

'Bold and the Beautiful' Cast News: Four Actresses Who Could Replace Kim Matula As Hope Logan [PHOTOS]

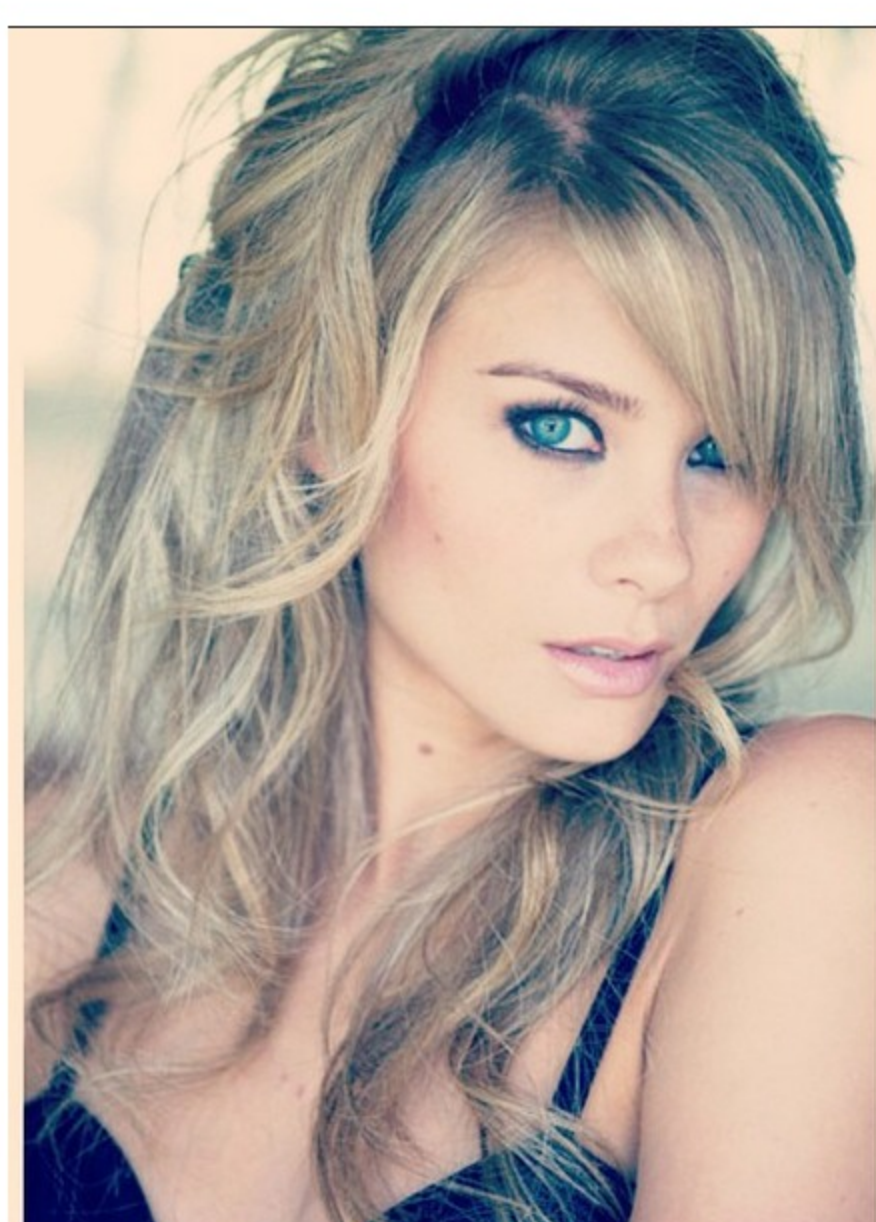
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Kim Matula (Photo : Instagram.com/kimbpics)

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Kim Matula Leaving 'The Bold and the Beautiful'

Matula elected not to renew her contract and stay on with the CBS soap, where she portrayed the role for four years, and has already finished filming her final episodes of the show (which will likely air at the end of the year).

Reps for the show have not confirmed plans for the character or whether or not they will recast it or just write her out of the show. Considering Hope's pivotal role in the recent storylines of the show (she has been involved in a love quadrangle of sorts with on-screen husband Wyatt [Darin Brooks], on-screen former fiancé Liam [Scott Clifton] and on-screen co-worker Ivy [Ashleigh Brewer]), it doesn't seem likely that her character would be written off the show completely. (She is also pregnant on the show).

With that in mind, Enstars compiled a list of four actresses who could replace Matula:

1. Brooke Newton (former Colby on *All My Children* reboot), age 27

Newton is close in age to Matula (who is 26), and has very similar looks with blonde hair and blue eyes. Matula also wasn't an established soap actress when she won the role of Hope either-and Newton's only prior work on a soap was for the one season of the *AMC* reboot that appeared online before the show was officially cancelled.

The Bold and the Beautiful has also recently taken to bringing in actresses who aren't established in the soap world yet and giving them their break. Both Ashleigh Brewer and Ashlyn Pearce were new to soap operas when they joined the show this year. Newton could make a great fit.



(Photo : Frazer Harrison/Getty Images) Actress Brooke Newton attends Television Academy's Daytime Programming Peer Group's 41st Annual Daytime Emmy Nominees Celebration at The London West Hollywood on June 19, 2014 in West Hollywood, California credit

2. Crystal Hunt (former Stacy on *One Life To Live* & former Lizzie on *Guiding Light*), age 29

Like Newton, Hunt is also close in age and appearance to Matula, which could make her into a convincing Hope.



(Photo : Frazer Harrison/Getty Images) Actress Crystal Hunt arrives at the Forevermark And InStyle's 'A Promise Of Beauty And Brilliance' Golden Globe Awards Event at Beverly Hills Hotel on January 10, 2012 in Beverly Hills, California.

3. Stephanie Gatschet (former Madison on *All My Children* and Tammy on *Guiding Light*), age 31

Though a little older than Matula, Gatschet is another stunning blonde with big blue eyes-making her another convincing Hope replacement.



(Photo : David Becker/Getty Images) Actress Stephanie Gatschet arrives at the 38th Annual Daytime Entertainment Emmy Awards held at the Las Vegas Hilton on June 19, 2011 in Las Vegas, Nevada

4. Kelly Kruger (current Eva on *Bold and the Beautiful* and former Mackenzie on *Young & The Restless*), age 32

Though Kruger wouldn't be a Hope recast as she already has a minor recurring role on the soap, her character could fit nicely as a new love interest for Wyatt if Hope leaves him. Off-screen, Kruger and Brooks are engaged to be married, so bringing Kruger's character up to full-time as a love interest for her fiance's character would make sense because the two would have fantastic on-screen chemistry together.



(Photo : Valerie Macon/Getty Images) Kelly Kruger arrives at Star Magazine Hollywood Rocks 2014 at SupperClub Los Angeles on April 23, 2014 in Los Angeles, California.

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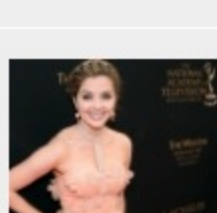
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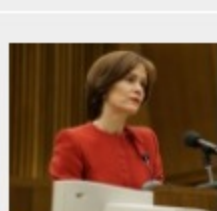
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