ: The Musical*  
Laurie Beechman

JINKX MONSOON

*Jinkx Sings Everything*  
Laurie Beechman

## **MUSICAL COMEDY PERFORMER**

IRA LEE COLLINGS

*Life Is a Song—So, Why Not Sing It!*  
Don't Tell Mama

GRETCHEN REINHAGEN

*#BlamePaleo*  
Don't Tell Mama

AMY WOLK

*Hungry Like the Wolk*  
Duplex

## **SPOKEN WORD ARTIST**

DAN RUTH

*A Life Behind Bars*  
Laurie Beechman

NANCY WITTER  
*Growing Up McDougal*  
Don't Tell Mama

#### **DUO/GROUP**

DAVID MAIOCCO AND CHUCK SWEENEY  
*Lee Squared – An evening with Liberace and Miss Peggy Lee*  
Metropolitan Room, RRazz Room, Cotuit Center for the Performing Arts

THOSE GIRLS (Eve Eaton, Rachel Hanser, Karen Mack, Wendy A. Russell)  
*Those Girls; Those Girls Unplugged*  
Laurie Beechman, Pangea

UNEXPECTED TRIO (Meg Flather, Rosemary Loar, and Tracy Stark)  
Don't Tell Mama, 53 Above, Music at the Mansion

#### **MAJOR DUO/GROUP**

ERIC COMSTOCK AND BARBARA FASANO  
*Various shows*  
Birdland, Jazz at Kitano, Kaplan Penthouse (Lincoln Center), Mezzrow, Gaslight Theatre (St. Louis), Café Sabarsky

CAROLE DEMAS AND SARAH RICE  
*Thank You For Your Love*  
Laurie Beechman

MARCUS SIMEONE AND SEAN HARKNESS  
*Blue*  
Don't Tell Mama

#### **RECURRING SERIES**

AMERICAN POPULAR SONG SOCIETY SERIES  
*Produced by Linda Amiel Burns*  
Musicians Hall at Local 802

IT'S JUST A NUMBER  
*Created, produced, and directed by Bobbie Horowitz*  
Metropolitan Room, The Triad

OPEN MIC AT THE MET  
*Produced and hosted by Deb Berman and Susan Winter*  
Metropolitan Room

RICKY RITZEL'S BROADWAY  
*Created and produced by Ricky Ritzel, staging and choreography by Jay Rogers and Aaron Morishita*  
Don't Tell Mama

SALON  
*Mark Janas, founder, artistic director, host; Tanya Moberly, executive producer*  
Etcetera, Etcetera

## SPOTLIGHT ON YOU OPEN MIC

*Created, produced, and hosted by Natasha Castillo and John Koprowski*

53 Above

## REVUE OR SPECIAL PRODUCTION

### LIVE TO TELL: MY LIFE, MADONNA'S SONGS

*Created by Kim Sutton, Steven Ray Watkins, and Lennie Watts; starring Kim Sutton*

Laurie Beechman

### MAMA'S NEXT BIG ACT

*Produced by Don't Tell Mama and Lennie Watts*

Don't Tell Mama

### METROSTAR TALENT CHALLENGE

*Produced by Joseph Macchia, Tom Gamblin, Beck Lee, Bernie Furshpan*

Metropolitan Room

### TOGETHER: 2017 CABARET AWARD-NOMINATED VOCALISTS

*Featuring Celia Berk, Sally Darling, Meg Flather, Josephine Sanges, Lisa Viggiano, directed by Jeff Harnar, musical direction by John M. Cook*

Don't Tell Mama, Urban Stages

## EMCEE

### NATASHA CASTILLO

*Spotlight on You Open Mic*

53 Above

### BOBBIE HOROWITZ

*It's Just a Number*

Metropolitan Room, The Triad

### LENNIE WATTS

*Mama's Next BIG Act!*

Don't Tell Mama

### AMY WOLK

*I Only Have Lies For You*

Laurie Beechman

## DIRECTOR

### JEFF HARNAR

Dawn Derow/"My Ship: Songs from 1941" (Laurie Beechman); Anna Bergman/"You're All the World to Me" (Feinstein's/54 Below), Tovah Feldshuh/"Aging Is Optional" (Feinstein's/54 Below), "Together: 2017 Cabaret Award-Nominated Vocalists" (Don't Tell Mama, Urban Stages); Margo Brown/"Margo Sings Mercer" (Metropolitan Room)

### LINA KOUTRAKOS

Mary Sue Daniels/"Straight Outta 'Conda" (Don't Tell Mama), Lisa Yaeger/"Jersey Girl" (Metropolitan Room, Don't Tell Mama), Caitlin Fahey/"Party of One" (Don't Tell Mama), Katie McGrath/"Significant Other" (Metropolitan Room), Ruth Carlin/"Kaleidoscope Eyes" (Don't Tell Mama)

