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'FROM FIREND TO FIANCÉ' **Cast Bios**

JOCELYN HUDON (Jess) – Jocelyn Hudon was born and raised in Toronto, Canada. She started her career in the arts as a ballerina, getting admitted to the National Ballet of Canada at the age of 11. During this time, she also attended Etobicoke School of the Arts, a prestigious arts school in Toronto and majored in dance and the flute. After high school she graduated from University with a degree in Communications and finished a Post Graduate Degree in Public Relations. She then pursued her dream of acting. Within the first few months she booked a role on Adam Sandler's "Pixels" and was hooked. Since then she has been seen on series such as Guillermo Del Toro's "The Strain," and Netflix's "The Order." Coming up, Jocelyn can be seen in Hallmark Channel's "From Friend to Fiancé" and "Eat Drink and Be Married."

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RYAN PAEVEY (Ted Cooper) – Adventurous, humble, rugged and handsome are just a few words that could be used to describe Ryan Paevey. A relative newcomer to the entertainment business, Paevey is making waves and breaking hearts in his starring role as Detective Nathan West on ABC's longest running soap opera "General Hospital." Paevey joined the show in December 2013, and his character instantly became a fan favorite, spawning counterfeit social media accounts across Twitter and Facebook and attracting thousands of followers. He starred in the 2017 Hallmark Channel Original Movie "Harvest Love" and had the title role in the 2016 Hallmark Channel Original Movie "Unleashing Mr. Darcy."

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 outside, whether that be camping, hiking or rock climbing. Although a true outdoorsman at heart, Paevey's undeniable good looks caught the attention of a modeling agency and he started to do a little modeling on the side for extra cash while he worked construction. Aside from print work, he was featured in Christina Aguilera's music video "Your Body."

Paevey was introduced to a management firm that quickly began pursuing roles for him and after only three months of auditions, he landed his role on "General Hospital." After five years on the series, Paevey left "General Hospital" in January 2018 to pursue a range of roles in television and films. On his days off, Paevey can be found (or actually, not found) scouting out uncharted territories for the occasional cliff jumping session, satisfying his craving for thrill seeking -- sitting still is not an option. He is also a self-proclaimed nerd, loving all things tech and video games.

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KELLY KRUGER (Kimberly Kentwood) – Kelly Kruger is an actress and influencer born and raised in Montreal Canada. She speaks French fluently. Kelly began performing at the age of 3, dancing, figure skating, playing piano doing gymnastics and local theatre. At the age of 12 she was discovered by a hip hop group and performed with them on weekends. A local news station discovered that she was the only young Caucasian person in an all adult hip hop / breakdancing group and did a story on her. The story caught the eye of a Canadian Variety TV show called "Sur La Piste" and she was asked to guest star in one of their dance episodes. While shooting that episode Kelly discovered that acting was her passion and this is what she wanted to do for a living.

Kelly moved to Los Angeles at 17 after being discovered by Elite Models. She worked as a model for 2 years doing campaigns for Macy's, Sebastian Hair, multiple teen magazines and more. After hounding a manager to represent her as an actress, she quickly landed the lead role in an independent film called "Vampire Clan" based on a true story, followed by a contract role on the CBS Daytime series "The Young and The Restless" as Mackenzie Browning.

Kruger also appeared in several movies, such as Gregg Arakis "Mysterious Skin" with Joseph Gordon Levitt and "Self Medicated." Her Guest Star credits include hit shows such as HBOs "Entourage," "Blue Mountain State" (Netflix), "Imposters" (Bravo), "Criminal Minds" (CBS) and "The Bold Type" (Freeform).

In 2014, it was announced that Kruger had joined the cast of "The Bold and the Beautiful" and would recur as Eva in an episode as part of the show's location shoot in Paris. Kelly also launched her beauty, fashion and lifestyle blog *Madison Charles*.

In 2017 Kelly played villainess Joelle in the Lifetime movie, "Girls Night Out."

Kelly currently recurs on "The Young and The Restless" as Mackenzie Browning Hellstrom and recently completed three movies in which she stars, slated to be released in 2019 - the romantic comedy "From Friend to Fiancé", the psychological thriller "No Place Like Home" and "A Very Corgi Christmas." She also has an upcoming guest star in the series finale of "IZOMBIE" for the CW.

Jan 24th 2019, it was announced that Kelly had been pre-nominated for her first Daytime Emmy in the Guest Star category.

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