

Press release

63RD MONTE-CARLO TELEVISION FESTIVAL 2024
AWARDS SIMONE ASHLEY
INTERNATIONAL GOLDEN NYMPH FOR MOST PROMISING TALENT

Monaco, 25 April – The 63rd edition of the Monte-Carlo Television Festival has selected this year’s recipient of **The International Golden Nymph for Most Promising Talent**. The award, which recognises the brilliant and exceptional rising talent of an actor who has elevated the bar of excellence to international acclaim, will be presented to **Simone Ashley** at the **Opening Ceremony** of the Festival on **Friday, 14 June**.

British actress **Simone Ashley** is known for portraying Kate Sharma, the female lead of season two of the highly successful TV series **Bridgerton**. The show is based on the work of author Julia Quinn and is written and directed by Shonda Rhimes. Produced by Netflix, the series has been a worldwide sensation. Fans can look forward to **Bridgerton’s** season three premiere next month where Simone will reprise her role.

After season two, Simone was named one of **Forbes’ 30 Under 30** (600 of the brightest young entrepreneurs, leaders, and stars) and featured in the **Time100 Next** list (the emerging leaders from around the world who are shaping the future and defining the next generation of leadership).

Simone recently appeared in Disney’s live-action reimagining of **The Little Mermaid**, as Ariel’s sister, Indira. She also voices Rose in GFM Animation’s animated feature film, **10 Lives**. Next, Ashley will helm Amazon Prime Video’s original romantic-comedy **Picture This** and lead independent film **This Tempting Madness**.

Prior to her breakout moment, Ashley was best known for her role as Olivia in the highly praised television series **Sex Education**.

Cécile Menoni, Executive Director of the Monte-Carlo Television Festival, comments, “*We are extremely proud to have created a special award at our Festival to highlight a new talent on the international stage. Simone shot to global fame in Shonda Rhimes’ hit show Bridgerton on Netflix and her exceptional screen presence makes her a very worthy winner. We are very much looking*

forward to her arrival on the Red Carpet at our Opening Ceremony in June and to celebrating her success with her colleagues and many fans.”

The unique prize of the **International Golden Nymph for Most Promising Talent** joins two other special distinction awards – the Crystal Nymph and the Honorary Golden Nymph – which recognise outstanding personalities in the international television and entertainment industry.