



'Worst awards ever!' Viewers are left furious as daytime show Doctors beats TV giants Coronation Street, Emmerdale AND EastEnders to best single episode at British Soap Awards

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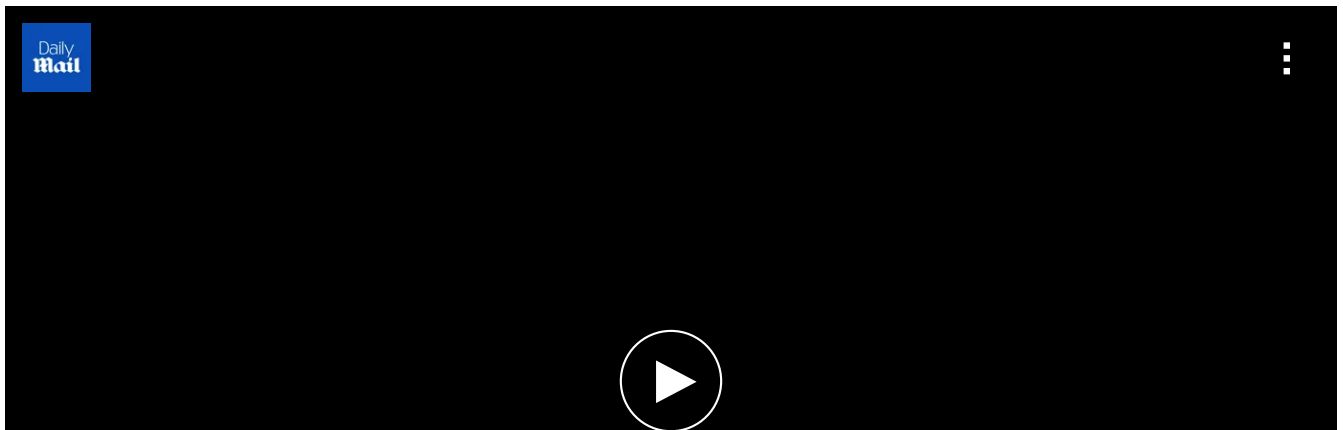
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Viewers were left furious on Saturday as daytime show Doctors beat every other major serial to scoop the best single episode gong at the British Soap Awards.

The BBC show won the coveted award for the episode Three Consultations and a Funeral, which starred former EastEnders actress Lucy Benjamin as a victim of domestic abuse who confides in her clinician (Dido Miles).

But viewers raced to [Twitter](#) to complain that one of the larger soaps was more deserving, with one angrily branding the evening 'worst Soap Awards ever'.



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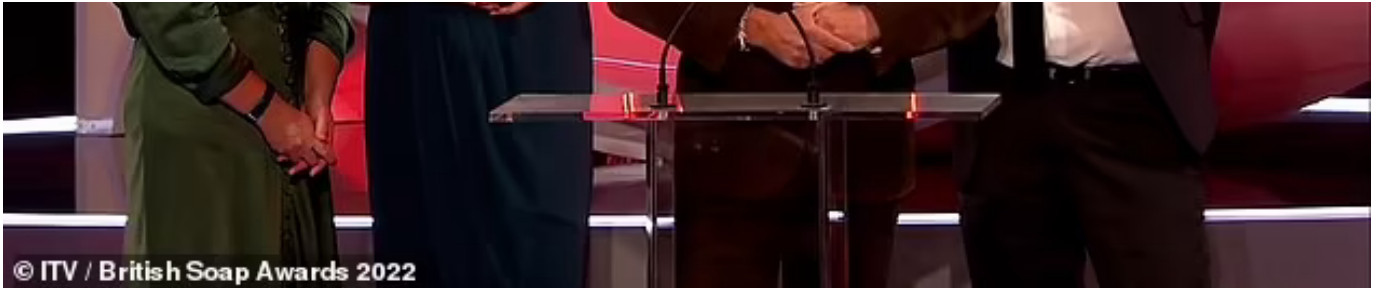


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'Doctors' wins best single episode at the British Soap Awards





'Worst awards ever!': Viewers are left furious as Doctors beat Coronation Street, Emmerdale and EastEnders to scoop best single episode at the British Soap Awards on Saturday (the Doctors cast pictured collecting their award)

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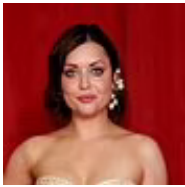


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While a second added: 'Every year I see the Soap Awards I wonder whether anyone actually watched Doctors'.

