

## 2023 Final Ballot

### FEMALE VOCALIST

CELIA BERK

*On My Way To You: Improbable Stories That Inspired An Unlikely Path*

Laurie Beechman

DAWN DEROW

*Dawn Derow Sings Eydie Gormé; My Ship CD Release, Backyard Troubadors*

Laurie Beechman, 54 Below, Green Room 42, Post Office Café (Provincetown), Mohonk Mountain House (New Paltz), Cotuit Center for the Arts (Cotuit, MA)

JOSEPHINE SANGES

*The Funny Girl in Me—Josephine Sanges Sings Fanny Brice*

Laurie Beechman

GERRILYN SOHN

*If Joe Allen's Walls Could Sing & Other Hidden Gems*

Don't Tell Mama

LISA VIGGIANO

*Lisa Viggiano Sings the Jane Olivor Songbook*

Laurie Beechman, Don't Tell Mama

### MALE VOCALIST

TIM CONNELL

*Dreamin' Again; Lucky Me!; ...and so it goes...*

Pangea

RIAN KEATING

*Rian Keating Sings Jacques Brel*

Don't Tell Mama

FRANK MCDONOUGH

*Two Strong Hands; Legends of Las Vegas*

Don't Tell Mama

SETH SIKES

*I'll Be Seeing You; Seth Sikes Sings Barbra Streisand; New Year's Eve with Seth Sikes!; Exclusive Memorial Day Show with Seth Sikes!*

54 Below, The Pines Rehobeth Beach, The Arts Project of Cherry Grove

### MAJOR ARTIST

TANYA MOBERLY

*Moberly at Mama's Monthly*

Don't Tell Mama

SIDNEY MYER

Pangea

DAVID SABELLA

*Amanda Reckonwith Returns*

Pangea

LENNIE WATTS

*Escape*

Don't Tell Mama

**NEW YORK DEBUT –FEMALE**

SARAH CARSON

*England and America – A Transatlantic Love Story*

Don't Tell Mama

SHANNON DALEY

*Anybody Have a Map?*

Don't Tell Mama

LINDA KAHN

*"Say Yes!"*

Laurie Beechman

ANN TALMAN

*Elizabeth Taylor and the Shadow of Her Smile*

54 Below

**NEW YORK DEBUT –MALE**

DANNY BOLERO

*They Call Me...Cuban Pete: The Music and Genius of Desi Arnaz*

Don't Tell Mama

JEFF FLASTER

*Take the Moment*

Don't Tell Mama

DAME EDNA'S HONORARY UNDERSTUDY SCOTT F. MASON

*One Dame Funny Night at DTM; Mouth to Mouth with the Dame*

Don't Tell Mama

**CELEBRITY ARTIST**

ANN HAMPTON CALLAWAY

54 Below

LIZ CALLAWAY

*To Steve With Love: Liz Callaway Celebrates Sondheim*

54 Below

NATALIE DOUGLAS

*Many different shows*

Birdland Jazz Club, The Triad, The Players (NYC) and many clubs in London and throughout the U.S.

JEFF HARNAR

*I Know Things Now: My Life in Sondheim's Words*

Laurie Beechman

GABRIELLE STRAVELLI  
Birdland

### ICON

PATTI LuPONE  
54 Below

BRIAN STOKES MITCHELL  
54 Below

VANESSA WILLIAMS  
54 Below

### DUO/GROUP

ELENA BENNETT AND FRED BARTON  
*Swing Out Under the Moon!*  
Pangea

HELANE BLUMFIELD AND BOBBY PEACO  
*me and bobby peaco*  
Don't Tell Mama

THOSE GIRLS (Eve Eaton, Rachel Hanser, Karen Mack, Wendy Anne Russell)  
*Those Girls Sing the Broadway, Vol 1*  
Laurie Beechman, Don't Tell Mama

### MAJOR DUO/GROUP

KLEA BLACKHURST, JIM CARUSO, BILLY STRITCH  
*A Swinging Birdland Christmas*  
Birdland

