

## 2025 MAC AWARD NOMINEES

### FEMALE VOCALIST

AMY BETH WILLIAMS

*In Reverse*

Don't Tell Mama

JOSEPHINE SANGES

*How My Heart Sings*

Pangea, Hewitt/Woodmere Public Library

MARGARET CURRY

*The Space In-Between*

The Laurie Beechman Theatre, The Green Room 42

NATASHA CASTILLO

*That's My Music: Growing Up with the Carpenters*

Don't Tell Mama

SARAH CARSON

*Strange Magic - A Musical Journey Through the Unconscious Mind*

Don't Tell Mama

SUSAN MACK

*No More Blues, The Susan Mack Quintet*

Birdland, Jazz on Main, Maureen's Jazz Cellar

### MALE VOCALIST

CHRISTOPHER CASWELL

*Listen to My Heart*

The Laurie Beechman Theatre, Arts Project of Cherry Grove

RIAN KEATING

*Songs from My Trunk*

Don't Tell Mama

TIM CONNELL

*Tis the Season, It's the Joy in Your Heart*

The Green Room 42, Pangea

WOODY REGAN

*From There to Here*

Don't Tell Mama

### MAJOR ARTIST – FEMALE

CAROLE J. BUFFORD

*You Don't Own Me, Come Together, Yuletide Carole*

54 Below, Birdland

MARIEANN MERINGOLO

*The Birthday Show: Vintage 1964, 25 Years of Musical Magic, In the Spirit 2024*

The Green Room 42, Chelsea Table + Stage

NICOLE ZURAITIS  
Birdland

TANYA MOBERLY  
*Standards*  
Don't Tell Mama

**MAJOR ARTIST – MALE**

ARI AXELROD  
*A Place for Us, Self-Portrait*  
Birdland, Bay Street Theater

CRAIG POMRANZ  
*Berlin to Dylan to Simon and Garfunkel: It's All Kosher*  
Don't Tell Mama, The Gardenia

CRAIG RUBANO  
*Take the Moment*  
The Laurie Beechman Theatre, UU Congregation of Monmouth County

KIM DAVID SMITH  
*Kim Sings Kylie (You Hear it and You Know), More Mostly Marlene, A Wery Weimar Christmas, Death of Classical's "Tiergarten"*  
Bard Spiegeltent, Post Office Ptown, Club Cumming, Great Hall at St Mary's Church, Joe's Pub

NICOLAS KING  
*Various*  
Post Office Ptown, 54 Below, Davenport's, Crooners

**NEW YORK DEBUT – FEMALE**

AVERY NUSBAUM  
*It's A Girl*  
Don't Tell Mama

JENN BORNSTEIN  
*Diary of a Pizza Bagel's Daughter*  
Don't Tell Mama

LaRAISHA DiEVELYN DIONNE  
*Journey to the Center*  
Don't Tell Mama

SHEREE SANO  
*Tension and Release – The Cole Porter I Know and Love*  
Salmagundi Art Room, Winchester Garden, The Ellington Room

**NEW YORK DEBUT – MALE**

M. CAN YASAR  
*Turkish Rhapsody*  
Don't Tell Mama

MATTHEW MARTIN WARD  
*What I Love*  
Don't Tell Mama

MICHAEL RIDER  
*This 'Ol House: Stories of a City Bear, Country Queen*  
Chelsea Table + Stage, The Green Room 42

#### **CELEBRITY ARTIST**

ANN HAMPTON CALLAWAY  
*Finding Beauty*  
54 Below

ANN HAMPTON CALLAWAY AND LIZ CALLAWAY  
*NY State of Mind*  
54 Below

BETH LEAVEL  
*Beth Leavel, Beth Leavel Sings Sondheim*  
54 Below

BILLY STRITCH  
Birdland

GABRIELLE STRAVELLI  
Birdland

NORM LEWIS  
*Summertime, The Best of Christmas*  
54 Below

SALLY MAYES  
*Now and Then*  
The Green Room 42

#### **ICON**

ADAM PASCAL AND ANTHONY RAPP  
*Celebrating Friendship and History*  
54 Below

ANDRE DESHIELDS  
*André DeShields Celebrates The 40th Anniversary of Harlem Nocturne*  
54 Below

