

The Dupont Social Club

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The 37th Annual Miss Adams Morgan Pageant Returns to Celebrate DC's Most Iconic Night of Camp, Glamour, and Community

Washington, DC – The curtain will rise once again on one of the District's most beloved traditions as the **Dupont Social Club** hosts the **37th Annual Miss Adams Morgan Pageant** on **Saturday, October 4, 2025**, at the **Washington Hilton**. Known for its blend of camp, creativity, and community spirit, the Pageant has become a cornerstone of DC's LGBTQ+ cultural life, drawing a lively crowd of fans, supporters, and first-time attendees every year.

Since the first pageant took place at Annie's Paramount Steakhouse in 1988, the Miss Adams Morgan Pageant has grown into one of Washington's most anticipated annual events—and is now the largest drag show in the District. Each fall, contestants take to the stage in dazzling costumes, comedic skits, and over-the-top performances, all vying for the crown, the sash, and the title of *Miss Adams Morgan*. The evening combines satire, glamour, and political humor in a way that only the nation's capital could deliver.

This year's competition will feature **seven contestants**—local community figures and leaders who dabble with some hair, make-up, and glitter on the side—each showcasing original themed presentations while representing various states. Contestants are judged in categories that traditionally include:

- **Parade of States** – Showcasing what is unique to the state or territory they represent
- **Talent** – Riveting performances meant to entertain the crowd and showcase each performer's unique vision
- **Audience Vote** – Attendees have the opportunity to vote and select the pageant winner

The theme for 2025 is “**Studio 54-Ever: Beyond the Velvet Rope.**” The evening will be hosted by several former Miss Adams Morgan winners and will include special performances from past titleholders—including last year's winner, Queen Elle Camino—as well as members of the Dupont Social Club. The night will also feature video performances prepared by former winners and highlight reels showcasing this year's contestants out of drag.

Judges for the show were selected at random from nominations submitted by Dupont Social Club members. The 2025 panel includes: former DC Council Member **David Catania**, local

attorney **Falen LaPonzina**, bar owner **Freddie Lutz**, award-winning DC drag performer **Evry Pleasure**, bartender **Sara Soldner**, and renowned plastic surgeon **Dr. Daniel Tran**.

Over its nearly four-decade history, the Miss Adams Morgan Pageant has not only entertained but also supported the LGBTQ+ community. Each year, the outgoing Queen selects a beneficiary organization to receive a charitable donation from the proceeds of the show. Its tongue-in-cheek celebration of pageant culture has made the event a staple of Washington's cultural calendar, while the crown itself remains a symbol of resilience, creativity, and joy.

Event Details

- **What:** 37th Annual Miss Adams Morgan Pageant – “*Studio 54-Ever*”
- **When:** Saturday, October 4, 2025 – Cocktail Hour at 6:00 PM | Showtime at 8:00 PM
- **Where:** Washington Hilton, Presidential Ballroom, 1919 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20009
- **Tickets:** \$100 per person; \$50 VIP add-on available in limited quantity. General Admission tickets and tables available at <https://dupontsocial.club/Tickets1> or by contacting a member of the Dupont Social Club for reserved options.

About the Miss Adams Morgan Pageant

Founded in 1988, the Miss Adams Morgan Pageant was born through an act of aggression towards several of the organization's founding members. The pageant's founders sought to provide a safer environment for DC's LGBTQ community to enjoy the annual Halloween festivities. The Miss Adams Morgan Pageant has grown into one of Washington's most iconic annual LGBTQ+ events—an evening of drag, entertainment, and spectacle that brings together thousands of attendees from across the region. Known for its satire, campy performances, and larger-than-life personalities, the Pageant has cemented itself as a highlight of the city's cultural and social calendar.

About the Dupont Social Club

Since 1988, the **Dupont Social Club** has brought together members of the LGBTQ community in friendship and fellowship, while supporting each other and the community at large. Through events like the Miss Adams Morgan Pageant and *Valentine's Day Is A Drag*, the Club has raised thousands of dollars for nonprofits serving LGBTQ+ causes across the DC region. Members have also supported and performed in drag events throughout the city, including at the Kennedy Center.

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