



March 2008

Darling Diva Pageant Newsletter
"The Royal Issue"



AND THE WINNERS ARE!!!

Our 24 beautiful divas certainly were out in all of their glory at our 2008 pageant.

Here are some of our newly crowned Divas. Visit our website for all the results.

We had so much fun at the pageant that we are not waiting until 2009, we are hosting our first benefit pageant on July 12th, 2008 where we will pay tribute to the men & women who serve our country. We will also collect toys and give a donation to the Toys for Tots Program.

We have already begun preparing for several events for 2008 – see details in this issue. Our Color Splash Party will be held on Saturday April 5th and our Spring Fashion Show will be held on Saturday May 10th. Feel free to contact us for further details.

We are now accepting applications for our **July 12th, 2008 Benefit Pageant** and our **2009 Diva Pageant**. Pre-Applications are available online

Congratulations to our 2008 queens, Victoria Baynes, Selena Klarmann, D'Andre McKay & Ashley Egalite

They dazzled the judges and the audience with their intellectual interviews, well versed introductions, fabulous fun-wear and enchanting fancy-wear. They are now ready to begin their reign as the 2008 Divas.

We would also like to congratulate our Most Popular Diva, Ashley Nurse



DDP Calendar

April 5th, 2008
Color Splash Party

May 10th, 2008
Spring Fashion Show

May 15th, 2008
Entry Deadline for the July 12th Pageant

July 12th, 2008
Benefit Pageant Day

September 1st, 2008
Last date to register for the 2009 pageant at \$150.00

October 1st, 2008
Last date to register for the 2009 pageant at \$180.00

January 24th, 2009
Diva Pageant Day

** dates are subject to change with prior notice*



Introducing Miss Mini Diva, Victoria

a kindergartener who enjoys English, singing, dancing, painting & traveling. When she grows up, she would like to be a hairdresser, rock star, veterinarian, teacher or singer.

From the Desk of Victoria...By Kim Baynes



When my mom told me I would be in the Diva Darling pageant all I could remember is seeing how happy Essence looked in a picture wearing her pink jacket. And I wanted to be just like her. During practice she had a special part and she did her own dance on a chair. And I wanted to be that important. She even got to help Ms.Cheryl and that job looked like fun. I remember looking at the book and seeing all the exciting things that Essence was able to do and I hoped that I could do those things too.

When it was the day of the pageant, I thought we were the first people at the theatre because it was so quiet and empty. Then people started coming and it was like seeing old friends. It was busy and exciting. I played with my friends and we practiced together. Everyone wanted to help each other.

On stage I did not know there would be so many people. They were there to see us and I was a little afraid but my friends pulled me through it. I was nervous when I did my introduction but I practiced it for weeks and just did it and was happy when that part was over. That was the hardest part and I thought I would forget some words but I didn't.

My favorite part was dressing like a doll because mommy and I had fun finding a costume and looking for music and she even got a chance to be in it. I laughed at her funny make-up. My mommy told me that all girls are born princesses and I was sad because I thought I would be a princess for my entire life --and I really wanted to be a Diva. I looked at the other girls, they were so pretty and talented and were called and received awards before me. Then they called my name and I was so happy because I became a Diva and a queen.

I was happy but I was sad because I wished all the girls in my group would be crowned queens then my mommy said we are all winners because everyone saw us do our best.

I wish that next year some girl might see my picture and see the things that I will do and want to be a Diva Queen just like me.

Since the crowning, I gave my award money to the Rongai Agricultural and Technical Secondary school in Africa who desperately needed supplies because they grow their own food to feed their students. I asked my school to match the money and to have other businesses do the same. I have been busy with my cheerleading squad and was also asked by The Little Scholar Daycare to be a Guest speaker for their Kindergarten graduation ceremony in June. I can't wait to see you all again in July.

Best Wishes.

Victoria Jensenia Rose Baynes.

Introducing Miss Petite Diva, Selena,

a 3rd grader who enjoys art, dancing, reading, writing stories, volunteering, spending time with friends and family.

