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Love



GUS LIFE

February 2022

2022 HAPPY NEW YEAR





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&
Miss Gay Nebraska United States



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Special Guest

&

Solo Jackson



Celebrating
Mr. Gay Nebraska Sterling Rose
&
Miss Gay Nebraska Treasure Rose



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UPCOMING GAY UNITED STATES PRELIMINARY COMPETITIONS

February 20, 2022

Mr Gay North Carolina United States at Large 2022

February 27, 2022

Miss Gay West Coast United States at Large 2022

March 13, 2022

Miss Gay Missouri United States at Large 2022

March 19, 2022

Miss Gay Kansas United States 2022

April 23, 2022

California United States 2022

May 18-20, 2022

Mr Gay United States at Large 2022

May 19-22, 2022

Miss Gay United States at Large 2022

UPCOMING GAY UNITED STATES PRELIMINARY COMPETITIONS

August 2022

Mister Gay Colorado United States MI 2022

August 2022

Mr Gay Colorado United States 2022

August 2022

Miss Gay Colorado United States 2022

September 18, 2022

Miss Gay Virginia United States ICON 2022

September 18, 2022

Mister Gay Virginia United States MI 2022

September 18, 2022

Miss Gay Virginia United States Femme Fatale 2022

October 23, 2022

Miss Gay Oklahoma United States 2022

October 23, 2022

Mr Gay Oklahoma United States 2022



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Taylor Rene Simone

MISS GAY UNITED STATES FEMME FATALE



Greetings Beautiful Femme Fatales!!

I hope that everyone has an amazing February, and that your 2022 is off to a good start! For my article this month- I would like to talk about what it is like to be a Femme Fatale. While it is very rewarding, and I AM having the time of my life, I am also finding that the education for the division is minimal and underwhelming. Many women just simply have No Clue that this incredible opportunity exists! I MUST CHANGE THAT. So I have been out in the community working very hard to bring awareness to this division. I am pleasantly surprised to find that the women that I have talked to are very interested! The Femme Fatale Division is looking for motivated, ambitious, talented, inspiring, and organized Bio Women to become the next Brand Ambassador!! What kind of impact would you like to make on the world? What legacy could you leave behind within the organization?

My hope is to see a stage full of beautiful, & powerful women at my step down from all walks of life!! No 2 the same, but all of us United in a sisterhood that could last a lifetime! Talk about a moment realized!! Let's Go ladies!!!!!! If you would like to compete to become the next Gay United States Femme Fatale, please let me know!

We have many prelims coming up, and I am bringing the West Coast Gay United States Pageant to Phoenix in August for MI, Femme, & Icon!!

I also hope that Promoters will once again see the Femme Division as viable and necessary. The AFAB community needs a platform, and although we are still struggling to feel validated, we ARE out here building and ready to Reign with visibility and passion! If you would like to become a promoter, please get in touch with me! We can work together!!!

It is a great time to Be National & Be United! Happy Valentine's Day Lovers!

Love Always,
Taylor René Simone
Miss Gay United States Femme Fatale

Keeping it Real with Solo Jackson

Hello everyone, time had flown by so fast since my last Gus article . So much has happened since then! So let's get right into it and I'll update you in my journey this far.

I was honored to be the front page of the Toledo Blade newspaper captioned " Star Bright: Toledo Man reigns as Mr. Gay United States".

I am absolutely honored how the author Jason Webber personally interviewed me and came out to support my shows at hamburger Mary's Toledo and did his research . So he could understand the drag lifestyle and use proper pronouns.

From being in the newspaper award me a bunch of publicity. To the point where people see me out in public and ask for pics, offer to buy drinks and even wanting to know how they can become involved with the Gus brand.

I'm definitely loving being Mr. Gay United States 21 as it allows me to help uplift others and bringing unity to our community.



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HOOP FUND

HELPING OUR OWN PEOPLE

The Gay United States Foundation strives to promote the development of a society in which all human beings are celebrated for their identities rather than in spite of them. In which individuals are free and encouraged to utilize their unique abilities to serve the greater good, and in which no person fears isolation or persecution for living their truth. Our leadership team has recognized that, to achieve this aim, we must first focus on direct efforts to uplift the LGBTQ+ community, starting with the family of advocates who have helped us along the way. Inspired by the legendary Academy of Washington, which was founded in 1961 to both promote the art of drag and provide support to members of the community in critical need, we have created our own version of the "Helping Our Own People" (HOOP) fund to support our Gay United States family members who need it most.

