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Jerry & Craig

*"To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die."
— Thomas Campbell*



GUS LIFE

September 2021



42 years of "Love"



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Mr Gay Maryland United States 2021

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Miss Gay Oklahoma United States at Large 2021

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October 4, 2021
Miss Gay Capital City United States 2021

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Mr Gay Capital City United States 2021

October 8, 2021
Miss Gay Great Plains United States 2021

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Mr Gay Great Plains United States 2021

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Miss Gay Great Plains United States Icon 2021

Remembering Jerry Bird

Perhaps the twinkling lights of the broad night skies are not stars at all, but openings from the vast universe where the love of those special whom we've lost shines through each and every night.



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Music must be emailed in according to the deadline in mp3 format for music only. If the contestant is using video- they must merge the video and music file to play together and it must be emailed in mp4 format.

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.

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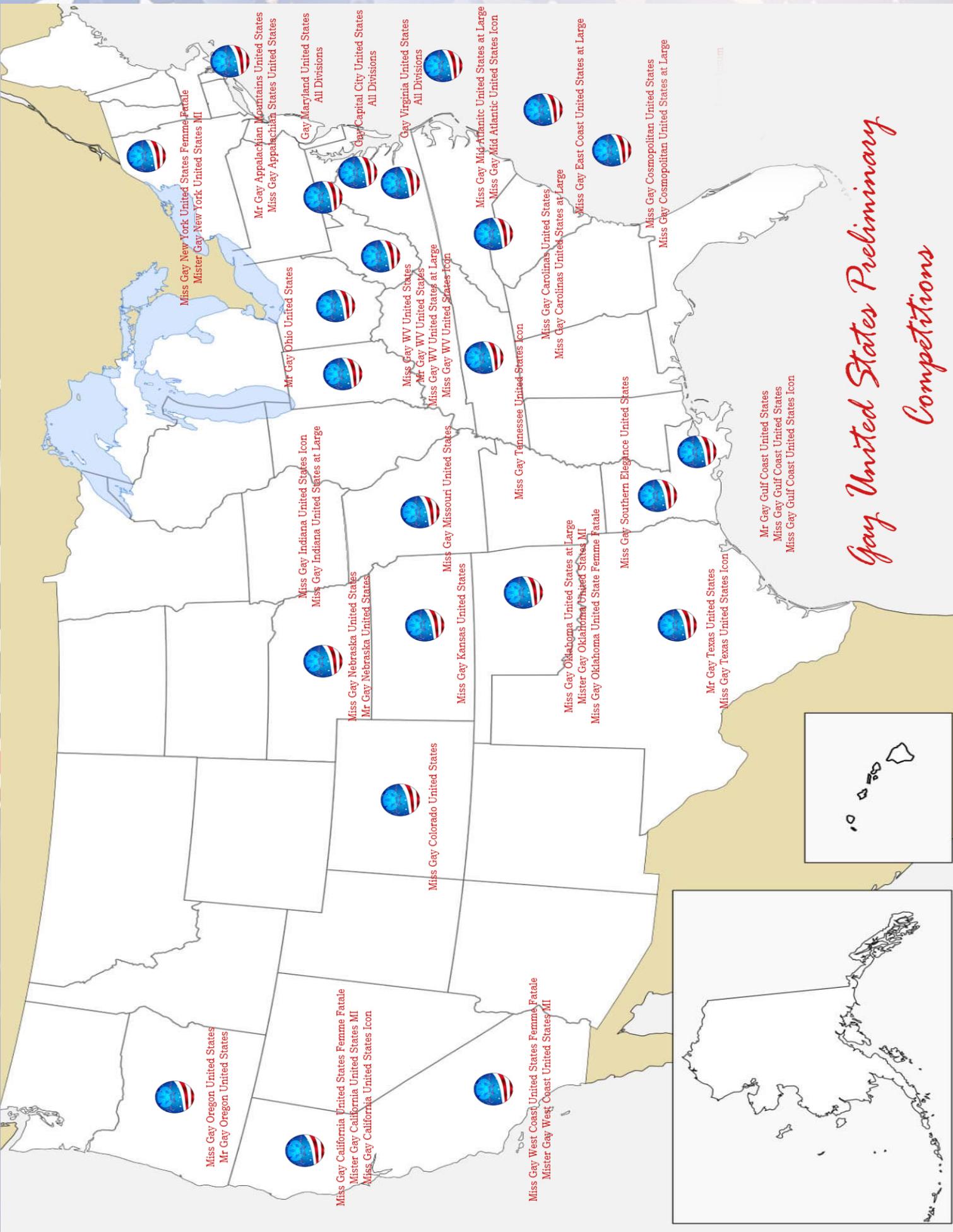
Value of presentation as Entertainment 0-75 points