When she grows up she would like to be a handbag designer



Hi Everyone!!! I Am Your New Darling Diva Petite Winner For 2008!!! I'm Still On Cloud 9 From My Win. I Like To Put My Crown On At Least 5 Times A Week And Remember How It Felt To Be Called The Winner!!!

Since Winning The Title I Have Had The Opportunity To Share My Great News With My Family And Friends. They Are All So Proud Of Me, Especially My Mom, Who Still Has The Pictures On Her Camera!!! I

Attended The Photo Shoot For The New Darling Diva Queens. We Had A Blast. I Think Me And Victoria Had The Most Fun! America's Next Top Model Better Watch Out For Us!!! In The Upcoming Months, I Will Take Part In Some Exciting Events! I Have Been Invited To The Brooklyn Borough President's Office For A Photo Op, I Will Be Volunteering For Some Charity Walks, My Local Paper Is Printing A Story About The Darling Diva Pageant And My Win, And I Will Also Be Volunteering At A Neighborhood Hospital. I Have So Many Things To Look Forward To This Year With My Darling Diva Pageant Sisters!!!

2008 Looks Like It Will Be A Blast!!!

Introducing Miss Junior Diva, D'Andre

a 6th grader who enjoys dancing, traveling and reading.

When she grows up she would like to be a runway model and a humanitarian.

When I heard “***and the miss junior diva is... .. D'Andre McKay***”, I was overjoyed with happiness, my eyes filled with tears, I can't fully explain the feeling I had when I won. I was part happy, part shocked and some what surprised. Winning the title helps me participate more in my community, it will also allow me the opportunity to give back to others as part of my dedication to Humanitarian work, something I plan to do when I grow up.

Most importantly winning the title allows my story to be an example to other young girls, that dreams do come true as long as you work hard and stay focused on your goals.



I am proud to live by my motto “The future belongs to those who believe in their dreams.”

I am surely living my dreams.

Introducing Miss Teen Diva, Ashley

a 10th grader who enjoys math, history, dancing, modeling, acting, singing and hanging with her friends.

When she grows up she would like to open her own business in dancing.



Knowing that I have been in many pageants before, I would like to inspire other girls to join pageants. It helps to build your knowledge, you get to meet other people and have fun. Most people say the pageant world is a competition but others can look at it as being awarded for having fun. The pageant helps people to see that no girl is ugly; they are all beautiful in their own way. It takes a girl with courage, energy and a diva within to be in the Darling Diva Pageant. I can also say I earned with crown with strength and ability to be the best of me but I could not be here today without my mother and the mother of this pageant – Miss Cheryl.

Winning the Miss Teen Diva title means a lot to me because as the oldest of the queens, I have now become a role model and a strong encouragement for my younger pageant sisters.

America voted and the Most Popular Diva is Ashley !!!

a 3rd grader who enjoys art, writing, playing jump rope, running and most of all reading. When she grows up she would like to be a pediatric doctor.



An interview with Ashley -

Question 1: How did you find out about Darling Diva Productions? It was being in the right place at the right time. As luck would have it, I needed a dress for a school production and asked at the store about outfits to model. The clerk told me about DDP and that they do modeling as well. I love modeling so my mom called them.

Question 2: What did you like about rehearsal? My favorite part of rehearsal was the dance number. I learned a different style of dancing, I am a tap dancer by profession.

Question 3: What was the hardest thing you had to overcome to prepare for DDP, why? (ex: were you a tom boy and had to wear heels and a dress and had to learn how to walk in them...etc.) I did not know I had to prepare a speech. So I did not practice. But I believed in myself and found that I am really good at impromptu speeches.

Question 4: How did you feel the day of the event (happy, worried, excited, nervous etc) why? The day of the event was really exciting. I was overjoyed that my family was there and I had an opportunity to perform in front of them on a professional stage. It was my time to shine.