JENNIFER HOLLIDAY  
*An Intimate Evening*  
Red Eye NY, Catalina Jazz Club, Café Carlyle

TONY DANZA  
*Standards and Stories*  
54 Below

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

CHEO BOURNE  
*The Bucket List*  
Don't Tell Mama

KIKI BALL-CHANGE  
*Hoe Down!*  
Red Eye NY, Joe's Pub, Crown and Anchor

SHANNON DALEY

*Love And Let Die: Confessions of a Bond Girl*

Don't Tell Mama

VARLA JEAN MERMAN

*The Errors Tour*

Red Eye NY, Crown and Anchor

### **MUSICAL COMEDY PERFORMER**

AMY WOLK

*Amy Has Some Things To Wolk On*

Don't Tell Mama

BECCA KIDWELL

*If You Hadn't But You Did: songs of love, sex, and murder*

Don't Tell Mama, Club Café Boston

LENA MOY-BORGEN

*A Very Jewish Christmas Story*

Don't Tell Mama

LILA DAY

*More of the Same*

Pangea, Don't Tell Mama

### **DUO/GROUP**

ERIC COMSTOCK AND BARBARA FASANO

Birdland

KAREN MACK AND ELLIOT ROTH

*Twofer Tuesday, Live at The Sands, Elliot & Karen's 3rd Ever Holiday Thing*

Pangea, Crown and Anchor, The Triad

SETH SIKES AND NICOLAS KING

*The New Belters Sing MGM*

Mansion at Saratoga, The Red Room, 54 Below

### **REVUE**

FIND THE ROAD - A JOHN M. COOK ANTHOLOGY

*Created and written by John M. Cook*

Don't Tell Mama

HOLIDAY REGARDS

*Created and written by Michael Colby*

Urban Stages

JOE ICONIS AND FAMILY

*Created, written, and directed by Joe Iconis*

54 Below, The Laurie Beechman Theatre

## **RECURRING SERIES**

### **THE AMERICAN POPULAR SONG SOCIETY SERIES**

*Created, produced, and hosted by Linda Amiel Burns*

Don't Tell Mama

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

*Created, produced, and hosted by Jim Caruso*

Birdland

### **THE LINEUP**

*Created and hosted by Susie Mosher; produced by Hope Royaltey*

Birdland

### **SONDHEIM UNPLUGGED**

*Created by Phil Geoffrey Bond, produced by Lucia Spina and Rob Maitner*

54 Below

### **SPOTLIGHT ON YOU OPEN MIC**

*Produced and hosted by Natasha Castillo, co-created with John Koprowski*

53 Above

## **EMCEE**

### **GOLDIE DVER**

*Sneak Peek*

Don't Tell Mama

### **JIM CARUSO**

*Cast Party*

Birdland

### **SUSIE MOSHER**

*The Lineup*

Birdland

## **TRIBUTE SHOW**

### **CAROLYN MONTGOMERY**

*GirlSINGER, A Celebration of Rosemary Clooney*

Birdland, 54 Below

### **DEBORAH ZECHER AND JOSHUA ZECHER-ROSS**

*Family Matters: A Celebration of all Things Rodgers, Rodgers, and Guettel (Richard, Mary, and Adam)*

Don't Tell Mama

### **GOLDIE DVER**

*What A Man! Goldie Dver Sings Anthony Newley*

Don't Tell Mama, Salmagundi Club

### **KATI NEIHEISEL**

*London by Night (Julie London)*

Pangea

### **RENEE KATZ**

*Renee Katz Sings Irving Berlin: Lost in His Arms*

Don't Tell Mama

## **SPECIAL PRODUCTION**

### **DON'T CRY FOR ME - MY YESHIVA**

*Written, produced, and performed by Joe Fox, directed by Lennie Watts, musical direction by Dan Furman*  
Don't Tell Mama

