

# Sports this week



## Sunday

**8:00 a.m. FS1 UEFA Soccer** Cyprus vs. Northern Ireland. Nations League *(Live)*

**11:00 a.m. FS1 UEFA Soccer** Sweden vs. Norway. Nations League *(Live)*

**12:00 p.m. ③ ④ LPGA Golf** LPGA Classic -- Final Round. Galloway, N.J. *(Live)*

**⑪ ⑪ INDYCAR Auto Racing** Grand Prix at Road America -- IndyCar Series. Elkhart Lake, Wis. *(Live)*

**ESPN ESPN2 NCAA Baseball** Teams TBA Division I Tournament -- Super Regional. *(Live)*

**1:00 p.m. BSNOR MLB Baseball** Tampa Bay Rays at Minnesota Twins. Minneapolis, Minn. *(Live)*

**2:00 p.m. ④ ④ PGA Golf** Canadian Open -- Final Round. Toronto, Ont. *(Live)*

**⑤ ⑥ MLS Soccer** New England Revolution at Sporting Kansas City. Kansas City, Kan. *(Live)*

**⑪ ⑪ MILB Baseball** Rochester Red Wings at St. Paul Saints. St. Paul, Minn. *(Live)*

**3:00 p.m. ⑨ ⑨ USFL Football** Tampa Bay Bandits vs. New Orleans Breakers. Birmingham, Ala. *(Live)*

**⑪ ⑪ USATF Track & Field** Boston Games Boston, Mass. *(Live)*

**ESPN2 NCAA Baseball** Teams TBA Division I Tournament -- Super Regional. *(Live)*

**FS1 NASCAR Auto Racing** Toyota/Save Mart 350 -- Cup Series. Sonoma, Calif. *(Live)*

**6:00 p.m. ESPN MLB Baseball** New York Mets at Los Angeles Angels. Anaheim, Calif. *(Live)*

**ESPN2 NCAA Baseball** Teams TBA Division I Tournament -- Super Regional. *(Live)*

**BSNOR WNBA Basketball** Indiana Fever at Minnesota Lynx. Minneapolis, Minn. *(Live)*

**6:30 p.m. FS1 USFL Football** Philadelphia Stars vs. Pittsburgh Maulers. *(Live)*

**9:00 p.m. ESPN2 NCAA Baseball** Teams TBA Division I Tournament -- Super Regional. *(Live)*

**Monday**

**11:00 a.m. ESPN2 NCAA Baseball** Teams TBA Division I Tournament -- Super Regional. *(Live)*

**1:30 p.m. FS1 UEFA Soccer** Wales vs. Netherlands. Nations League *(Live)*

**2:00 p.m. ESPN2 NCAA Baseball** Teams TBA Division I Tournament -- Super Regional. *(Live)*

**5:00 p.m. ESPN2 NCAA Baseball** Teams TBA Division I Tournament -- Super Regional. *(Live)*

**7:00 p.m. USA WWE Raw** *(Live)*

**7:30 p.m. ESPN A.U. Softball** Teams TBA -- Women's. Rosemont, Ill. *(Live)*

**8:00 p.m. ⑤ ⑥ NBA Basketball** Boston Celtics at

Golden State Warriors. Playoffs -- Final Game 5. San Francisco, Calif. *(Live)*

**ESPN2 NCAA Baseball** Teams TBA Division I Tournament -- Super Regional. *(Live)*

**9:00 p.m. BSNOR MLB Baseball** Minnesota Twins at Seattle Mariners. Seattle, Wash. *(Live)*

## Tuesday

**1:30 p.m. FS1 UEFA Soccer** Italy vs. Germany. Nations League *(Live)*

**6:00 p.m. ESPN2 WNBA Basketball** Phoenix Mercury at Washington Mystics. Washington, D.C. *(Live)*

**TBS MLB Baseball** Tampa Bay Rays at New York Yankees. Bronx, N.Y. *(Live)*

**7:00 p.m. ESPN NHL Hockey** Tampa Bay Lightning at New York Rangers. Stanley Cup Playoffs -- Eastern Conference Final Game 7. New York City, N.Y. *(Live)*