The original HOOP fund of the Academy was conceived to assist members who had become HIV-positive during the height of the AIDS epidemic, with members typically raising funds by entertaining at local shows. The first assistance package was presented to a dear friend of Carl Rizzi, who was known by his drag name Mame Dennis and had operated the Academy since 1973, by Wayne Sulser. Although not all requests could be fulfilled, those receiving assistance were never required to disclose receipt of the fund in a public manner or pay it back.

"I remember [XXXX] was losing her vision, and I sold everything I had so he wouldn't miss an appointment," Sulser recently commented, emphasizing the importance of his friend just knowing that they had such support behind them when it seemed like society at large was doing everything to ignore the devastation within our community. While the LGBTQ+ community has made substantial strides since that time, the reality that we may be faced with unexpected hardship for whatever reason is not lost upon us.

To honor the original contributors and recipients of the Academy fund, the HOOP fund of the Gay United States Foundation is designed to provide critical assistance to members of our family who have been affected by circumstances beyond their control, placing them in a state of economic hardship. The fund aims to serve as a lifeline to those in need, allowing them to cover necessary expenses when faced with both financial and psychological stress. In alignment with our overall mission and vision, assistance is provided without an expectation that the funds be returned and with concern for the dignity of all recipients. The HOOP fund is just one of the many ways in which Gay United States Foundation hopes to turn strangers into community, and community into family.

INFORMATION

For further information regarding the process for requesting assistance and the many ways in which individuals and organizations can contribute to this critical fund, please reach out to our leadership team at



To promote the development of LGBTQ+ leaders and advance societal acceptance of the community via comprehensive social, educational, and advocacy-based programming

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CATEGORY IS..... TALENT

Talent - ALL DIVISIONS (300 points/judge)

Talent may be of any form of entertainment as long as it does not create any danger to the contestants, the staff, or audience members.

The time limit for all talent presentations is seven (7) minutes with three (3) minutes allotted for set-up/take down of props.

Music must be Emailed to the designated Email address for the national competition in .MP3. The File must follow the format instructed to send it. If using a video- the file must be video and music together in an .MP4 format.

We highly recommended to have a backup Flash Drive just in case. No fire, water, nudity, pyrotechnics, excessive glitter, animals are allowed.

Any contestant exceeding their three (3) minute set up/tear down time will have administrative points deducted.

Any contestant over their seven (7) minute talent time will be given a Zero (0), and the talent will be cut off.

Talent Subcategory Scoring breaks down as follows:

Showmanship/Set Design

0-50 points

Physical Coordination, Stage Presence (Includes Dancers)

0-75 points

Quality (lip sync, live vocal, other)

0-100 points

Value of presentation as Entertainment

0-75 points



Hey it's Austen Lee.

Welcome to the month of Love.

I have a few loves in my life one being my amazing son Jackson. Another being the art of male illusion. I love my supportive mother and
And finally my finance Arione.

While these are things I love - I also remember to love myself and that means a lot these days.

So as I close in this month of love I am reminding you it is ok to not be ok but you still need to love yourself.

GAY UNITED STATES

strives to promote and develop excellence, diversity, leadership, acceptance, and overall well-being within its family and within the world of pageantry. We are committed to providing a positive, fair, and constructive environment for each of our contestants to realize their full potential, both on stage and off.

COMPETITION CATEGORIES

Interview, Americana Runway Fashion, Gown/Creative Gown/Creative Formal, Talent, Q&A

Contact our team at

PROMOTERS@GAYUSPSYSTEM.COM

to get started!