With a third chiming in: 'Doctors is likea pensioners programme'.





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One wrote: 'Worst soap awards ever, worst soap won [Emmerdale] won and lets not star on Doctors winning'.

However another was convinced it was done out of kindness commenting: 'I'm of the opinion that after two years away the awards are deliberately spread out amongst the five soaps, then everyone can say they are a winner'.

While another added: 'Says a lot about the state of the main three soaps when the likes of Doctors and Hollyoaks are beat them to awards'.

The ceremony returned live to ITV for the first time in two years after the 2020 and 2021 ceremonies were cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Moving: The BBC show won the coveted award for the episode Three Consultations and a Funeral, which starring former EastEnders actress Lucy Benjamin (pictured) as a victim of domestic abuse who confides in her clinician (Dido Miles)

Unhappy campers: Viewers rushed to Twitter to complain about the show being awarded the prestigious gong

In its place in 2020, ITV instead aired a 60-minute special titled *The British Soap Awards Celebrates 21 Years*, narrated by long-running presenter Phillip Schofield.

This year, host Phillip, 60, welcomed a plethora of soap stars to London's Hackney Empire, where they battled it out to scoop prizes in 14 categories.

The awards were either voted for by a panel of expert judges or the public, with fans able to choose their favourites for Best British Soap, Best Leading Performer and Best Family categories.

And the winner is..... Martin Lewis announced the winner with Doctors competeing against every other major soap

Meanwhile, it was reported earlier this year that The British Soap Awards opted to axe the male and female categories.

Instead of Best Actor and Actress, stars from much-loved British soaps competed to scoop the newly-created new Best Leading Performer award.

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The move follows The Brits which scrapped gender classifications this year, with Adele beating Ed Sheeran to Artist of the Year.

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Past winners of the Best Actress award include Lucy Pargeter (who plays Chas Dingle in Emmerdale), Lucy Fallon (who played Bethany Platt in Coronation Street) and Charlotte Bellamy (who plays Laurel Thomas in Emmerdale).

It follows the award for Sexiest Male and Female, voted by the public, being axed in 2015.

The five biggest soaps - Coronation Street, Doctors, EastEnders, Emmerdale and Hollyoaks - battled it out to win recognition for their work over the past year.

Winner: Emmerdale came out on top as it won the coveted Best Soap prize, with serial killer

Meena Jutla's long reign of terror dominating storylines (Paige Sandhu picking up the best leading performance award)

And after a stellar year of drama-filled storylines, the competition was certainly fierce.

Emmerdale came out on top as it won the coveted Best Soap prize, with serial killer Meena Jutla's long reign of terror dominating storylines.

The Leeds-based soap also bagged the Leading Performer and Dramatic Performance prizes for Paige Sandhu (Meena) and Mark Charnock (Marlon Dingle) respectively.

The Dingles also bagged Best Family, with a specials tribute paid to the Andy Devine (Shadrach Dingle) following his death earlier this year.

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Reunited: EastEnders also scooped four awards on the night, with soap legend Letitia Dean becoming the proud recipient of this year's Outstanding Achievement award for her almost 40 year stint playing Sharon Watts (pictured with on-screen mother Anita Dobson)

Meanwhile, EastEnders stars Gillian Wright and Lacey Turner (Jean and Stacey Slater) fought off stiff competition to win best onscreen partnership.

Other big wins for EastEnders included Tameka Empson aka Kim Fox scooping the Comedy Performer prize, while Ross Boatman earned himself the Newcomer award for his portrayal of Harvey Monroe

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Coronation Street ended up with three prizes on the night, with their gongs including Best Villain for Maximus Evans (Corey Brent) and Young Performer for Millie Gibson (Kelly Neelan) – both of whom were involved in the soap's harrowing hate crime storyline.

The other prize for the ITV soap was the The Tony Warren Award which went to Coronation Street scriptwriter Jan McVerry for her dedicated service.

In memory: While there wasn't a dry eye in sight thanks to the In Memoriam section which honoured soap stars who've passed away, including EastEnders legends June Brown

RIP: Dame Barbara Windsor was also honoured with a huge cheer from the crowd

Elsewhere, kicking off the wins were Hollyoaks, with Misbah Maalik's historic rape scooping the coveted Best Storyline prize - the first award of the night.

Harvey was a double winner as she also won Scene of The Year for the Misbah didn't consent episode.

