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Miss Gay Carolinas United States 2021
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August 15, 2021

Mr Gay Virginia United States at Large 2021

August 15, 2021

Miss Gay Virginia United States at Large 2021

September 10, 2021

Miss Gay West Virginia United States 2021
honoring Sabrina Caprice Heart

September 10, 2021

Mr Gay West Virginia United States 2021
honoring Solo Jackson

September 25, 2021

Miss Gay Colorado United States 2021

October 3, 2021

Miss Gay Oklahoma United States at Large 2021

October 3, 2021

Mister Gay Oklahoma United States MI 2021

October 3, 2021

Miss Gay Oklahoma United States Femme Fatale 2021

October 3, 2021

Mr Gay Oklahoma United States at Large 2021

UPCOMING GAY UNITED STATES PRELIMINARY COMPETITIONS

October 2, 2021

Miss Gay Maryland United States 2021

October 2, 2021

Mr Gay Maryland United States 2021

October 3, 2021

Miss Gay Virginia United States 2021

October 3, 2021

Mr Gay Virginia United States 2021

October 4, 2021

Miss Gay Capital City United States 2021

October 4, 2021

Mr Gay Capital City United States 2021

October 6, 2021

Miss Gay California United States Femme Fatale 2021

October 6, 2021

Mister Gay California United States MI 2021

October 8, 2021

Miss Gay Great Plains United States 2021

October 8, 2021

Mr Gay Great Plains United States 2021

October 8, 2021

Miss Gay Great Plains United States Icon 2021

Gendering and Pageants

Article by Jazmine James

The pageant scene in the LGBTQIA community dates to 1972 with the Miss Gay America Pageant. This was 3 years after the stonewall riots that were started by Sylvia Rivera and Marsha P Johnson, two trans women of color. The Miss Gay America Pageant has focused on contestants that were assigned the gender of male at birth and did not identify as Transgender or they had not had any body modifications below the neck. Almost 50 years later, the Miss Gay America system still holds true to this and promotes that their system is where boys are boys and female illusion is an art.

Over the years other pageant systems were created to provide opportunities for Trans entertainers or entertainers that had body modifications, however some of them required that you be pre-operative and again focused on Trans females as their rules state you must have been born male at birth. This left a gap for CIS female and Trans Male entertainers which thru time was addressed. As gender fluidity evolved many pageants have added several divisions to address the change in gender roles as well as opening pageants that focus on different forms of entertainment and art form. Many of the system changes and additions started about 10 years ago and at that time was seen as a progressive approach to our ever-changing community. Like many things in life gender roles and gendering are changing.

We have recently seen the changes in the rules for athletes in the Olympics and other sporting events which I am personally very supportive of. So, I ask the question should we look at pageantry the same way and take the same approach? Does it matter if you are trans, CIS, non-binary? Should we have divisions or do divisions separate us to level a playing field? if so, what is the playing field? Should a CIS Female be allowed to compete against a CIS male who does “female illusion”? Should we ask for “equality” at the Olympics but ignore it in the LGBTQIA Pageant system. I mean the Miss Nevada USA system just proved that it did not depend on what your medical gender diagnosis was at birth. Did a mainstream pageant system just break the rules we worked so hard to build?

I do not have the answers, but I do believe that it should be a fluid discussion and one promoters and contestants should be willing to have. I find all types of performers despite their medical diagnosis of a gender entertaining. As an entertainer and a fan of entertainment my suggestion is “Drag” should just be enjoyed by the consumer and the “drag” entertainer should enjoy what they do. It should never be about a medical diagnosis based on the genitalia that a person was born with.



So where can pageant, systems improve? Look at your handbooks, are you using gender nonspecific language? Do you ask contestants their preferred pronouns? Make sure your hosts are aware of contestant's identity and they understand the importance of misgendering. Educate your judges about the importance of understanding identity and proper pronoun usage, especially in interview. Make sure the contestant's government name or dead name should only be used on legal documents like contracts etc.

