



# What's next for the *Heated Rivalry* breakout stars? Hudson Williams, Connor Storrie land new roles

The world has been ready to learn what's next for Williams and Storrie following their starring roles on the queer hockey hit.

By **Mekishana Pierce** February 18, 2026 3:52 p.m. ET

REACT LEAVE A COMMENT



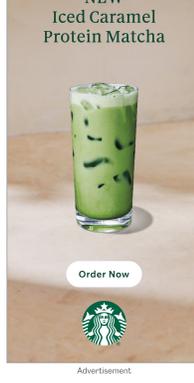
Connor Storrie and Hudson Williams in 2025. Credit: Harold Feng/Getty

Look out, world! *Heated Rivalry* stars [Hudson Williams](#) and [Connor Storrie](#) have landed their next roles following their breakout turns on the Crave queer hockey drama that [became a viral sensation after the show's premiere](#) on HBO Max late last year.

The Canadian-born Williams is teaming up with Crave once again. On Tuesday, [the network revealed that the 25-year-old](#) will star in its half-hour drama series *Yaga*, which focuses on the myth of Baba Yaga, a female character from Slavic folklore who is depicted as a witch.

The series is an adaptation of a play by Kat Sandler, who will serve as writer and showrunner on the eight-episode series, and also features *The Matrix* star Carrie-Anne Moss, Noah Reid (*Schitt's Creek*), and Clark Backo (*Letterkenny*).

Per the synopsis, the drama follows Rapp (Reid), a private investigator who arrives in a small coastal town to investigate the disappearance of a young heir to a powerful fishery, Henry Park (Williams). The investigator finds himself at odds with an apprehensive local detective, Carson (Backo); a charismatic university professor with a taste for younger men, Katherine (Moss); and "a labyrinth of enigmatic suspects, secret lives, and ancient magic."



Advertisement



Hudson Williams in 2026. Credit: Naomi Galati/Getty



Advertisement

While *Yaga* is the first new role for Williams post-*Heated Rivalry*, the actor [revealed in a November interview](#) that he had recently booked a role on Netflix's upcoming limited series *The Altruists*. Written by Graham Moore, the series stars Julia Garner and Anthony Boyle, and [tells the story of Sam Bankman-Fried and Caroline Ellison](#), two hyper-smart, ambitious young idealists who tried to remake the global financial system in the blink of an eye — and then seduced, coaxed, and teased each other into stealing \$8 billion.

Williams also shared that he was filming and directing three short films with plans to release sometime in the future.

**Get your daily dose of entertainment news, celebrity updates, and what to watch with our EW Dispatch newsletter.**

Storrie is heading back to his comedy roots with a role in A24's upcoming comedy *Peaked*.

The Texan is in talks to join the star-studded cast, which includes Molly Gordon, Allie Levitan, Laura Dern, Simone Ashley, Levon Hawke, Mitra Jouhari, and Gabby Windey, according to [Deadline](#). While Storrie's potential role hasn't been revealed, the film is set to begin production this month.

Advertisement

Written by Levitan and Gordon, who will also direct, the film is said to follow "the two girls who traumatized you in high school as they try to relive their glory days at their 10-year reunion." A24 will finance the project and produce alongside David Hinojosa, Zach Nutman and Gordon, with Levitan executive-producing.

Advertisement

The news of Storrie's potential role comes soon after it was announced the *Joker: Folie à Deux* actor will make his *Saturday Night Live* hosting debut [on Feb. 28](#). He'll be joined by musical guest Mumford & Sons, who are old pros by now after three previous stints on the Studio 8H stage.

Advertisement

The news of Storrie's potential role comes soon after it was announced the *Joker: Folie à Deux* actor will make his *Saturday Night Live* hosting debut [on Feb. 28](#). He'll be joined by musical guest Mumford & Sons, who are old pros by now after three previous stints on the Studio 8H stage.

The news of Storrie's potential role comes soon after it was announced the *Joker: Folie à Deux* actor will make his *Saturday Night Live* hosting debut [on Feb. 28](#). He'll be joined by musical guest Mumford & Sons, who are old pros by now after three previous stints on the Studio 8H stage.

The news of Storrie's potential role comes soon after it was announced the *Joker: Folie à Deux* actor will make his *Saturday Night Live* hosting debut [on Feb. 28](#). He'll be joined by musical guest Mumford & Sons, who are old pros by now after three previous stints on the Studio 8H stage.