### **GRAND HOTEL: THE 35<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY REUNION**

*Produced by Walter Willison, musical director Alex Rybeck*  
54 Below

### **JOE ICONIS CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA**

*Created and written by Joe Iconis, produced by Jennifer Ashley Tepper, directed by John Simpkins*  
54 Below

### **MAMA'S NEXT BIG ACT**

*Produced by Don't Tell Mama and Lennie Watts, created by Lennie Watts, musical direction by Yasuhiko Fukuoka*  
Don't Tell Mama

## **DIRECTOR**

### **BARRY KLEINBORT**

Lorna Dallas/Snapshots (Chelsea Table + Stage), Karen Mason/Just in Styne (Birdland), Jason Henderson/Getting to Noël You (Don't Tell Mama) Jeff Harnar (54 Below, Birdland), Ann Kittredge/Romantic Notions (Chelsea Table + Stage)

### **JEFF HARNAR**

Craig Rubano/Take the Moment (The Laurie Beechman Theatre), Celia Berk/A Dream and a Song (54 Below), Renee Katz/Lost in His Arms (Don't Tell Mama), Josephine Sanges/How My Heart Sings (Pangea), Richard Holbrook/Twenty+Four in 2024 (54 Below)

### **LENNIE WATTS**

Sarah Carson/ Strange Magic - A Musical Journey Through the Unconscious Mind (Don't Tell Mama); M. Can Yasar/Turkish Rhapsody (Don't Tell Mama); Deborah Zecher and Joshua Zecher-Ross/Family Matters: A Celebration of All Things Rodgers, Rodgers, and Guettel (Richard, Mary, and Adam) (Don't Tell Mama); Shannon Daley/Love and Let Die: Confessions of a Bond Girl (Don't Tell Mama); Joe Fox/Don't Cry for Me - My Yeshiva (Don't Tell Mama)

### **LINA KOUTRAKOS**

Margaret Curry/The Space In-Between (The Laurie Beechman Theatre, The Green Room 42), Kati Neiheisel/London By Night (Pangea), Susan Mack/No More Blues (Birdland), Marieann Meringolo/The Birthday Show, Vintage 1964 (The Green Room 42), Dawn Derow/Woman's Work (The Cutting Room)

### **TANYA MOBERLY**

Amy Beth Williams/In Reverse (Don't Tell Mama), Marnie Klar/Karen Carpenter Covers (Don't Tell Mama), Woody Regan/From There to Here (Don't Tell Mama), Rian Keating/Songs from My Trunk (Don't Tell Mama), Dan Thaler/These are the Days (Don't Tell Mama)

## **MUSICAL DIRECTOR**

### **BILLY STRITCH**

Jim Caruso's Cast Party (Birdland), Gabrielle Stravelli (Birdland), David Marino (Birdland), Tribute to Fred Ebb (Birdland)

### **DARNELL WHITE**

BoyOnBillBoard (54 Below), Melba Moore/To Broadway with Love (54 Below), Diva LaMarr, Darnell White/Just the Two Of Us (Pangea), Michael Ray Fisher Does Marilyn Maye (54 Below), The Garfunkles (Café Carlyle)

### **GREGORY TOROIAN**

Margaret Curry/The Space In-Between (The Laurie Beechman Theatre, The Green Room 42), Kati Neiheisel/London By Night (Pangea), Maria Corsaro and Leslie Vincent/An Evening of Jazz (Don't Tell Mama), Sue Matsuki and Gregory Toroian/Reservations for Two (Don't Tell Mama)

## **TEDD FIRTH**

Susan Mack/No More Blues (Birdland), Carolyn Montgomery/Girl Singer (54 Below), Melissa Errico/A Manhattan Valentine (Birdland), Marilyn Maye/By Request (54 Below), Sally Mayes/Now and Then (The Green Room 42)