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PROUDLY INCLUSIVE OF TRANSGENDER CONTESTANTS SINCE 2010

Big Fee's Corner

This month's topic will be about true pageant preparation overall. I have judged many national pageants including mainstream pageants where the contestant wants to win so badly that they prepare by hiring top makeup artists and hair stylists ..the best choreographers and dance troupes money can buy. Not to mention the best clothing designers to the stars. But when it comes to knowing the pageant history which include creed, mission, formers, owners, and goal of the system in barely known. You should, in my opinion, know every aspect about the desired Pageantry system you are so willing to be a part of ...it truly shocks me when I ask a contestant a simple question like name 5 formers, and which one do you feel you can connect with? I think I have to lay had about 2 people ever answer that honestly I get disappointed when a former is on the judges panel and contestant has no idea they are a former lol ..it's all about doing your pageant homework folks .reach out to the formers for feedback on their experiences and get to know them ...of you win said national pageant they will be your family ..get to know the promoters as well ...after all, if you win you will definitely need to work with them...these points I have mentioned get missed so much and rarely get attention in many systems in the country . I hope this will help many as they prep for their systems of choice. Lastly, be aware of prelim fees, and all fees associated with the system. Have that in your head if asked in interview you can answer with good knowledge of the system and set you apart from the rest. The goal to being a great contestant is being that well rounded individual that not only looks the part but possesses the knowledge of the system ...

With love ,
Big Fee



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Felix
"Big Fee" Correa
Mr. Gay United States At Large

Living Fashionable with Starzy

The greatest gift we have been given is the gift of life. I am particularly grateful as I recently celebrated my 40th Birthday. Our elders usually say, “with age comes wisdom”, and that has forced me to reflect on the past and those that went on before us that didn’t make it to 40. This train of thought renders me not only grateful, but humbled! Let us all remember to take advantage of every moment we are granted. Avicii said, “One day you’ll leave this world behind, so live a life you will remember”.

As we turn the page, we prepare for what is the makings of a rather active pageant season. I am presently preparing to make an appearance and performance in Atlanta for the Wessland Weekend which will be followed by Mr. & Miss Sweetheart International in mid February and Mr. & Miss International Vogue also in February.

And now, the good stuff! In the life of GUS! The Miss Division has been busy behind the scene having conversations, networking and establishing bonds with the community, potential and existing promoters and contestants. We are elated for all the prelims that have already been confirmed and we are working hard to confirm all others! Welcome to the 2023 Non stop Flight to Nationals: Florida, Tennessee, Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado and Illusions (Florida Regional)!

There is one more big announcement, but I’ll keep that in my pocket until next time. But, until then, be blessed and remember, you only have one life to live, so live it!

Anastarzia Anagway
Miss Gay United States 2021



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Davenport
Raine*

MISS GAY
UNITED STATES
AT LARGE 2021



Reigning with Raine

Wow, the first month of 2022 has flown by.

I have spent the month regrouping my life to prepare for the conclusion of my reign.

Regrouping for me has been contacting the qualified contestants for this season, acquiring new preliminary for my division, scheduling my calendar (which is full until June), investing in new looks for the last five prelims for the season and even started the looks for operation step down. I say all this because if you are planning on reigning nationally you must plan and keep your life in order because all areas require lots of detail.

Also, while reigning there will be lots of travel and dates to remember so come up with a plan now how you will stay organized if you are the new representative of the crown.

Speaking of travel, I had the luxury of watching and participating in the walk for the 50th anniversary of Miss Gay America. Congratulations to Dextaci the new Miss Gay America what an amazing honor to see you capture your dream! Like I always say dreams stop when you do, I'm glad to see you have your dream and look forward to seeing you reign.

Before I end this check in to the US, I want to give a big shout to two of our female fatales for bringing GUS to Arizona in full force ... Shout out Taylor Rene and Black

Widow who both have acquired prelims to help build the brand as well present opportunities to the West to come be UNITED. I thank you both ladies and appreciate your efforts...

As Always, I'm inbox is open to anyone who is wanting to or is involved with GUS. I'm always here to help and spread love.

All my love,
Londenn
Miss Gay United States at Large

UPCOMING PRELIMS

2.27 West Coast GUS at Large	Promoter: Taylor Rene
3.13 Missouri GUS at Large	Promoter: Alicia Markstone
3.25 Painted Desert GUS at Large	Promoter: Black Widow



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HISTORY

MONTH

SAVE THE DATE

MR. GAY UNITED STATES AT LARGE

2022



Angels & Demons

MAY 18-20
THE PARK
ROANOAKE, VA



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Felix Corvea



Save the Date!