Connor Storrie at the 2026 Golden Globes. Credit: Maya Delbin Spach/2026GG/Penske Media via Getty

No word yet on whether Williams is lined up for a cameo during his costar's debut, but [SNL alum Jimmy Fallon has already vouched for him to host](#), so it wouldn't be a surprise if he did. Either way, seeing the pair together after their stint as [torchbearers for the Olympic torch relay](#) would be a sweet treat for *Heated Rivalry* fans who have a bit of a wait for the second season of the provocative Canadian drama.

It's been a whirlwind for Williams and Storrie since *Heated Rivalry* premiered in November with the duo playing the star-crossed, puck-smashing Shane and Ilya, respectively, rival hockey players whose passion explodes into lust (and eventually love).

The previously unknown actors found themselves [mucking it up at the Golden Globes](#), being [parodied on SNL](#), and more thanks to the fervent response from viewers. Fallon even [told Entertainment Weekly](#) that Williams' appearance on *The Tonight Show* resulted in "one of the hottest audiences we've ever had."

[Season 2 will adapt author Rachel Reid's The Long Game](#), the sixth book in Reid's [ever-expanding Game Changers](#) series. *The Long Game* picks up roughly three years after the events of *Heated Rivalry* and finds Shane and Ilya still dating in secret. Between Ilya's wavering mental health and Shane's intensified anxiety about being discovered, the pair struggle to contend with longing for family and belonging, as well as the fear of losing everything.

"It's time for them to decide what's most important — hockey or love," reads a synopsis.

"It's time for them to decide what's most important — hockey or love," reads a synopsis.

"It's time for them to decide what's most important — hockey or love," reads a synopsis.

"It's time for them to decide what's most important — hockey or love," reads a synopsis.

"It's time for them to decide what's most important — hockey or love," reads a synopsis.

"It's time for them to decide what's most important — hockey or love," reads a synopsis.

"It's time for them to decide what's most important — hockey or love," reads a synopsis.

"It's time for them to decide what's most important — hockey or love," reads a synopsis.

"It's time for them to decide what's most important — hockey or love," reads a synopsis.

"It's time for them to decide what's most important — hockey or love," reads a synopsis.

"It's time for them to decide what's most important — hockey or love," reads a synopsis.

"It's time for them to decide what's most important — hockey or love," reads a synopsis.

"It's time for them to decide what's most important — hockey or love," reads a synopsis.

"It's time for them to decide what's most important — hockey or love," reads a synopsis.

"It's time for them to decide what's most important — hockey or love," reads a synopsis.

"It's time for them to decide what's most important — hockey or love," reads a synopsis.

"It's time for them to decide what's most important — hockey or love," reads a synopsis.

"It's time for them to decide what's most important — hockey or love," reads a synopsis.

"It's time for them to decide what's most important — hockey or love," reads a synopsis.

"It's time for them to decide what's most important — hockey or love," reads a synopsis.

"It's time for them to decide what's most important — hockey or love," reads a synopsis.

"It's time for them to decide what's most important — hockey or love," reads a synopsis.

"It's time for them to decide what's most important — hockey or love," reads a synopsis.

"It's time for them to decide what's most important — hockey or love," reads a synopsis.

"It's time for them to decide what's most important — hockey or love," reads a synopsis.

"It's time for them to decide what's most important — hockey or love," reads a synopsis.

"It's time for them to decide what's most important — hockey or love," reads a synopsis.

"It's time for them to decide what's most important — hockey or love," reads a synopsis.

"It's time for them to decide what's most important — hockey or love," reads a synopsis.

"It's time for them to decide what's most important — hockey or love," reads a synopsis.

"It's time for them to decide what's most important — hockey or love," reads a synopsis.

"It's time for them to decide what's most important — hockey or love," reads a synopsis.

"It's time for them to decide what's most important — hockey or love," reads a synopsis.

"It's time for them to decide what's most important — hockey or love," reads a synopsis.

"It's time for them to decide what's most important — hockey or love," reads a synopsis.

"It's time for them to decide what's most important — hockey or love," reads a synopsis.

"It's time for them to decide what's most important — hockey or love," reads a synopsis.

"It's time for them to decide what's most important — hockey or love," reads a synopsis.