## **TRACY STARK**

Kim David Smith/Various (Joe's Pub, Club Cumming), Brenda Braxton/Stars Tonight! (54 Below), Meg Flather/The Brick Room Tour (Don't Tell Mama), Can Yasar/Turkish Rhapsody (Don't Tell Mama), Jeanne McDonald live at the Eldred Preserve (The Eldred Preserve)

## **TECHNICAL DIRECTOR**

### **ADAM DeCARLO**

Deborah Zecher & Joshua Zecher-Ross/Family Matters (Don't Tell Mama); Meg Flather/The Brick Room Tour (Don't Tell Mama); Claudine Cassan-Jellison/Memory Laps (Don't Tell Mama); Sarah Carson/ Strange Magic - A Musical Journey Through the Unconscious Mind (Don't Tell Mama); Marjorie Sanua's Secrets of Life (Don't Tell Mama); Shannon Daley/Love and Let Die (Don't Tell Mama)

### **AMANDA RAYMOND/ BECKY MORRIS**

Marilyn Maye/By Request (54 Below); The Callaways/New York State of Mind (54 Below); Lee Roy Reams/Uncensored! (54 Below); Grand Hotel Cast Reunion Concert (54 Below)

### **GIAN DiCOSTANZO**

Fidelity Theatricals/Selections from Hair (Don't Tell Mama); Joe Fox/Don't Cry For Me, My Yeshiva (Don't Tell Mama); Eden Casteel/Kahn Artist (Don't Tell Mama); Jay Daniels/Jay Walking (Don't Tell Mama); Hope Levy/The Connie Converse Universe (Don't Tell Mama)

### **KELLY WOHLFORD**

Lost in his Arms: Renee Katz Sings Irving Berlin (Don't Tell Mama); Andrea Marcovicci/Beyond Compare (Don't Tell Mama); American Popular Songbook Society (Don't Tell Mama); Yael Rasooly and Daniel Rein/Hymn to Love-A Cabaret with Piaf (Don't Tell Mama); Goldie Dver/What a Man! - The Songs of Anthony Newley (Don't Tell Mama)

### **SHERIDAN GLOVER**

Leslie Carrara-Rudolph/Moonlight Madness (The Green Room 42); Reeve Carney Performs the Music of Prince (The Green Room 42); Ava Nicole Francis/The Dream That I See (The Green Room 42); Madeline Dalton/Swingin' with Sara (The Green Room 42); Natalie Joy Johnson/Songs from the Bunker (The Green Room 42)

## **ENSEMBLE INSTRUMENTALIST**

### **DON KELLY, drums/percussion**

Can Yasar/Turkish Rhapsody (Don't Tell Mama); Eve Eaton/Back to Billy (Don't Tell Mama); Marnie Klar/Karen Carpenter Covers (Don't Tell Mama); Natasha Castillo/Growing Up with the Carpenters (Don't Tell Mama); Sarah Carson/ Strange Magic - A Musical Journey Through the Unconscious Mind (Don't Tell Mama)

### **MATT SCHARFGLASS, bass**

Can Yasar/A Turkish Rhapsody (Don't Tell Mama); Carolyn Montgomery/girlSINGER, A Celebration of Rosemary Clooney (54 Below); Jenn Bornstein/Diary of a Pizza Bagel's Daughter (Don't Tell Mama); Marnie Klar/Karen Carpenter Covers (Don't Tell Mama); Tanya Moberly/I Love NY Songwriters (Don't Tell Mama)

### **RITT HENN, bass**

Amanda McBroom/Wintersong (Birdland); Ann Hampton Callaway and Liz Callaway/NY State of Mind (54 Below); Jeff Harnar/It's Delovely (Birdland); Renee Katz/ Lost in His Arms (Don't Tell Mama); Tanya Moberly/Standards (Don't Tell Mama)