LIZ CALLAWAY AND ANN HAMPTON CALLAWAY  
*As Long as We're Together*  
54 Below

ERIC COMSTOCK AND BARBARA FASANO  
Birdland

### PIANO BAR INSTRUMENTALIST

NATE BUCCIERI  
Don't Tell Mama, Brandy's, The Duplex

BRANDON JAMES GWINN  
Marie's Crisis

WILLIAM TN HALL  
Don't Tell Mama, Brandy's

PADDY ON THE PIANO  
Don't Tell Mama, The Duplex

JOE REGAN  
Don't Tell Mama

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

ELAINE BRIER  
Don't Tell Mama

LIZ LARK BROWN  
Stonewall Inn, Brandy's

MARIA GENTILE  
The Duplex, Stonewall Inn, Brandy's

TARA MARTINEZ  
Don't Tell Mama

LAURA PAVLES  
Don't Tell Mama

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

DAVID FOLEY JR.  
Stonewall Inn, Brandy's

JUSTIN GREGORY LOPEZ  
Brandy's

JOSEPH REDD  
Don't Tell Mama

JON SATROM  
Don't Tell Mama, Brandy's

MILES WHITTAKER  
Stonewall Inn

#### **ENSEMBLE INSTRUMENTALIST**

DON KELLY, drums and percussion  
*Those Girls/Those Girls Sing The Broadway, Vol. 1* (Laurie Beechman, Don't Tell Mama), Marnie Klar/*Marnie Klar Sings Carly Simon* (Don't Tell Mama), Amy Beth Williams/*Great Ladies, Great Songs* (Don't Tell Mama), Sarah Carson/*England and America* (Don't Tell Mama)

MATT SCHARFGLASS, bass  
*Turn the Beat Around: 54 Below Celebrates Studio 54* (54 Below), Lennie Watts/*Escape* (Don't Tell Mama), Kevin Smith Kirkwood/*Classic Whitney: Alive!* (Joe's Pub)

SKIP WARD, bass  
Kim David Smith/*Mostly Marlene* (Joe's Pub), Matsuki and Toroian's Jazz Brunch Open Mic (Pangea), Amanda Ferguson/*Ladies of the 80's* (Pangea), Sue Matsuki and Gregory Toroian/*38 Seasons of Love* (54 Below)

## **RECURRING SERIES**

### **JIM CARUSO'S CAST PARTY**

*Created, produced, and hosted by Jim Caruso*  
Birdland

### **THE LINEUP WITH SUSIE MOSHER**

*Produced by Susie Mosher and Hope Royalty*  
Birdland Theater

### **SALON**

*Founder, Artistic Director, Host: Mark Janas; Executive Producer: Tanya Moberly*  
Don't Tell Mama

## **EMCEE**

### **JIM CARUSO**

*Jim Caruso's Cast Party*  
Birdland

### **SUE MATSUKI AND GREGORY TOROIAN**

*Matsuki & Toroian's Jazz Brunch Open Mic*  
Pangea

### **SUSIE MOSHER**

*The Lineup with Susie Mosher*  
Birdland

## **SPECIAL PRODUCTION**

### **HOLD ON TIGHT**

*Produced, written, and performed by Meg Flather, Directed by Lennie Watts, Musical Direction by Tracy Stark*  
Don't Tell Mama, Theater Row, Teatro Latea

### **JOE ICONIS AND FAMILY – ALBUM**

*Curated and hosted by Joe Iconis*  
54 Below

### **IN THIS TRAVELING HEART**

*Written by and performed by Rian Keating, Directed by Tanya Moberly*  
Don't Tell Mama

### **WOULDA, COULDA, SHOULDA – MY (ALMOST) LIFE ON THE WICKED STAGE**

*Written by and starring Mary Lahti, Directed by Lennie Watts, Music director Paul Greenwood*  
Don't Tell Mama, Laurie Beechman

## **DIRECTOR**

### **JEFF HARNAR**

Linda Kahn/*Say Yes!* (Laurie Beechman), Theresa Lee/*Riding the Bus to the Red Carpet* (Triad, Don't Tell Mama), Becca Kidwell/*Together Inside* (Don't Tell Mama), Margo Brown and Lisa Dellarossa/*You're Nothing Without Me* (Don't Tell Mama), Josephine Sanges/*The Funny Girl in Me* (Laurie Beechman)

## LINA KOUTRAKOS

Deborah Stone/*Chiaroscuro* (Pangea, Laurie Beechman), Ann Talman/*Elizabeth Taylor and the Shadow of Her Smile* (54 Below), *The Doris Dear Christmas Special* (The Triad), Dorian Woodruff/*The Lyrics of Alan and Marilyn Bergman* (Pangea)

## TANYA MOBERLY

*Marnie Klar Sings Carly Simon* (Don't Tell Mama), Scott F. Mason/*Mouth to Mouth with The Dame* (Don't Tell Mama), *Rian Keating Sings Jacques Brel* (Don't Tell Mama), Gracie Lee Brown/*Say Goodnight, Gracie* (Don't Tell Mama), Jeff Flaster/*Take the Moment* (Don't Tell Mama)

## LENNIE WATTS

Meg Flather/*Hold On Tight* (Don't Tell Mama, Theater Row, Teatro Latea), *Those Girls/Those Girls Sing the Broadway Vol 1* (Laurie Beechman, Don't Tell Mama), Mary Lahti/*Woulda, Coulda, Shoulda* (Laurie Beechman, Don't Tell Mama), Sarah Carson/*England and America* (Don't Tell Mama), Gerrilyn Sohn/*If Joe Allen's Walls Could Sing* (Don't Tell Mama)

