



'DON'T GO BREAKING MY HEART'
Cast Bios

ITALIA RICCI (Miranda Faraday) – Italia Ricci will be familiar to Hallmark viewers from her lead roles in the movies “Love in Winterland” and “Rome in Love.” She was also recently cast as the lead in a new television series that has yet to be announced.

Ricci starred in the Netflix political drama “Designated Survivor” created by David Guggenheim and executive produced by Simon Kinberg. The series also starred Kiefer Sutherland, Kal Penn, Maggie Q and Natascha McElhone. Ricci played Emily, the no-nonsense Chief of Staff to Tom Kirkman (Sutherland). The conspiracy thriller centers on a lower level United States Cabinet member who is suddenly appointed President after a catastrophic attack during the State of the Union kills everyone above him in the Presidential line of succession.

Ricci recurred for a five episode arc on the first season of “Supergirl” on CBS playing villain Siobhan Smythe otherwise known as Silver Banshee. She is the latest hire by Calista Flockhart’s media mogul Cat Grant. Ricci’s character was first introduced as a workplace adversary for Melissa Benoist’s heroine but later became a much more deadly foe when she takes on the mantle of DC Comics villain Silver Banshee. Ricci previously led the cast in ABC Family’s drama series “Chasing Life,” playing the lead role of April Carver, a twentysomething smart and quick-witted aspiring journalist hoping to work her way up the ladder at a Boston newspaper by trying to impress her hardnosed editor. Just as her career starts taking off, she receives news that she has been diagnosed with cancer.

Born in Richmond Hill, Ontario and raised in Newmarket, Ricci always had a burning desire to be in the entertainment business. Beginning her career at nine years old, Ricci starred in numerous local theatre productions and continued to do so throughout high school. While majoring in drama in college at Queen’s University in Kingston, Ontario, Canada, Ricci participated again in school productions and did a little modeling during summers. As much as she enjoyed performing, Ricci always planned on her entertainment career consisting of entertainment law. However, one day in college Ricci’s friend asked her to be an extra with him on the movie *American Pie Presents: Naked Mile*. One of the writers approached her during a lunch break and asked if she would like to audition to be upgraded from extra to a featured player and she booked it. Before she knew it, she was cast in the next installment of the franchise, entitled *American Pie Presents: Beta House*.

After graduating college, Ricci deferred her plans for law school to relocate to tinsel town to give acting a serious shot, giving herself a one year limit to see if she could make a living doing what she loves. She immediately landed a recurring role as Chase Ravenwood on Disney XD’s original series “Aaron Stone.”

Ricci went on to book guest-starring roles on such television shows as "CSI: Las Vegas," "House," "Greek" and "How I Met Your Mother." She followed these with the recurring role of Sasha on the Comedy Central series "Secret Girlfriend" and the lead role of Maggie on the hit Cartoon Network live-action series "Unnatural History." Ricci has also found success on the big screen. In 2014, she played an early love interest for title character Jon (Joseph Gordon-Levitt) in the fall comedy feature *Don Jon*, and was seen in the lead role of Allison in the 2014 Sony thriller *The Remaining*, a film that follows a group of friends trying to survive the end of the world according to the Bible, written and directed by Casey La Scala.

When Ricci isn't acting on location, she resides in both Los Angeles and Canada. She enjoys cooking, reading, painting and spending time with her husband, fellow actor Robbie Amell, and their son. She is also involved with the non-profits Stand Up To Cancer as an Ambassador. She volunteers as much time as she can when she is in Los Angeles at Children's Hospital L.A. (CHLA), and is this year's 10-year honoree and Brand Ambassador for Stupid Cancer.

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RYAN PAEVEY (Ben Myers) – A relative newcomer to the entertainment business, Ryan Paevey launched his career in December 2013, playing Detective Nathan West on ABC's longest running soap opera, "General Hospital." His character instantly became a fan favorite, spawning counterfeit social media accounts across Twitter and Facebook, as well as attracting thousands of followers. Paevey spent four years on the show and his departure became one of the most mourned deaths in the history of the soap.

During his time on "General Hospital" he also starred in the Hallmark Channel Original Movies: "Unleashing Mr. Darcy" (2016) and "Harvest Love" (2017). In 2018, he appeared in "Marrying Mr. Darcy" on Hallmark Channel and in "Hope at Christmas" on Hallmark Movies & Mysteries. In 2019, he starred in the Hallmark Channel movies, "Friend to Fiancé," "A Summer Romance" and "Christmas at the Plaza," and was also seen in a guest arc on BET's new drama "Games People Play." Most recently for Hallmark Channel, Paevey was seen in "Matching Hearts" and "A Timeless Christmas."

Born and raised in Southern California, Paevey spent most of his childhood exploring the great outdoors. Acting was never on his radar growing up and he was happiest when he was outside, camping, hiking or rock climbing. Though he's a true outdoorsman at heart, his striking features caught the attention of a modeling agency and he started modeling on the side for extra cash while working in construction. Aside from his print work, Paevey was featured in Christina Aguilera's music video "Your Body."

On his days off, Paevey can be found (or, actually, not found) scouting out uncharted territories for the occasional cliff jumping session or finding other ways to satisfy his craving for thrill seeking – sitting still is not an option. He is also a self-proclaimed nerd, loving video games and all things tech.

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