Question 5: Crowning moments? What were you thinking-how did DDP make you feel? I was really excited to have won something. The only other trophy that I remember winning was 3rd place in a relay race. This was quite an honor.

Question 6: What have you done since winning? Since winning I tried to keep it a secret and wait for the newsletter, but my dad showed the program book to everyone. I am gearing up for the MS Walk, I received 3 trophies and now the next exciting adventure is celebrating my birthday with my family and friends next month at Chuck E Cheese!!! Who could ask for more?

Our Queens are already on the move...here they are on our February trip to Good Morning America, Madame Tussaud Wax Museum and the Meet the Oscars Road Show (we missed you on this trip Selena)

American I-Dolls



On the set of GMA



and the Oscar goes to...



Celebrating Black History



Darling Divas Productions would like to congratulate our diva, KeyAna, on winning the Miss Brooklyn's Outstanding Teen pageant. Congrats also to the new Miss Brooklyn, Leigh-Taylor Smith. We wish you both the best of luck as you compete in the state finals.



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## CALLING ALL MODELS !!!

WE HAVE BEGUN PLANNING OUR MAY 10<sup>TH</sup> FASHION SHOW  
AND ARE LOOKING FOR THE BEST TOP MODELS OUT THERE.

ALL CONTESTANTS WHO REGISTER FOR OUR BENEFIT PAGEANT (July 12<sup>th</sup>)  
OR OUR 2009 DIVA PAGEANT WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO STRUT THEIR STUFF IN  
THIS SHOW

SO GET YOUR REGISTRATIONS IN AND GET READY TO WORK THE RUNWAY



CALL OUR OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION



# Key's Page



Hey Divas, keep sending your letters, photos, jokes, puzzles, anything you think other girls would love to see on this page. Let me know about your celebrations, accomplishments or your friends. You never know, you could end up on my page. Send your emails to KEYDIVA@MYDARLINGDIVA.NET (that's my very own email address) or mail to Key's Page c/o Darling Divas Productions 1158 Troy Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11203 or fax 718-629-9046

Best Wishes to our Divas celebrating a birthday during the months of January - May



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| <b>January</b><br>Diamond<br>R<br>Kymbia B | <b>February</b><br>Janelle L | <b>March</b><br>Ashley N | <b>April</b><br>Aminah O | <b>May</b><br>Taylor S<br>Briana W |
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Congratulations to our Petite Diva 3<sup>rd</sup> runner up **Miss Taylor St. Lawrence**. She recently competed in the Pennsylvania Magical Moments Pageant where she won her division and Most Beautiful title. *Way to go Taylor. See you at Nationals.*

Congratulations to **Miss Briana Walker** on her acceptance to Fiorello Laguardia HS and Professional Performing Arts School. *Make us all proud – Don't forget about us when you are a BIG star*

Congratulations to **Miss Tia McDonald**, she was in her school spelling bee and made it to the 6th round and she was student of the month. Her basketball team, IS UNDEFEATED. *WOW – Beauty, Brains and Talent*

**Miss Kayla Forbes**, a little birdie told me you were also student of the month and you are a good girl and a great helper – *Of Course you are, keep it up little Diva*



**Question:** Why did the boy throw his butter out of the window.

**Answer:** He wanted to see a butterfly.

- Submitted by Tia McDonald

OK Divas, its contest time – I am looking for you to send in essays about a crazy adventure with your BFF. One type written page, no font larger than 12 pts and double spacing. Entries must be received by March 31<sup>th</sup>, 2008. You can send via fax (718-629-9046), email or postal mail. Essays will be judged by a NYC Board of Education teacher. Winner will receive a \$25.00 gift card to Bath & Body Works or Barnes & Noble.

# President's Message



***“shoot for the moon, even if you miss...you’ll land among the stars”*** - unknown

In this our “Royal Issue”, we would like to acknowledge our 2008 Diva contestants who did just that, “shoot for the moon”.