Pageant promoters should make commitment to protect the identity of each contestant and promote a gender inclusive environment. The more inclusive your system is the more opportunities you will have to make an impact on the community that we serve.

If anyone needs assistance on Gender pronoun training and Gender inclusivity training, please feel free to contact me.

Jazmine James
Owner/Promoter
Miss Gay Colorado United States





From the Desk of the Icon

Hello all can I just say how crazy of a reign it's been thus far. From Photos shoots, to bookings, to Launching my very own E-commerce Store, National walks, and bonding with reigning court. Is a feeling I wouldn't trade for anything in the world. I knew that once I stepped into this position, I had some large shoes to fill from the incredible Legacy that all my former Icon sisters, have left behind Thank you for paving the way sisters. But this is just the beginning I still have a lot of work that needs to be done I'm looking forward to what's to come, so sit back and enjoy the ride.

I would like to wish all the Contestants competing for Mr. Gay America including Former Mr. Gay United States 2017 Mirage Cruz, Good Luck and bring home the gold! Special thanks to The Grand Ducal Council Of san Francisco for having me as head judge for the California Gold Pageant. Congratulations to Aurora Forte on your win, and to Bobby Friday on an amazing step down and reign. The month of August brings new beginnings, I accepted a Party host position in Oakland California at Que Rico Night club. I christened my very first brunch "Bionka's Brunch Bitch" At Beaux night club. I also Launched my very own online shape-wear store for the Trans community www.Snatchedbysimone.com. Check me out for all your waist snatching needs.

With Covid back on the rise, and a new variant just ask that everyone stay safe. Lets please do our part and mask up when needed .

Xoxo The Icon

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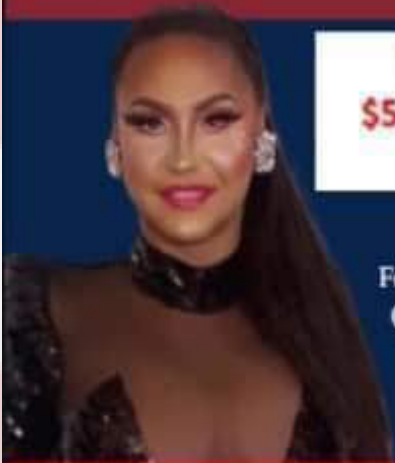
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CATEGORY IS..... AMERICANA RUNWAY

Our signature category Americana Runway is one of category where the contestants creativity can shine. There are few limitations-

One- You must use ALL three colors (Red White AND Blue) in your costume.

Two- There are only a few places exclusions for that rule- Hair Color, Jewlery castings, and Shoe bottoms-- the most common place where contestants lose points is zippers, thread colors, and accessories- The entire outfit with the exception of Jewelry castings, Hair, and Shoe bottoms MUST be Red White and Blue

Think of the small details that can set you apart from your competition. Think Project Runway or MET Gala looks.

The following is the official description for the category:

Americana Runway Fashion (100 points/judge)

This category is a “clothing and modeling” category. We are looking for any runway ready fashion outfit that is suitable for the contestant and must be comprised of the colors RED, WHITE, and BLUE. You must use all three colors somewhere in your outfit. Contestants will be given a 0 score in the Creative portion of the category and only half of the category will be available for scoring if they don't incorporate all three colors.

In addition Contestants can NOT use any other colors for any part of the look whatsoever from head to toe including accessories. The only exclusion is jewelry back castings and the soles of shoes. If another color is used other than red, white or blue they will receive a 0 in the creative portion of the category and only half the category will be available for scoring.

We are looking for an edgy and creative fashion using red, white, and blue. This is not to be a costume, but something that could be seen on the runways of top fashion shows or runways by famous designers. Think along the lines of Project Runway or America's Next Top Model or designers such as Dolce and Gabanna, or Versace. No commentaries are required from the contestants in this category. This is solely a runway modeling category divided into three sub-categories for scoring purposes.