Meanwhile, Neighbours fans were left 'absolutely broken' and in tears as the British Soap Awards paid tribute to the axed show.

While there wasn't a dry eye in sight thanks to the In Memoriam section which honoured soap stars who've passed away, including EastEnders legends Barbara Windsor and June Brown - both of whom received huge cheers from the audience.

Congratulations: Emmerdale's cast stormed the stage as they revelled in their Best Soap award

BRITISH SOAP AWARDS 2022 WINNERS

British Soap

Coronation Street

Doctors

EastEnders

Emmerdale - WINNER

Hollyoaks

Leading Performer

Sally Carman (Abi Webster) – Coronation Street

Gillian Wright (Jean Slater) – EastEnders

Linda Henry (Shirley Carter) – EastEnders

Paige Sandhu (Meena Jutla) – Emmerdale - WINNER

Mark Charnock (Marlon Dingle) - Emmerdale

Family

The Alahans – Coronation Street

The Carters – EastEnders

The Dingles – Emmerdale - WINNER

The McQueens - Hollyoaks

Coronation Street: Sally Carman as Abi Webster

Villain

Maximus Evans (Corey Brent) – Coronation Street - WINNER

Laura White (Dr Princess Buchanan) – Doctors

Toby-Alexander Smith (Gray Atkins) – EastEnders

Paige Sandhu (Meena Jutla) – Emmerdale

Rhiannon Clements (Summer Ranger) - Hollyoaks

Coronation Street: Maximus Evans as Corey Brent

Comedy Performer

Jane Hazelgrove (Bernie Winter) – Coronation Street

Sarah Moyle (Valerie Pitman) – Doctors

Tameka Empson (Kim Fox) – EastEnders - WINNER

Lisa Riley (Mandy Dingle) – Emmerdale

Chelsee Healey (Goldie McQueen) - Hollyoaks

Newcomer

Paddy Bever (Max Turner) – Coronation Street

Ross McLaren (Luca McIntyre) – Doctors

Ross Boatman (Harvey Monroe) – EastEnders - WINNER

Darcy Grey (Marcus Dean) – Emmerdale

Matthew James-Bailey (Ethan Williams) - Hollyoaks

Hollyoaks: Chelsee Healey as Goldie McQueen

Best Storyline

Coronation Street - Hate Crime

Doctors - Bear and his mother encounter racism at St Phil's Hospital

EastEnders - Jean's Bipolar

Emmerdale - Meena Serial Killer

Hollyoaks - Misbah's Historic Rape - WINNER

Single Episode

Coronation Street – Flashback

Doctors – Three Consultations and a Funeral - WINNER

EastEnders – Jean in Southend

Emmerdale – Marlon's stroke

Hollyoaks – Out of Time

Emmerdale: Mark Charnock as Marlon Dingle

Dramatic Performance

Sally Carman (Abi Webster) – Coronation Street

Dex Lee (Bear Sylvester) – Doctors

Gillian Wright (Jean Slater) – EastEnders

Mark Charnock (Marlon Dingle) – Emmerdale - WINNER

Harvey Viridi (Misbah Maalik) - Hollyoaks

On-screen partnership

David Neilson & Mollie Gallagher (Roy Cropper & Nina Lucas) – Coronation Street

Chris Walker & Jan Pearson (Rob Hollins & Karen Hollins) – Doctors

Lacey Turner & Gillian Wright (Stacey Slater and Jean Slater) – EastEnders - WINNER

Isobel Steele & Bradley Johnson (Liv Flaherty & Vinny Dingle) – Emmerdale

Anna Passey & Kieron Richardson (Sienna Blake & Ste Hay) - Hollyoaks

EastEnders: Gillian Wright as Jean Slater

Young performer

Millie Gibson (Kelly Neelan) – Coronation Street - WINNER

Sonny Kendall (Tommy Moon) – EastEnders

Amelia Flanagan (April Windsor) – Emmerdale

Jayden Fox (Bobby Costello) - Hollyoaks

Scene of the year

Coronation Street – Johnny's Death

Doctors – Mad Hatter's Tea Party

EastEnders – Hall of Mirrors

Emmerdale – Bridge Collapse

Hollyoaks – Misbah Didn't Consent - WINNER

The Outstanding Achievement Award was given to EastEnders legend Letitia Dean for her portrayal of Sharon Watts

The Tony Warren Award went to Coronation Street scriptwriter Jan McVerry

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