## MUSICAL DIRECTOR

### JOHN M. COOK

Josephine Sanges/*The Funny Girl in Me* (Laurie Beechman), Deborah Stone/*Chiaroscuro* (Pangea, Laurie Beechman), Cindy Firing/*You and I—A Tribute to Barbara Cook* (Laurie Beechman), Josephine Sanges and Cindy Firing/*Carry On* (Don't Tell Mama), Margo Brown & Lisa Dellarossa/*You're Nothing Without Me* (Don't Tell Mama)

### YASUHIKO FUKUOKA

Sean Patrick Murtagh/*The Mario 101 Release Party* (Green Room 42), Robbie Rozelle/*The Inevitable Return!* (Birdland), *Lisa Viggiano Sings the Jane Olivor Songbook* (Laurie Beechman, Don't Tell Mama), Gerry Geddes/*Fabulous First Fridays* (Pangea), The MAC Awards (Symphony Space)

### TRACY STARK

Sidney Myer (Pangea), Kim David Smith/*Mostly Marlene, A Wery Weimar Christmas* (Joe's Pub, Neue Gallery, Club Cumming), Meg Flather/*Hold On Tight* (Don't Tell Mama, Theater Row), MargOH Channing/*Simply MargOH* (Pangea), Alex De Suze/*Late Bloomer* (Don't Tell Mama)

### BILLY STRITCH

Marilyn Maye (Birdland, 54 Below), Gabrielle Stravelli (Birdland), Linda Eder (54 Below), *Jim Caruso's Cast Party* (Birdland)

### STEVEN RAY WATKINS

*Those Girls Sing the Broadway, Vol 1* (Laurie Beechman, Don't Tell Mama), *Moberly at Mama's Monthly* (Don't Tell Mama), Gerrilyn Sohn/*If Joe Allen's Walls Could Sing* (Don't Tell Mama), *Marnie Klar Sings Carly Simon* (Don't Tell Mama), Sarah Carson/*England and America* (Don't Tell Mama)

## TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

### ADAM DeCARLO

Lisa Viggiano/*Lisa Viggiano Sings the Jane Olivor Songbook* (Don't Tell Mama), Meg Flather/*Hold On Tight* (Don't Tell Mama), Gerrilyn Sohn/*If Joe Allen's Walls Could Sing* (Don't Tell Mama), *Mama's Boys/Mama's Boys Love the 80's* (Don't Tell Mama)

### ALISON NUSBAUM

Frank McDonough/*Two Strong Hands* (Don't Tell Mama), Susan Neuffer/*An Elpee Worth of Todd* (Don't Tell Mama), Meri Ziev/*New Words* (Don't Tell Mama), Leslie Orofino/*Laughing at Life* (Don't Tell Mama)

### JEAN-PIERRE PERREAUX

Jeff Harnar/*I Know Things Now: My Life in Sondheim's Words* (Laurie Beechman), Marta Sanders/*LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT Or Whatever Happened to That Nice Quaker Girl* (Laurie Beechman), *Those Girls/Those Girls Sing The Broadway, Vol 1* (Laurie Beechman), Jonny Rosch and Friends (Triad)

## **SONG**

A BRAND NEW SHADE OF BLUE

Music by John Forster, Lyrics by Tom Toce

I BELIEVE IN RAINBOWS

Music by Ethan Tarasov, Lyrics by Tom Toce

THE STROLLERS OF POLAND

Music and lyrics by Tom Toce

TALKING TO THE MOON

Music by Paul Rolnick, Lyrics by Paul Rolnick and Jane R. Snyder

YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN KIND

Music by Tracy Stark, Lyrics by Bob Levy

## **COMEDY/NOVELTY SONG**

ALMA

Music and Lyrics by Billy Recce

DON'T TELL GRETA

Music and Lyrics by Daniel Cainer

IN THE SPIRIT OF GIVING

Music and Lyrics by Ritt Henn

STRICTLY FOR SHOW

Music by Michele Brouman, Lyrics by Tom Toce

THE ZOOM SONG

Music and Lyrics by John Forster

## **RECORDING (LaMott Friedman Award)**

D.C. ANDERSON

House Concert

CELIA BERK

Now That I Have Everything

RENEE KATZ

Winter Awakenings (featuring DECEMBER SONGS by Maury Yeston)

ANN KITTREDGE

reIMAGINE

BOB LEVY

Ballads

REGINA ZONA AND SEAN HARKNESS

It Must Have Been the Mistletoe

**MAJOR RECORDING**

JULIE BENKO AND JASON YEAGER

Hand in Hand

LIZ CALLAWAY

To Steve With Love: Liz Callaway Celebrates Sondheim

JIM CARUSO AND BILLY STRITCH

The Sunday Set (Recorded Live at the Birdland Theater)

JEFF HARNAR

I Know Things Now: My Life in Sondheim's Words