"It's time for them to decide what's most important — hockey or love," reads a synopsis.

"It's time for them to decide what's most important — hockey or love," reads a synopsis.

"It's time for them to decide what's most important — hockey or love," reads a synopsis.

"It's time for them to decide what's most important — hockey or love," reads a synopsis.

"It's time for them to decide what's most important — hockey or love," reads a synopsis.

"It's time for them to decide what's most important — hockey or love," reads a synopsis.

"It's time for them to decide what's most important — hockey or love," reads a synopsis.

"It's time for them to decide what's most important — hockey or love," reads a synopsis.

## Trending Reels

EW Entertainment Weekly

**Matt Damon shuts him down Clint Eastwood** reveals how **Clint Eastwood** shut him **clint eastwood** directing

P People

**Sydney Sweeney** Has a Lingerie Brand and We Have Thoughts

EW Entertainment Weekly

**Elon Musk** shares AI-generated Sydney Sweeney video weeks after controversial comment about actress' body

EW Entertainment Weekly

**New guests** checking in to **The White Lotus** season 4

EW Entertainment Weekly

**Donald Trump** threatens to sue Trevor Noah over Epstein joke at 2026 Grammys

EW Entertainment Weekly

**John Leguizamo** issues strong warning to his own fans who support ICE

P People

**Cher** Accidentally Announces Luther Vandross For Kendrick Lamar and SZA's Record of th...

EW Entertainment Weekly

**Margot Robbie** Says Her Girlfriends Watched 'Wuthering Heights' Like Feral Hyenas

## Join the conversation

Conversations are opinions of our readers and are subject to our [Community Guidelines](#).

## Related Articles

SCI-FI & FANTASY SHOWS

**God of War TV cast: See the actors side-by-side with their video game characters**

By Nick Romano

SUPER BOWL ADS

**Jurassic Park** reunion hits the Super Bowl: Sam Neill, Laura Dern, and Jeff Goldblum headline Xfinity ad (exclusive)

By Nick Romano

SUPERHERO MOVIES

**The Last Ronin** co-creators 'not disheartened at all' about fate of movie adaptation: 'I think it will happen' (exclusive)

By Nick Romano

DRAMA SHOWS

**Everything we know about Heated Rivalry** season 2 so far (including which book it's adapting)

By Randall Colburn

COMIC BOOKS & GRAPHIC NOVELS

**The Last Ronin** returns! **Trading Day** prequel comic brings back Mikey ahead of **Part 3** (exclusive)

By Nick Romano

SLASHER MOVIES

**'It is Matthew Lillard 2.0 right now': *Scream* 7 star talks surprise Stu Macher return and his horror renaissance** (exclusive)

By Nick Romano

SLASHER MOVIES

**David Arquette's Dewey** taunts Neve Campbell from the grave in **Scream 7** teaser

By Nick Romano

SCI-FI & FANTASY MOVIES

**Sam Neill** recalls **Jurassic Park** set hit hard by Hurricane Iniki: 'Do you think we might die today?'

By Nick Romano

SPORTS EVENTS

**Heated Rivalry** stars get even hotter roles in 2026 Olympics

By Shania Russell

CHILDREN & FAMILY MOVIES

**Disney's live-action Tangled** star Milo Manheim reveals intense Flynn Rider prep — and why he needs a 'giant stallion'

By Joey Nolfi

SNL FANDOM

**Why SNL** isn't new tonight and when it will be back with hotly anticipated host

By Jillian Sederholm

AWARDS SHOWS

**Heated Rivalry** stars get UFC bodyguard, joke about 'you know' at Golden Globes

By Nick Romano

ROMANCE MOVIES

**Deep Cuts** recasts **Odessa A'zion** role after whitewashing controversy

By Wesley Stenzel

DISNEY PARKS

**Disney World** closes iconic **Dinosaur** ride after 28 years ahead of new **Iana Jones** attraction

By Joey Nolfi

SCI-FI & FANTASY MOVIES

**Jurassic Park** star **Sam Neill** reacts to **Jurassic World Rebirth** Alan Grant callout: 'I was surprised'

By Nick Romano

SCI-FI & FANTASY MOVIES

**Sam Neill** calls **Jurassic World Rebirth** 'a family affair' after playing **Scarlett Johansson's** dad in 1998 film

By Nick Romano