

Daytime Soap Opera Stars Come To Carowinds

Soap opera fans can meet three of daytime television's biggest stars at Carowinds during the park's Third Annual Soap Opera Festival on Saturday, July 26, and Sunday, July 27.

Christopher Holder, who plays Wade Matthews on the ABC soap opera "All My Children," Finola Hughes, who plays Anna Devane on ABC's "General Hospital," and Christopher Durham, otherwise known as Dakota Smith on the ABC soap opera "Ryan's Hope," will meet audiences in Carowinds' Midway Music Hall at 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. during the two-day soap opera festival at the 77-acre theme park.

Christopher Holder is no stranger to daytime television fans. For three years, 1981-84, he played Kevin Bancroft on "The Young and the Restless."

After leaving that show, Holder, a California native, landed roles on "Edge of Night," shortly before its demise, and "Another World."



Finola Hughes
.....Plays Anna Devane

Holder, who was singing and acting professionally by the time he was 16, has many stage performances to his name, including "Hollywood, Hollywood," "Forty Carats," and "Orphans Revenge."

On film, he has been seen in "Breakdance Station," "Deadly Intruder," "Partners," and "Fraternity Row."

Finola Hughes, who plays Anna Devane, a central figure in the award-winning soap opera "General Hospital," was born in London where she studied ballet and was a



Christopher Holder
....."All My Children" star

member of a professional ballet company.

Her many credits include the role of Victoria in the London-based original company of the musical "Cats" and television appearances in "The Prime of Miss Jean Bodie," and "Grace Kennedy."

Actor-director Sylvester Stallone cast Hughes in his first motion picture, "Stayin' Alive," opposite John Travolta and directed by Stallone.

Chris Durham is the handsome and rugged young star of the ABC



Chris Durham
.....Began in "Capitol"

Television Network's popular daytime drama, "Ryan's Hope."

A starring role as Matt McCandless in the CBS daytime drama, "Capital," took Durham to Hollywood in early 1983 where he portrayed McCandless for a year and a half before moving on to new challenges.

Durham's prime time television debut came at the beginning of the 1984-1985 season with guest starring roles on Aaron Spelling's "Glitter" and on "Facts of Life."

The soap opera stars will talk with fans about themselves, their careers and their story lines as well as answer questions from the audience when they appear at the Carowinds Soap Opera Festival July 26-27.

The festival is free to Carowinds guests on a first-come, first-seated basis. Midway Music Hall will open for seating 15 minutes before the 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. appearance times.

Carowinds is open daily (except Fridays) from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. The park is open until 10 p.m. on summer Saturdays.

Carowinds is located at Carowinds Blvd. off I-77 (ext 74) approximately 10 miles south of Charlotte, N.C. and 12 miles north of Rock Hill, S.C.

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