To Jerry, Craig and
Linda
THANK YOU



Thank you for all the memories you have built and the legacies you have all left behind. You have left some big holes in our hearts and lives. We will never forget the dedication to the art of entertainment that you all had.

May you all Rest in Peace.



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

Miss Gay Oregon United States
Mr Gay Oregon United States

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

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Mr Gay Nebraska United States

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Miss Gay Indiana United States at Large

Miss Gay Missouri United States

Miss Gay Kansas United States

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

Mr Gay Texas United States
Miss Gay Texas United States Icon

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

Gay Virginia United States
All Divisions

Gay Capital City United States
All Divisions

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

Gay Maryland United States
All Divisions

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

Gay United States Preliminary Competitions

Cry Me a River

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

When I signed up for the GUS Pageantry System I had no idea what it was going to bring into my life. I didn't even have a clue as to what I was walking into or what to expect when I walked out of the plane for most of the time I was preparing for the pageant.

About the time I signed up to fulfill the duties of Mr Gay Washington united states MI I had everything stolen from me including my home that I was living in and my property I was living on and 5 thousand dollars. I decided to push through because I knew that I would need the distraction of getting ready for the pageant as performing has always been my therapy. A few weeks later my grandmother died. And my kids moved to a different state. In December I started getting diagnosed with some serious medical things that lead to lots of scary tests in following months. Then in February one of my kids decided to move back and live with me this gave me the opportunity to start working and focusing on the pageant (now this was March so an official count down had started)

I hadn't even been on stage in a year and I was nervous so I had booked a couple shows so I could get my groove back and soft test some things while stoning I got a call from my drs office to schedule one of those scary tests I mentioned earlier, I started bawling because I was convinced I had cancer (everything is fine so far) and I just started thinking about how I didn't want to be alone in drag anymore. I cried think about how I wanted a drag family that was real and loved me and that really cared.

The next day at the show I was adopted by Sable Jones St James and my Auntie Regine Dynasty St James. At this point we are a Month out from nationals I'm still buying things and I have to do it all online because not only is there a sweet little pandemic going on but my car also decides to blow the radiator. Still going forward now with family on my side and stoning parties planned things start to come together more and more. I kept looking for sponsors and kept getting doors slammed in my face some to the point of loosing credibility in the community because people here don't know the gus system yet... I kept my head held high and stayed the path.

Two weeks before nationals my kids had a mental health crisis and I almost lost him to say that it was the scariest moment of my life would be an understatement. The next 36 hours were spent in the er by his side and only by the miracle of drag family was I able to get through this and keep my own mental clarity; I still don't think Christian and Sable know how much I love them for this.

They say you don't know where someone is going is you don't know where they've been... and the kings of this past pageant all rode a struggle bus to get there. I was so humbled honored and grateful to meet every single one to hear the story that went along to bond. I was so glad to see the whole group come together and help each other with things and to genuinely care about each other doing well. I was a thing of beauty and I hope that the entirety of gus carries this spirit with them as helping your competitors is the sign of a true winner.

Now I tell you my story not to bring you down but to tell you of the struggle I had to over come and fears I had to face; there were several times I almost quit and if I did nobody would have judged me because what I was facing was insurmountable I broke down in tears in the parking lot of where I was staying asking my self why I was doing this simply because stuff tumbled out of the back of my car one day the stress of being homeless, unemployed, disabled, no sponsors save a few family and friends that had sent a bit of money was all too much but honestly the pageant kept me focused on something other than the chaos that was around me.