SKIP WARD, bass

Brenda Braxton/Stars Tonight! (54 Below); Kati Neiheisel/London by Night (Pangea); Leslie Vincent and Maria Corsaro/An Evening of Jazz with Leslie Vincent and Maria Corsaro (Don't Tell Mama); Margaret Curry/The Space In-Between (The Laurie Beechman Theatre); Michael Rider/This 'Ol House: Stories of a City Bear, Country Queen (Chelsea Table + Stage); Sue Matsuki and Laura Slutzky/Shmoozin' With Matsuki & Slutsky (Triad Theater)

### **PIANO BAR SINGING ENTERTAINER – UPTOWN**

ANDRE JORDAN

Don't Tell Mama

ANNA ANDERSON

Don't Tell Mama, Brandy's

ELAINE BRIER

Don't Tell Mama

JENNIFER PACE

Brandy's

JON SATROM

Don't Tell Mama, Brandy's

TARA MARTINEZ

Don't Tell Mama

### **PIANO BAR SINGING ENTERTAINER – DOWNTOWN**

ALANA DIAZ

Stonewall, The Duplex

MARIA GENTILE

The Duplex, Stonewall

MILES WHITTAKER

Stonewall

SUSAN CAMPANARO

Stonewall

### **PIANO BAR INSTRUMENTALIST – UPTOWN**

ALEXANDRA FREDERICK

The Townhouse, Don't Tell Mama, Da Marino

BILL ZEFFIRO

Le Rivage, Tudor City Steakhouse, Da Marino

GERRY DEIFFENBACH

Don't Tell Mama

JOE REGAN

Don't Tell Mama

NATE BUCCIERI

Don't Tell Mama, Brandy's

WILL TN HALL

Don't Tell Mama, Brandy's



## **PIANO BAR INSTRUMENTALIST – DOWNTOWN**

BRANDON JAMES GWINN

Marie's Crisis

DAN PARDO

Stonewall

DARNELL WHITE

The Nines, Soho Grand Club Room

KENNEY GREEN-TILFORD

Marie's Crisis

## **SONG**

ABOUT LOVE

Music and Lyrics by Bob Levy

BETTER PLACE

Music and Lyrics by Tracy Stark

BIG DREAMS

Music by Teresa Eggertsen Cooke, Lyrics by Andy Jackson

LITTLE DID I KNOW

Music and Lyrics by Ava Nicole Frances

LOOKING BACK

Music by Michael Leonard, Lyrics by Jane Scheckter and Roger Schore

THE MOON IS A KITE

Music and Lyrics by Ann Hampton Callaway

WAIT

Music and Lyrics by Drew Fornarola

## **COMEDY/NOVELTY SONG**

THE BAGEL'S IN MY SOUL

Music and Lyrics by Daniel Cainer

LUV SCHMUV

Music by David Alpher, Lyrics by Jennie Litt

OL' SANTA FELL IN LOVE WITH A HOT KNISH

Music and Lyrics by John A. Todras

SHE LIKES ME

Music by Tom Toce, Lyrics by Bob Levy and Tom Toce

SOMEONE WHO CAN STAND YOU

Music and Lyrics by John Forster

THE TEACHERS I REMEMBER

Music by Matthew Martin Ward, Lyrics by Peter Napolitano

**RECORDING (LaMott Friedman Recording Award)**

BOB LEVY

All About Love: The Dane Vannatter Recordings Volume II

D.C. ANDERSON

Believe, Breathe and Sing

KAREN MACK

Catch & Keep

RICK BOGART

Rick Bogart Sings Mr. Paganini

SHEREE SANO

Tension and Release – The Cole Porter I Know and Love

**MAJOR RECORDING**

JANE SCHECKTER

I'll Take Romance

NATALIE DOUGLAS

Back to the Garden

ROSEMARY LOAR

Curação Vagabundo – Vagabond Heart

TANYA MOBERLY

I Love New York Songwriters

VARIOUS ARTISTS

Chip Deffaa's Rare and Unrecorded Irving Berlin Songs