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Hey, never again

FORMER Hey Hey It's Saturday co-host **LIVINIA NIXON** has spoken about blackface controversies on the show.

Nixon got her start on TV on Hey Hey in 1997, and says the TV industry must take responsibility for past mistakes.

She was responding to archival footage from the show, including Hey Hey host **DARYL SOMERS** performing in

blackface, which has resurfaced online amid the Black Lives Matter movement.

"If you look back through the history of a lot of TV shows, here and in the US, there's a lot of moments people wish they could go back and erase but we don't have the luxury to do that," Nixon (left) said.

"We just have the responsibility to make sure it doesn't happen again in the future."

The blackface clip shows Somers (inset) singing

LOUIS ARMSTRONG's What A Wonderful World alongside jazz singer **RICKY MAY**.

Hey Hey also made headlines in 2009 when five men performed in blackface during a

talent show segment, Red Faces. Guest judge **HARRY**

CONNICK JR was outraged, saying: "We've spent so much time trying to not make black people look like buffoons."

Somers told him: "I know that to your countrymen, that's an insult to have a blackface routine ... so I do apologise to you."



New Batwoman suits up for role

■ JAVICIA LESLIE has been announced as RUBY ROSE's replacement on Batwoman, which screens on streaming platform Binge.

The German-born actor (below), most known for her work on the TV series *God Friended Me*, will step in to play the superhero for the second season after Rose (right) quit in May.

"I am extremely proud to be the first black actor to play the iconic role of Batwoman on television, and as a bisexual woman, I am honoured to join this groundbreaking show," Leslie said.

Melbourne star Rose congratulated Leslie via her own Instagram page.

Fans were shocked to hear Rose was quitting her role as Kate Kane on the series after only one season, with rumours that her time on set was "miserable".

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