Miss Gay United States at Large 2022



GUS FRODDYEO



THE PARK ROANOKE, VA

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Roanoke's Hottest Dance Club



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Londenn Davenport Raine

BLACK WIDOW & GAY UNITED STATES PAGEANTRY PRESENTS

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Miss Gay United States
at Large



Felix "Big Fee" Correa
Mr. Gay United States
at Large

MR. & MISS GAY PAINTED DESERT

UNITED STATES AT LARGE 2022

Open Regional Prelim to the
National Competition on
May 18th - 22nd, 2022

★ MARCH 2022
(EXACT DATE: TBD) ★

★ LOCATION:
PHOENIX, AZ ★

★ VENUE: TBD

For more info
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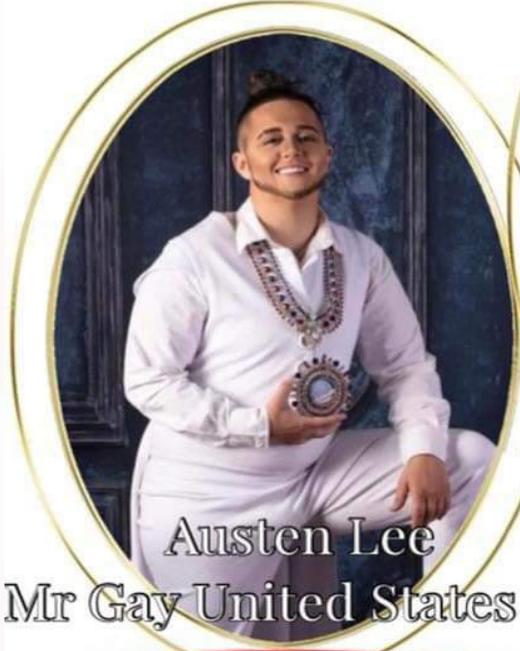


Black Widow
AKA
Allyson Paige



February 20, 2022

Mr Gay North Carolina United States At Large 2022



Austen Lee

Mr Gay United States MI



Felix "Big Fee"
Correa

Mr Gay United States
At Large

Categories:

- Interview
- Talent
- Americana Runway
- Creative Formal
- Registration at 4-5 PM
- Interview at 6 PM
- Pageant States at 8 PM

\$100 Entry Fee

Prize \$400

Performance by



Kyra Sedique

Miss USA Unlimited
2021



Bryen Correa

Mr USA Unlimited
Bear 2016



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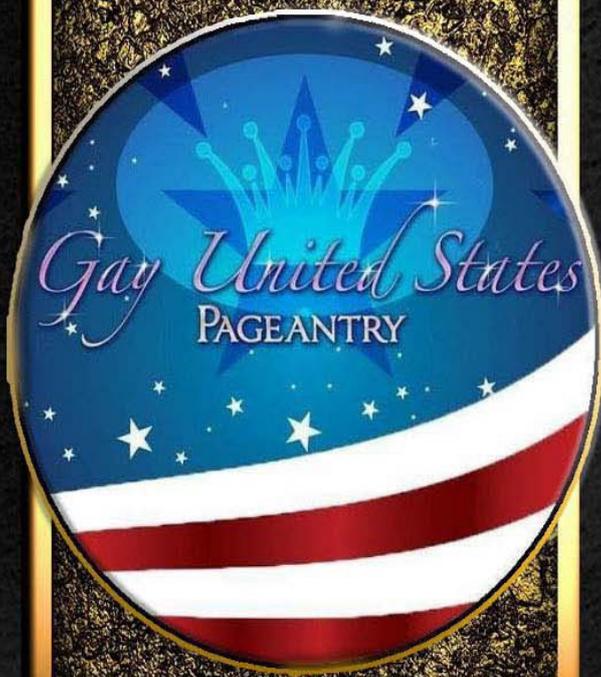


LET'S TALK PAGEANTS
PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS

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OF THE YEAR

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Be National. Be United.



2021