**8:00 p.m. ESPN2 WNBA Basketball** Seattle Storm at Minnesota Lynx. Minneapolis, Minn. *(Live)*

**9:00 p.m. BSNOR MLB Baseball** Minnesota Twins at Seattle Mariners. Seattle, Wash. *(Live)*

**TBS MLB Baseball** Los Angeles Angels at Los Angeles Dodgers. Los Angeles, Calif. *(Live)*

## Wednesday

**6:00 p.m. FS1 MLB Baseball** Milwaukee Brewers at New York Mets. New York City, N.Y. *(Live)*

**7:00 p.m. ESPN2 A.U. Softball** Teams TBA -- Women's. *(Live)*

**TBS All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite** *(Live)*

**9:30 p.m. ESPN2 A.U. Softball** Teams TBA *(Live)*

## Thursday

**8:30 a.m. USA USGA Golf** U.S. Open -- Round 1. Brookline, Mass. *(Live)*

**1:00 p.m. ⑪ ⑪ USGA Golf** U.S. Open -- Round 1. Brookline, Mass. *(Live)*

**4:00 p.m. USA USGA Golf** U.S. Open -- Round 1. Brookline, Mass. *(Live)*

**6:30 p.m. ESPN2 CFL Football** Montreal Alouettes at Toronto Argonauts. Toronto, Ont. *(Live)*

**8:00 p.m. ⑤ ⑥ NBA Basketball** Golden State Warriors at Boston Celtics. Playoffs -- Final Game 6. Boston, Mass. *(Live)*

## Friday

**8:30 a.m. USA USGA Golf** U.S. Open -- Round 2. Brookline, Mass. *(Live)*

**1:00 p.m. ESPN NCAA Baseball** Teams TBA Division I Tournament -- World Series. Omaha, Neb. *(Live)*

**3:00 p.m. ⑪ ⑪ USGA Golf** U.S. Open -- Round 2. Brookline, Mass. *(Live)*

**6:00 p.m. ESPN NCAA Baseball** Teams TBA Division I Tournament -- World Series. Omaha, Neb. *(Live)*

**FS1 NHRA Drag Racing** Thunder Valley National -- Qualifying. Bristol, Tenn. *(Live)*

**7:00 p.m. ⑨ ⑨ WWE SmackDown** *(Live)*

**8:30 p.m. BSNOR MLB Baseball** Minnesota Twins at Arizona

Diamondbacks. Phoenix, Ariz. *(Live)*

**9:00 p.m. ESPN PFL Mixed Martial Arts** Atlanta, Ga. *(Live)*

## Saturday

**8:00 a.m. ⑪ ⑪ Horse Racing** Royal Ascot Berkshire, England *(Live)*

**11:00 a.m. ⑪ ⑪ USGA Golf** U.S. Open -- Round 3. Brookline, Mass. *(Live)*

**ESPN USL Soccer** El Paso Locomotive FC vs. Detroit City FC. *(Live)*

**USA USFL Football** Teams TBA *(Live)*

**11:55 a.m. ESPN2 F1 Auto Racing** Canadian Grand Prix -- Practice. Montreal, Que. *(Live)*

**12:00 p.m. ⑤ ⑥ PLL Lacrosse** Chaos vs. Redwoods. Hempstead, N.Y. *(Live)*

**FS1 America's Day at the Races** *(Live)*

**1:00 p.m. ESPN NCAA Baseball** Teams TBA Division I Tournament -- World Series. Omaha, Neb. *(Live)*

**2:00 p.m. ④ ④ BIG3 Basketball** Teams TBA *(Live)*

**⑤ ⑥ MLS Soccer** Los Angeles FC at Seattle Sounders FC. Seattle, Wash. *(Live)*

**3:00 p.m. ⑨ ⑨ USFL Football** Teams TBA *(Live)*

**ESPN2 UFC UFC Fight Night** -- Preliminaries. Austin, Texas *(Live)*

**FS1 MLB Baseball** Texas Rangers at Detroit Tigers. Detroit, Mich. *(Live)*

**4:00 p.m. ESPN MLS Soccer** Portland Timbers at Los Angeles Galaxy. Carson, Calif. *(Live)*

**6:00 p.m. ⑨ ⑨ MLB Baseball** Cleveland Guardians at Los Angeles Dodgers. Los Angeles, Calif. *(Live)*

**ESPN UFC UFC Fight Night** Austin, Texas *(Live)*

**ESPN2 NCAA Baseball** Teams TBA Division I Tournament -- World Series. Omaha, Neb. *(Live)*

**FS1 NASCAR Truck Racing** Clean Harbors 150 -- Truck Series Qualifying. Knoxville, Iowa *(Live)*

**7:00 p.m. ④ ④ SRX Auto Racing** Pensacola, Fla. *(Live)*

**⑤ ⑥ NHL Hockey** Teams TBA Stanley Cup Playoffs -- Final Game 1. *(Live)*

**8:00 p.m. FS1 NASCAR Truck Racing** Clean Harbors 150 -- Truck Series. Knoxville, Iowa *(Live)*

**SHOW Boxing** Showtime Championship -- Jermall Charlo vs. Maciej Sulecki. *(Live)*

**9:00 p.m. ESPN Boxing** Top Rank -- Artur Beterbiev vs. Joe Smith Jr. New York City, N.Y. *(Live)*

**BSNOR MLB Baseball** Minnesota Twins at Arizona Diamondbacks. Phoenix, Ariz. *(Live)*

# On the Cover

## From big stages to small screens

'A Strange Loop,' 'Mr. Saturday Night' await results at 75th Annual Tony Awards

By Dana Simpson  
TV Media

Now that the 2022 awards season is well underway, fans of the performing arts are reminded of a rare, coveted, acronymic title: EGOT winner. Bestowed upon those who have won all four major awards in the United States performing arts scene — an Emmy, a Grammy, an Oscar and a Tony — the honor is one of the highest in the industry.