## TANYA MOBERLY

Dan Ruth/"A Life Behind Bars" (Laurie Beechman), Amy Beth Williams/"Carried Away", "A Thousand Beautiful Things" (Don't Tell Mama), Marnie Klar/"Bedtime Stories" (Don't Tell Mama)

## MUSICAL DIRECTOR

### IAN HERMAN

Carole J. Bufford/"You Don't Own Me" (Feinstein's/54 Below); Dawn Derow/"My Ship: Songs from 1941" (Laurie Beechman); Amy Beth Williams/"A Thousand Beautiful Things" (Don't Tell Mama); Sharon McNight/"Soup to Nuts" (Duplex); Tanya Moberly/"The Ian Herman Show" (Don't Tell Mama)

### RICK JENSEN

Doris Dear/"Holiday Cheer" (Triad); Lisa Yaeger/"Jersey Girl" (Don't Tell Mama, Metropolitan Room); Caitlin Fahey/"Party of One" (Don't Tell Mama); Katie McGrath/"Significant Others" (Metropolitan Room); Mary Sue Daniels/"Straight Outta 'Conda" (Don't Tell Mama)

### DARYL KOJAK

Deborah Stone/"Siren Song" (Don't Tell Mama); 2017 Bistro Awards (Gotham Comedy Club); "Famous Duets II" (Urban Stages); "Richard Skipper Celebrates E.Y. Harburg on His Birthday" (Laurie Beechman); Rob Davis/"A Sinatra Kind of Christmas" (Pangea)

### TRACY STARK

Meg Flather/"Hold On Tight" Don't Tell Mama; Gretchen Reinlagen/"#iBlamePaleo" (Don't Tell Mama); Kim David Smith/"Morpheus Kabarett" (Pangea, Café Sabarsky, Crown & Anchor); Peggy Eason (Laurie Beechman); Karen Kohler/"The Home I Love—From Birdland to Tel Aviv" (Congregation Emanu-El, San Francisco)

### STEVEN RAY WATKINS

Kim Sutton/"Live to Tell" (Laurie Beechman); Those Girls (Laurie Beechman); Mama's Next BIG Act! (Don't Tell Mama); Marnie Klar/"Bedtime Stories" (Don't Tell Mama); Tanya Moberly/"The Steven Ray Watkins Show" (Don't Tell Mama)

## TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

### COLLETTE BLACK, Don't Tell Mama

Julie Reyburn, *Fate Is Kind*; Renee Katz, *Never Been Gone*; J Michael Reed & Marc McBarron Kessler, *The Ghost of Vaudeville*; Sean Harkness & Marcus Simeone, *Blue* (all at Don't Tell Mama)

### JASON ELLIS, Don't Tell Mama, 53 Above

*Groovin' on a Sunday*, Don't Tell Mama, 53 Above; Unexpected Trio (Meg Flather, Rosemary Loar, Tracy Stark), 53 Above; *Escape to Ukulele Island*, 53 Above; *Liquid Sky Night: New Wave*, 53 Above; *Spotlight on You Open Mic*, 53 Above

### ABBY JUDD, Laurie Beechman

Dawn Derow, *My Ship: Songs from 1941*; Dan Ruth, *A Life Behind Bars*; Carole Demas & Sarah Rice, *Thank You for Your Love*; KT Sullivan & Jeff Harnar, *#SONDHEIMmontage*; Leslie Carrara-Rudolph, *What Just Happened? An Adult Cabaret* (all at Laurie Beechman)

### JONNY MERCADO, Metropolitan Room, Don't Tell Mama

Metropolitan Room: *Cabaret's Greatest Hits* series. Don't Tell Mama: Karen Mason, *Mason at Mama's in May*; Mama's Next BIG Act; The Lennie Watts and Those Girls Christmas Extravaganza; Richard Holbrook, *The Many Moods of Christmas*

### JEAN-PIERRE PERREAUX, Metropolitan Room

Annie Ross; Stacy Sullivan, *A Night at the Troubadour*; Marissa Mulder, *Be Here Now: The Songs of Ray LaMontagne*; Marilyn Maye, *Marilyn by Request*; Gunhild Carling, *The Gunhild Carling Experience* (all at Metropolitan Room)