When I landed in Virginia I felt prepared because my newly found drag family had made sure that I was as prepared as I could be. I went in wanting to learn about a new system meet new people and make new friends and also get that sweet sweet stage therapy all while learning about my self and my drag along the way.

When I met Christian for the first time it was like meeting one of my best friends or long lost family, here was some one that had gotten me through so many of the aforementioned struggles and at points was the one checking on me when I needed it the most. So when I met other contestants that were "fangirling" (you know who you are, lol) over Christian; because to me he was my best friend and I didn't even realize how big of a deal he is.

I enjoyed several trips to olivegarden with my pageant brothers as we all told our stories and bonded. As I listened I realized how we all had struggles. We all had been suffering in the months leading up to nationals covid had taken so much from some of us and we were all just hanging by a thread, and yet there we were most of us not having sponsors and shouldering the staggering cost of a pageant on our own and most of us it being our first national competition others it being their first pageant of any kind ever.

When I went into interview I was so nervous it has never been a strong suit of mine to be in front of a quiet room and have to talk much less answer questions that could be anything. I had struggled so much leading up to the pageant I had no time to do homework on who prior winners or the who full reigning people were, they had me make up a question and I asked "what's your favorite color and why?" And they made me answer it (the answer is green of course because there is no bad shade of green) and then they asked "what sets you apart from the other contestants?" "I was floored the easiest question in the world but also the hardest.

Easy because everyone should know what makes them special hard because the on thing I felt made me special (my sheer will to keep going in the face of adversity) I saw in everyone of my brothers that I met and so that's is what I told them is that I wasn't special that my struggles and my brothers struggles had lead us all there. The whirlwind that followed was filled with struggles for all of us which included some of us helping to stone a contestants formal the day it was needed. I know I didn't know how to walk the stage really and thought I was supposed to model so I didn't smile (oops) and then my talent number I had a wardrobe malfunction which caused the lights and music to get cut even though I was fully clothed.

Each struggle in life presents us with the opportunity to learn and grow, and through the struggles in my life and pushing through them I've grown, the gus Pageantry System afforded me extra growth opportunities with this pageant and with that I've gained the love of an amazing drag family a new friends that I never would have had the chance to meet. The gus Pageantry System gifted me with some of the most magical people and memories. I healed pieces of my soul that I thought could never be healed. I am so very grateful for everything that it brought into my life and it is why I learn about the system now and who is who. This system is filled with the most genuine people that I have seen and I am proud to be a part of the Gay United States Pageantry System. I hold a special place in my heart for J.p. as he look a lot like my own father and had me in happy tears when he was performing and soothed a sore spot as my father has beenpassed 18 years ago.

I have only been doing drag 5 years I always thought I would be Malone Wolfe and just be on my own doing my own thing a free agent of sorts, one simple yes to Christian set forth a chain of events that has given me not only a family but what I feel like is a home with gus...

and so I am no longer Malone wolfe but River Jones St James.

Austen's Announcements

A SINGLE BOY-MOM BECOMES MR. GAY UNITED STATES MI 2021

Last year, I spent most of my time getting my then 6-year old son through online first grade. The rest of the time I worked on my grand plan. You may wonder why a single mom of a first-grader would also have a grand plan during a pandemic. Well, partly it was because I was in the house without much to do for months on end. Also, because a dream I started many moons earlier, was still percolating inside me. I set my sights on winning Mr. Gay United States MI 2021, and I literally took up every opportunity to improve myself and prepare to win this time. I say "this time" because a year earlier I fell just short of the national title, and I was first runner up. Obviously, I was honored to have done that well, but I wasn't satisfied or settled with that. So, during the year of ducking the COVID virus, I managed to pull together the person who was finally confident, articulate, polished, and interested in meeting new friends and reuniting with old friends in Virginia at the national competition in May 2021. All the hard work also paid off when my son, Jackson, graduated from first grade with all A's! We did it! As I kissed him good-bye as I left for the pageant, he told me "I think you'll win, Mommy." And I took that to heart.