Presentation – how well you model on the stage 0-25 points

Style and Fit 0-25 points

Creativity/Overall Impression 0-50 points

Spotlight on a Former

Jasmine Blue

Miss Gay United States 2012

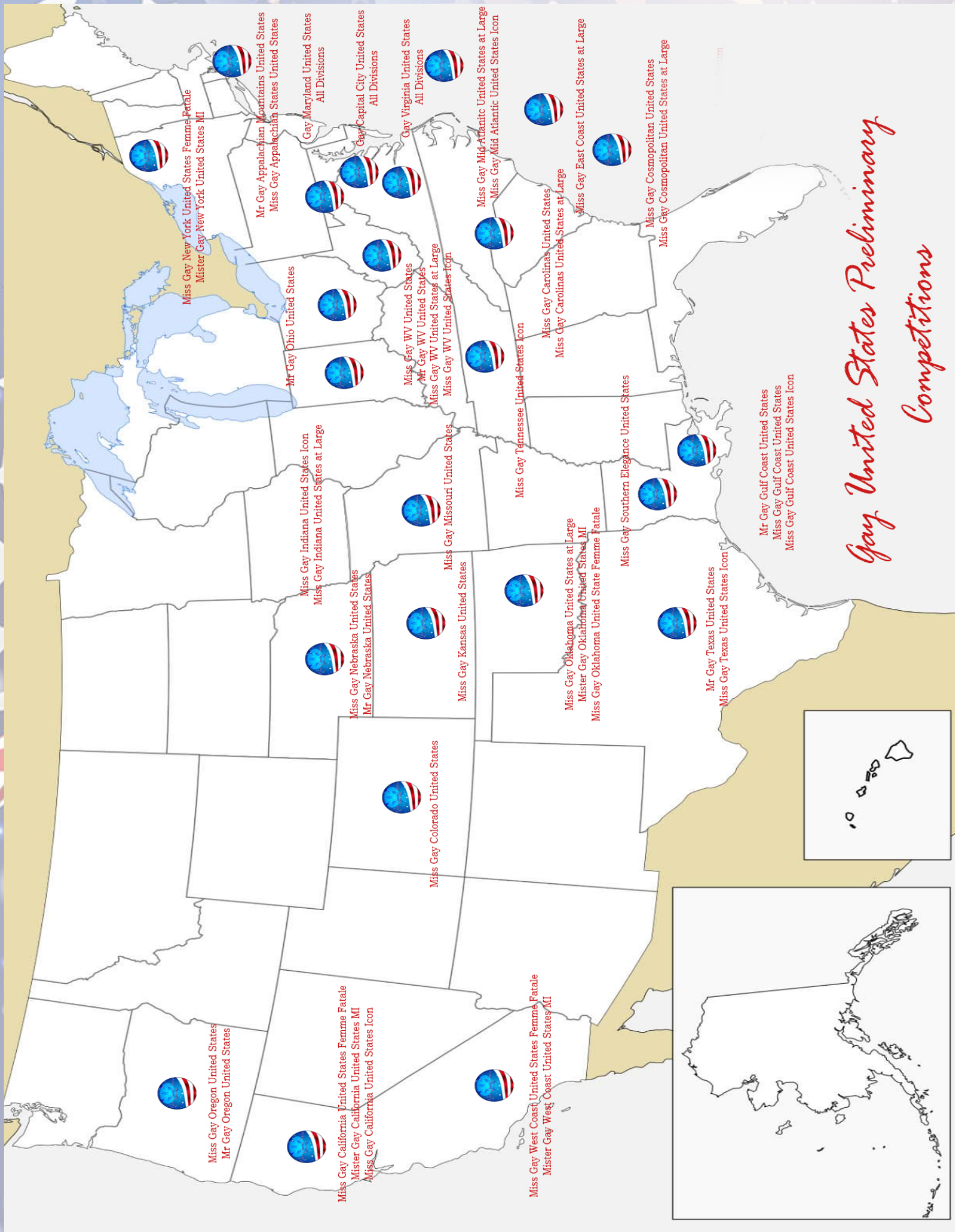


She sang her way into our lives in Roanoke Virginia as she competed for the title of Miss Gay United States 2012. That brisk November night at The Park Dance Club-she won. She has soared high with her amazing talents and continued to wow the audiences of the many shows she is part of in the Mid-Atlantic region of the United States.