It's true that the Oscars and the Grammys have already taken place this year (and the Daytime Emmys are scheduled to air June 24), but one awards show promises to make waves on small screens across North America this week. The 75th Annual Tony Awards airs live Sunday, June 12, on CBS and Paramount+.

Named for Antoinette Perry, the multitasking wartime leader of the American Theatre Wing who had recently died, the first Tony Awards were held in 1947 and designed to honor the best in live theater performance. Now three-quarters of a century later, the tradition continues; this time from Radio City Music Hall in New York City, just steps from one of the world's most famous theater districts: Broadway.

Back in full swing following a series of delays and postponements during the coronavirus pandemic, this year's event features a pre-show event, named "The Tony Awards: Act One," hosted by American actor/singer/songwriter Darren Criss ("Glee") and former "Dancing With the Stars" professional Julianne Hough. While that segment will only be available to stream on the platform, the Tony Awards show itself will be simulcast across both the streamer and its home network.



Billy Crystal and Shoshanna Bean are both nominated for a Tony "Mr. Saturday Night"

Hosted by Academy Award winner Ariana DeBose ("West Side Story," 2021), this year marks the first time in history that the four-hour event will be broadcast live from coast to coast. While the nominees include 34 shows that span several different genres and a total of 26 awards categories, only one show has managed to rake in 11 nominations of its own.

"A Strange Loop," the Pulitzer Prize-winning musical from Michael R. Jackson ("Only Children" at NYU's Frederick Loewe Theatre), will likely walk away with at least one Tony this year, given its nominations in nearly half of the ceremony's categories. It tells the story of Usher (newcomer Jaquell Spivey), a Black, queer writer who is writing a play about a Black, queer writer named Usher, who is, in turn, also writing a play about a Black, queer writer named Usher. As the show's title suggests, Usher is stuck in a "strange loop," a term coined by American cognitive scientist and author Douglas Hofstadter (of "Gödel, Escher, Bach: An Eternal Golden Braid" literary fame).

Some of the categories within which "A Strange Loop" is nominated are Best Musical, Best Musical Score, Best Actor in a Musical (for Spivey), Best Direction of a Musical (for Stephen Brackett of 2019's "Be More Chill") and Best Book of a Musical.

Also seeing several nominations at this year's awards are Best Musical nominees "Six: The Musical," "Girl From the North Country," "MJ," "Paradise Square" and the Billy Crystal-led musical comedy "Mr. Saturday Night."

Crystal, who is famous for his on-screen roles in "When Harry Met Sally" (1989), "City Slickers" (1991) and the 1992 film version of "Mr. Saturday Night," takes to the stage to reprise his movie role as Buddy Young Jr., a comedian who has found fame and some fortune

working in the early days of television. Now aging out of his career as he witnesses his own decline in popularity, Buddy tries his hand at one last hurrah while also trying to repair his broken family life behind the scenes.

Starring alongside Crystal (nominated for Best Actor in a Musical and as a part of the team for Best Book of a Musical) in this new Broadway hit are Randy Graff ("Rent," 2005), David Paymer ("The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel"), Chaston Harmon ("Paterson," 2016) and singer/songwriter Shoshanna Bean ("Bill & Ted Face the Music," 2020), the latter of whom is also nominated for Best Actress in a Musical.

And while musicals do often draw the most attention when it comes to the glitz and glamour of Broadway productions, the plays must not be overlooked.

Nominated this year for Best New Play are "Clyde's," "Hangmen," "The Lehman Trilogy," "The Minutes" and "Skeleton Crew," while "American Buffalo," "How I Learned to Drive," "Take Me Out," "Trouble in Mind" and "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide/When the Rainbow Is Enuf" are all being considered for Best Play Revival.

Familiar names to TV fans at this year's Tony include Uzo Aduba ("Orange Is the New Black") for her role as the titular character in "Clyde's," Phylicia Rashad ("The Cosby Show") for her role as factory worker Faye in "Skeleton Crew," Patti LuPone ("Pose") for her role in the revival of "Company," Jesse Tyler Ferguson ("Modern Family") for his role as non-sporty manager Mason Marzac in the baseball-themed play "Take Me Out," and Hugh Jackman ("Les Misérables," 2012) for his leading role as Harold Hill in "The Music Man" revival.

Getting out to see a live show on Broadway during these trying times may be difficult for many,

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