We all strive to be #1 in everything we do. We take classes, practice, rehearse or whatever else we feel we need to do to get to that goal. As we are racing to the finale, hoping that we have done everything possible to get us there first, the top of the heap, we cannot lose sight of the lessons we can learn along the way.

I don't think anyone said, 'I just want to be 3<sup>rd</sup> runner up in the pageant'. At least I hope not. My hope is that they all said, I am going to do the best of MY ability to be #1; I am not going to be intimidated or distracted by the other contestants, judges or the audience, but I am going out there and do what I have practiced, and rehearsed. We all want to win, but we should remember that sometimes what we have won is not presented on stage during the awards ceremony. It is what we have learned; a special award that I have **learned** from this experience everything I can so that I can become better and stronger for the next time. To all of our contestants, you all have earned a very valuable award that is specially designed only for you – the award is personal growth.

Remember the quote, “shoot for the moon and even if you miss, you’ll land among the stars” – remember, you did not fall back to earth, you landed very close to the moon, which means it is right there within your reach. Don't allow yourself to go back to the beginning, continue along the path you have already started, use all that you have learned as your fuel to get you to the moon.

You are all SHINING STARS. Hope to see you all again.

*Cheryl Williams*





# Darling Divas Productions



Invite you to party in living color at our

## COLOR SPLASH

Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008

4pm - 9pm



*Club Nocturnal*

1625 Flatbush Avenue  
Between Avenues H & I



\$20.00 per person (children & adults) in advance  
\$25.00 at the door (children & adults)

*Music – Food – Drinks (no alcohol)*

For tickets & information  
Call The Divas at 718-809-1868

You can mail your ticket order to  
1158 Troy Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11203



# Darling Divas Productions



Invite you to join us for our



## Spring Fling Fashion Show

Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 5pm  
(doors open at 4:30pm)



At

Club Nocturnal  
1623 Flatbush Avenue  
Between Ave H & Ave I  
Brooklyn, NY



Guest models include your 2008 Pageant Winners

Advance tickets are \$20.00 per person  
Admission at the door will be \$2500

Tickets may be purchased from your Diva Model  
or by calling the Divas at 718-809-1868



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# 2008 Benefit Pageant

Pageant will be held July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008 in Brooklyn, NY

*Age Divisions from 3 year-olds to adults*

**SPACE IS LIMITED** to maximum 12 contestants per division

**Register early**

**\$200.00** for the entire competition (*some discounts apply*)

Submit your entry by April 15<sup>th</sup> and you will have the opportunity to model in our May 10<sup>th</sup> Fashion Show

*A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Toys for Tots Program*



**Reserve your spot today!!!**

**Compete in:**

**Casual-wear ~ Patriotic-wear ~ Western-wear ~ Fancy-wear**

**GREAT PATRIOTIC FUN**

**Lots to win – crowns, tiaras, trophies, medals, gifts**



## **Benefit Pageant**

Contestant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ deposit enclosed (you must send a minimum of \$50.00 with this pre-application to hold your space).

Make all checks/money orders payable to Darling Divas Productions and mail to 1158 Troy Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11203





# 2009 Darling Diva Pageant



*Divisions from 3 year-olds to adults*

*Compete in:  
 Casualwear, Fancywear  
 Onstage Introduction  
 Interview and  
 Optional Competitions*

*Lots of titles and prizes to be won*



**Pageant will be held in January 2009 in Brooklyn, NY**

***SPACE IS LIMITED to maximum 12 contestants per division***

**Register early and save \$\$\$**

Register by September 1<sup>st</sup> and save \$50.00 (pay only \$150.00)

Register by October 1<sup>st</sup> and save \$20.00 (pay only \$180.00)

Register after October 1<sup>st</sup> and pay the full entry fee of \$200.00

*Entry deadline is November 30<sup>th</sup>*

**FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US WITH ANY QUESTIONS. WE ARE HERE TO HELP**

## **2009 Diva Pageant**

Contestant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Final payments must be received by specific due dates as listed above to qualify for discounted fees

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