Jasmine is known for her #realistic looks and for helping others achieve their #realistic looks with her business- Body by Blue. Her amazing hip pads are affordable and will enhance those that want that padded look.

We are happy to celebrate another year with her.

If you are looking for a great entertainer and singer--- Look at Jasmine Blue



Gay United States Preliminary Competitions

Miss Gay New York United States Femme Fatale
Mister Gay New York United States MI

Miss Gay Oregon United States
Mr Gay Oregon United States

Miss Gay California United States Femme Fatale
Mister Gay California United States MI
Miss Gay California United States Icon

Miss Gay Colorado United States

Miss Gay Nebraska United States
Mr Gay Nebraska United States

Miss Gay Indiana United States Icon
Miss Gay Indiana United States at Large

Mr Gay Ohio United States

Miss Gay WV United States
Mr Gay WV United States
Miss Gay WV United States Icon

Miss Gay Missouri United States

Miss Gay Kansas United States

Miss Gay West Coast United States Femme Fatale
Mister Gay West Coast United States MI

Miss Gay Colorado United States

Miss Gay Oklahoma United States at Large
Mister Gay Oklahoma United States MI
Miss Gay Oklahoma United States Femme Fatale

Miss Gay Tennessee United States Icon

Miss Gay Southern Elegance United States

Mr Gay Texas United States
Miss Gay Texas United States Icon

Mr Gay Gulf Coast United States
Miss Gay Gulf Coast United States
Miss Gay Gulf Coast United States Icon

Gay Virginia United States
All Divisions

Gay Capital City United States
All Divisions

Gay Maryland United States
All Divisions

Mr Gay Appalachian Mountains United States
Miss Gay Appalachian States United States

Miss Gay Mid-Atlantic United States at Large
Miss Gay Mid-Atlantic United States Icon

Miss Gay Carolinas United States
Miss Gay Carolinas United States at Large

Miss Gay East Coast United States at Large

Miss Gay Cosmopolitan United States
Miss Gay Cosmopolitan United States at Large



Taylor René Simone

MISS GAY UNITED STATES FEMME FATALE

Taylor's Tributes

Greetings Friends, Family, and Fellow Femme Fatale's!!!

We are 2 months in to this amazing Reign, and I am so excited and energized by how busy I have been! I was able to hold, and host a National Victory Party for all of the newly crowned titleholders, do my first National Promo photoshoot, and....I picked up another Prelim!!! To date, our Femme Fatale division has 4 prelims coming up for anyone interested in qualifying for their ticket to Nationals!! To my seasoned Femmes, and Divas, let's Unite and cross promote! If you would like to own a prelim, let's talk, and provide more opportunities for talented, and creative women!!

I am LOVING my reign as Miss Gay United States Femme Fatale, and it has been the biggest blessing, however, I am realizing that one of my most pressing jobs is to help educate, and spread the word about what a Femme Fatale is!! I am all about creating opportunities for empowerment, but how do I do that when my biggest question asked so far is "What is a Femme Fatale?"

The word Femme Fatale is a French Term that means "An Attractive and Alluring Woman." I personally love this term, because it describes this division beautifully. Through GUS Pageantry, any cis women, can set a goal, pick a prelim, and compete to join this amazing system! Contestants do not have to be LGBTQ to compete, however being an Ally is encouraged!

So if you are fabulous, we want you! If you Love to Entertain, we want you! If YOU are ready to just be YOU, It is your time to shine!

We are the family of the Red, White, and Blue (Ask me about Americana! It was one of my favorite categories!!) and when I won, I promised to grow the sisterhood!! Anyone competing during my reign will undoubtedly form bonds that will last a lifetime, and in me, you will have a support system for whatever you need. With as life changing as the experience is, I want as many women as possible to have access to the opportunity!! So in closing, my personal message to any interested contestants, is to believe in yourself, and trust that you are worth it!

