

**NBC'S 'MACY'S 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS®' ANNOUNCES STAR-STUDED LINEUP
OF MUSICAL ARTISTS**

**'Hot Wheels: Ultimate Challenge's' Rutledge Wood and 'Access Hollywood's'
Zuri Hall to Co-Host**

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DJ Z-Trip & The Roots Set to Perform**

Two-Hour Live Event Airs at 8 p.m. ET/PT on NBC and Streams on Peacock



NEW YORK – June 22, 2023 – NBC and Macy's light up the sky with America's most iconic firework display on the 47th annual "Macy's 4th of July Fireworks®." The star-studded event, featuring dazzling fireworks, musical performances and appearances by special guests, will air live Tuesday, July 4 (8-10 p.m. ET/PT) on NBC and will stream on Peacock.

"Hot Wheels: Ultimate Challenge's" Rutledge Wood and "Access Hollywood's" Zuri Hall will serve as co-hosts.

Ashanti, Bebe Rexha, Ja Rule, Jelly Roll, Lainey Wilson and LL COOL J featuring DJ Z-Trip & The Roots will take the stage ahead of Macy's breathtaking fireworks display against the New York City backdrop.

“Every year this remarkable telecast manages to both inspire and awe audiences, lighting up the New York skyline with a fireworks display that’s second to none,” said Jen Neal, Executive Vice President, Live Event and Specials, NBCUniversal Entertainment and Streaming. “It’s this type of live programming event that unites us as a country and makes both our NBC and Peacock brands so unique.”

The “Macy’s 4th of July Fireworks” telecast is in association with Macy’s. It is produced by Jesse Collins Entertainment with Jesse Collins, Dionne Harmon and Jeannae Rouzan-Clay as executive producers.

SPECIAL SEGMENTS

The broadcast will include special segments featuring actors Caleb McLaughlin (“Shooting Stars”), George Lopez (“Lopez vs Lopez”), Mayan Lopez (“Lopez vs Lopez”) and Raymond Lee (“Quantum Leap”) as well as non-profit organization Dance to Unite. Team USA gymnasts currently training for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, including Olympic Silver Medalist Jordan Chiles, 2022 U.S. All-Around Champion Konnor McClain and three-time World medalist Shilese Jones will also make an appearance.

50 YEARS IN FLIGHT

The broadcast will feature a flyover along the coastline conducted by the U.S. Navy at Pebble Beach Golf Links in Pebble Beach, Calif., host of the U.S. Women’s Open. The flyover will be conducted by an all-female flight crew to celebrate the 50th anniversary of women flying in the Navy.

SHOWSTOPPING SPECTACLE

As the sky darkens, Macy’s will begin its signature pyrotechnic salute to America. This year’s revelry will launch shells and effects from five barges positioned between East 26th and East 40th streets along the East River in New York City.

New effects include a mile-wide waving flag created by a combination of red, white and blue palm and strobing shells, sunflower ring with crackling pistil shells, red stop sign-shaped effects and new Ghost pyro that turn from one color to another in an on/off design featuring four different hues. This year’s design will feature an average of 2,400 shells and effects per minute with 60,000 total shells, reaching dramatic heights of 1,000 feet to the water’s edge.

PATRIOTIC SCORE

Audiences will be delighted by a symphony of colors and shapes set to a musical score honoring America's musical trailblazers. Produced by Ray Chew – famed musical director and maestro for some of the nation's most popular entertainment programming – the 25-minute score features American classics and new works curated from a variety of genres, including Motown, country and hip-hop. The U.S. Army Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus will be featured along with Sgt. 1st Class Kyra Dorn and rap duo Staff Sgts. Lamar Riddick & Nicholas Feemster with Ray Chew.

Additional highlights include performances by country star Brett Young with Amanda Shaw and the Harlem School of the Arts Dorothy Maynor Singers, as well as R&B sensation Jazmine Sullivan all featured with an impressive color-burst backdrop of pyrotechnics.

The Macy's Fireworks will culminate in an awe-inspiring signature moment, the Macy's Golden Mile. Honoring the late legendary trailblazer Tina Turner, thousands of golden-hued shells will create a dramatic cascade effect stretching for more than a mile across the East River.

ACCESSIBILITY

In an effort to create a more inclusive experience for blind and visually impaired viewers, NBCUniversal is proud to present special with a live audio description on the Secondary Audio Program channel (SAP), provided by Descriptive Video Works. This year's broadcast will be available with additional audio narration, describing the rich visuals and performances.

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