## **ENSEMBLE INSTRUMENTALIST**

SEAN HARKNESS, guitar

Kathleen Turner, Ripley Grier New Studio, Philadelphia Theatre Company

Keith Richards/Sarah Dash, Joe's Pub

KJ Denhart, 55 Bar

Love Cures benefit concert, Symphony Space

Stacy Sullivan (*A Tribute to Miss Peggy Lee*), Sheen Center

RITT HENN, bass

Anita Gillette, Birdland

Amy Beth Williams, *Carried Away*, Don't Tell Mama

Those Girls, Laurie Beechman

Liz Robertson, Don't Tell Mama

Jackie Draper, Laurie Beechman

RAY MARCHICA, percussion

Sean Harkness, *Sean Harkness and The Usual Suspects*, Metropolitan Room

Cabaret Convention, *Too Marvelous for Words/Stardust*, Jazz at Lincoln Center

Debbie Gravitte with the Russ Kasso Big Band, *Big Band Broadway*, Birdland

Billy Stritch, *Lucky to Be Me*, Birdland

Billy Stritch/Christine Ebersole, *Snowfall*, Birdland

MATT SCHARFGLASS, bass

Lisa Viggiano, *Three's a Charm*, Don't Tell Mama

Marnie Klar, *Bedtime Stories*, Don't Tell Mama

Those Girls, Laurie Beechman

Michael McCorry Rose and Tiffany Haas, *Cheek to Cheek*, Feinstein's/54 Below

Kim Sutton, *Live to Tell*, Laurie Beechman

DAVID SILLIMAN, percussion

Kim Dunbar and William Candelario, Metropolitan Room

Sue Matsuki, *Jam n' Toasts*, Don't Tell Mama

Jillian Laurain, *Hello Gorgeous! – a tribute to Barbra Streisand*, Metropolitan Room

Jillian Laurain, *Broadway Her Way*, Don't Tell Mama

## **PIANO BAR/RESTAURANT SINGING ENTERTAINER – MALE**

JOE ARDIZZONE, Brandy's

BOBBY BELFRY, Brandy's

SEAN BERNARDI, Brandy's

TOMMY J. DOSE, Don't Tell Mama

PAUL PILCZ, Don't Tell Mama

## **PIANO BAR/RESTAURANT SINGING ENTERTAINER – FEMALE**

ELAINE BRIER, Don't Tell Mama

MICHELLE DOWDY, Don't Tell Mama

TARA MARTINEZ, Don't Tell Mama

LAUREN MUFSON, Brandy's

LAURA PAVLES, Don't Tell Mama

## **PIANO BAR INSTRUMENTALIST**

NATE BUCCIERI, Duplex, Don't Tell Mama, Brandy's  
GERRY DIEFFENBACH, Don't Tell Mama, Duplex  
WILLIAM TN HALL, Duplex, Don't Tell Mama, Brandy's  
MICHAEL ISAACS, Don't Tell Mama, Duplex, Brandy's  
JOE REGAN, Don't Tell Mama

## **RECORDING (LAMOTT FRIEDMAN AWARD)**

STEARNS MATTHEWS: "December Songs"  
BOB MUNDY: "Love to Me"  
PAUL ROLNICK: "Shoot For the Moon"  
JOSEPHINE SANGES: "Finding Beauty: Celebrating Ann Hampton Callaway"

## **MAJOR RECORDING**

JUDY BARNETT: "Lust Loss Love"  
KAREN MASON: "It's About Time"  
DOREEN MONTALVO: "American Soul Latin Heart"

## **SONG**

I CAN TELL TIME  
MOUNTAIN IN THE SKY  
NEVERTHELESS (SHE PERSISTED)  
PLEASANTVILLE  
STAY AWHILE

## **COMEDY/NOVELTY SONG**

APPLY  
GO INTO FINANCE  
HEY, HEY, IT'S OK  
MISTER PROMISED-ME-THE-MOON  
QUIET



## **SHOW OF THE YEAR**

### **NATALIE DOUGLAS: *TRIBUTES RESIDENCY***

*Created by and starring Natalie Douglas, musical direction by Mark Hartman and Brian Nash  
Birdland*

### **COLE ESCOLA: *HELP! I'M STUCK***

*Created, written, and performed by Cole Escola  
Joe's Pub*

### **A LIFE BEHIND BARS**

*Written and performed by Dan Ruth, directed by Tanya Moberly  
Laurie Beechman*

### **THE SKIVVIES**

*Created by and starring Nick Cearley and Lauren Molina  
Feinstein's/54 Below, Green Room 42, Joe's Pub*

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOVE: OUR CELEBRATION OF TOM JONES & HARVEY SCHMIDT**

*Starring Carole Demas and Sarah Rice, directed by Charles Repole, musical director Joe Goodrich, produced by Stuart J.  
Allyn  
Laurie Beechman*