You Got This!!

With Love,
Your GUS Femme Fatale
Taylor René Simone

Austen's Announcements

My Life Since Winning GUS

Well ... a lot has happened! First, I celebrated and CRIED. I barely took a breath, and my dad passed away after his long battle with cancer. That experience was a true learning opportunity for me and my family. My dad was a huge positive force in my life, and I feel him in all I do. He taught me to love unapologetically. To always give my all. And most importantly, to treat everyone with compassion and respect. Amid all the upheaval, I had to move out of my home, as my landlord decided to sell the house. When it rains, it pours. I traveled to my first official GUS appearance at the weekend victory party at Cobalt Bar in Phoenix, Arizona, hosted by my beautiful wife GUS Femme Fatale 2021, Taylor René Simone. I had such a great time in the desert with Londenn, Bionka, and my predecessor, the handsome Christian Gaye.

After my first on-scene photoshoot, we went sight-seeing in the Arizona desert. I had needles injected into me by a jumping cactus, and drank boxed water. Next, I took a red-eye flight back to Dayton to repack, followed by a 5:00 am flight to Charlottesville, Virginia to perform at the Art Park. Next, I traveled to Roanoke to perform with Arione, Alexis, and Buff Faye (National Entertainer of the Year) at the Park. Then, ANOTHER flight back home to pack some more. Next stop... Orlando, Florida for National Showgirl/Showman to support my family, Big Fee and September Murphy. Getting to sit with the National men, Monte St. James, Tyler Markstone, and Seymour Chilton was quite simply ... mind-blowing! Over my many years in drag, I've admired and looked up to each of them. In July, I did my FIRST NATIONAL WALK with my brother, Christian Amir France, and ran into 1st Alternate to GUS Femme, Jasmine Cassadine. I would be remiss if I didn't add CONGRATS to Oliver Woodstock on winning National Showman, as the first non-binary person to win. Then, I got to go and support Buff Faye at Entertainer of the Year in Louisville, Kentucky with Sabrina, Londenn, and Jackson. Huge congratulations to ZodiAx Iman and Paris Campbell on becoming National Entertainer of the Year.

Catch me "on the move," as I grace stages in Kentucky, Ohio, Virginia, Things have been so busy, and I have not stopped, but I promise I am working hard to get a prelim in your area!! Thank you all for the words of encouragement, but mostly for loving me and believing in me!!! See you in the stage lights! #benationalbeunited

~Austen Lee

AUSTEN LEE

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Jackson B. Nite
MR. GAY UNITED STATES 2020

Jackson's Jottings

Costuming on a Budget

There has been a lot of conversations lately about costuming for male presenting entertainers and the difficulty in upgrading your wardrobe on a budget. Investing in your craft is important and costuming is one of the fun and creative ways you can grow. SO here I'm going to give a few tips that I use to not break the bank

- Not everyone has the ability to sew but anyone can learn the basics. Sewing.com offers dozens of tutorials and links to sites where you can learn the basics for FREE. Even if you don't learn how to make a costume from scratch, learning to hem or resize something can go a long way in saving money!

- Thifting! Though not always a gold mine, you can find a few treasures among the racks! While perusing, look for items that can be embellished, altered or jushed up. You're not going to find a complete costume but anything can strike inspiration.

- Wish! Yea, yea, I know, wish can be a pain in the butt. With slow shipping and sizing issues it can be more hassle than it's worth sometimes. But, I have many pieces in my closet that I got from wish and then embellished into a great costume. The key with wish is the long game. Don't order something for the short term or something you need right away. When shopping, think of things that can be versatile and that can be used down the road. Plus, if you're like me and forget you've ordered things, its like a surprise present when it arrives!

- Embellishments. Embellishments can be hard to find, especially on a budget. However, there are many budget friendly ways to get rhinestones, spikes, chain, etc. Some of my go to's for rhinestones are blinggasm.com (which has a wide variety of stones for great prices, use code "BLING" at checkout for 10% off) or Savage Glare (found on Facebook). For chains and spikes Amazon is a good bet. If they don't have the color you want, spray paint can fix that. Spray paint is a great tool for drag. I use it frequently to make accessories match the costume. Its good for shoes, belts, spikes, pretty much anything you want to make match!

- Second hand. There are multiple groups on Facebook where you can buy costumes second hand. "Drag Swap" and "Boy Drag Depot" are two of the groups I use to look for things that have been gently used.

Finding costumes on a budget can be difficult but its not impossible. If all of these tips fail, there are still many drag designers out there that can work on a budget and get you the costuming you desire. I hope these tips are helpful! If you want more info on where I shop on a budget or DIY tips, feel free to hit me up!



Londynn Davenport Raine
MISS GAY UNITED STATES
AT LARGE 2021

Reigning with Rain

July has flown by and I'm grateful to have been busy all month with traveling for shows as well as networking to build the Gay United States brand ...

I was really pleased with traveling to Louisville KY to participate in a nationals rep brunch. Thanks Tova and C+C Low Carb Kitchen for bringing Gay America, Continental, and Gay United States together to entertain and celebrate.

While in Louisville I also attended National Entertainer of the Year with some of my court counterparts Austen, Jackson and Sabrina. It was great meeting so many new faces as well as catching up with so many I haven't seen due to the pandemic. Congrats Zodiacx Iman and Paris Campbell on your wins and hope to cross paths during your travels.

Now that July is coming to an end the GUS at Large prelim season is coming into full swing ... Ladies make a plan , pick a prelim and meet me at the finishline ☺☺☺

Our 1st prelim stop in August 15th in Roanoke VA for Mr and Miss Gay Virginia US at Large.

Competitors remember that success stops when you do. You can accomplish anything as long as your willing to work toward that success.

Preliminaries we have in the works after Virginia.

Oklahoma US at Large October 3rd
Nebraska US at Large Date TBA
Southeast US at Large Date TBA
Mid Atlantic US at Large Date TBA

If your interested in holding a prelim don't hesitate to reach out .. We will be happy to help!

All my love
Londenn

Sabrina Speaks...

Happy AUGUST???. Wow what a whirlwind of a summer..... we have had some great prelims adding to our contestant pool coming this November..... wow wait.... that's only 3 months..... wow okay

So July 4th weekend was truly an amazing prelim Miss Kansas United States, amazing job from the promoter Stephen and such a good turn out, beautiful venue, Deja was beautiful her entire give up... of course my stalkers were there; Savannah Sanchez and Brandonna Lareese..... lol....congrats to our winner and First Alt Amanda Love and A. Vonn.

Next stop was Rock Hill SC for the Miss Cosmopolitan United States with new Promoter Douglas McCallister , congrats to our representatives winner Bianca Blake Starr and 1st alt. Eboni Alexander.... also got the chance to perform again at the Legendary Club Cabernet in Hickory NC!

Coming up so many new prelims dates are getting set, theme for my give up to be posted soon!

So excited to be able to continue to share this journey with you all!,,

Enjoy the last month of summer, stay safe..... and as always, remember....

It's nice to be important, but it's much more important to be nice!

Sabrina White



Sabrina White

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Big Fee's Corner

I've been competing in pageantry since age 11 and I've had my. Experience of winning and not winning many many pageants from local mall pageantry to grand international. Contests...I've learned to always stay true to myself and utilize my god given talents and design styles ..I'm a huge belie ver that your attitude is determined by your altitude in all aspects of life or pageantry ..I've never been upset nor displayed poor sportsmanship at any pageant because we all have our moment to be victorious and shine ..I get so disappointed when I see people act in a non becoming manner it play the blame game etc ..or even attack the winner in a passive aggressive FB .ive video..lol ..stay humble and real everyone please ...



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