In Virginia, I threw my heart and soul into competing for the title. When I won the national title, I knew my life would change, but I wasn't sure how much or in which ways. I find myself traveling a lot, and so I make the most of the weekdays I have with my son. We go out and do things together, we talk about our experiences, and best of all, we laugh a lot. He understands why I do this and why it makes me a better person, and therefore a better mom. I'm very lucky to have a strong support system made of friends and family. Then there is my mom. She is always behind me, encouraging me, and helping me in many ways. I know she'll never let me fall, and that frees me to do what makes me feel most like "me." I feel I am growing every day as a mom, a friend, a daughter, and as a representative of the greatest pageant system in the USA!



Remembering Tina DeVore



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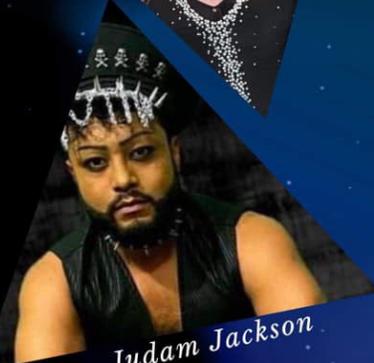
Patricia Mason



Justin Deeper Love
(Current Mr. Gay Arizona United States MI)



Judam Jackson



Alex Franco



Reigning with Rain

Well August has ended and has been full of lots of memories I know I will cherish for years to come...

I started the month off at home doing my local bookings and by mid August I was at the airport everyday it seemed like .. I started my travels with our first prelim in Roanoke VA .. Virginia US at Large where 2 tickets were earned by Sable St.James Jones and Lily JuJu Beach. Thanks ladies for your return to GUS as well as sharing your talents with us at the prelim. It was always great times seeing JP,Arione,Tmkus, Bailey and of course my GF Enya...

After my first prelim I was off to Vegas to celebrate male lead talent at Mr. Gay America .. What a spectacular event put on by Simba and his staff ! Congrats to all 38 gentlemen but the victory goes to Christopher Iman ... It was great seeing my GUS court Jackson, Bionka, and Taylor it's always such a good feeling in you all presence ☺☺☺. There was definitely other GUS family in building which is always a treat Mirage,Brandonna,ShaeShae and of course my big brother Christian ..

After Vegas there were stops in Muskogee to celebrate PRIDE with their community at Max's Garage and early morning flight to Dallas the next day for a booking and then the next weekend off to Joplin Missouri to celebrate JOMO Pride with their community which was super amazing seeing so much youth involved and attending their events in Joplin... Also, great working with Mr/Miss Gay America at JOMO such another great way to live the brand of be united and be national ... Thanks JOMO for putting on such a great event .

The month of August though has brought on many memories I will cherish forever it has also brought an awakening of some sudden deaths in our community. Some deaths that really hit home and make you start to rethink the way of living life ..

My sincere condolences to Friends and Family of entertainer Fantasha Suggs of Dallas Texas by the way of Kentucky , Felecia Blackheart of Eureka Springs Arkansas by the way of Florida and long time USofA promoter Craig Henderson of Houston Texas...

Make sure you are living your life to the fullest, take no days for granted,
that sometimes taking one chance can change your whole life and don't
forget to tell the people you LOVE I LOVE YOU

UPCOMING PRELIMS :

Oklahoma US at Large October 3rd
Mid-Atlantic at Large tentative date Nov 6
Ohio US at Large tentative date Nov 7
Cosmopolitan US at Large tentative Dec 17

Also finalizing dates :
Nebraska US at Large
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Plus divas pick a prelim and meet me at the finish



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Big Fee's Corner

The challenges with being a plus male entertainer and national titleholder in a time of body shaming is toughest part for me . I've always struggled with my weight since I was 19 yrs old , always on yo yo diets and crazy exercise programs to just fit in society.

I competed in pageantry as a young man , I remember being so insecure when there were in shape competitors up against me lol, I won over many of them many times which boosted my inner self image and pride ..fast forward 25 years- I still go thru the same turmoil but now I compete mainly with other plus size men ..being 6 ft 4 and over 315 pounds it still haunts me when I step foot on stage to perform or compete What I've learned to embrace my large size frame and to love myself. I'm proud to have won 10 mr national titles and have really built a name for myself in the male pageantry circuit.. I love to shock people with my glitz and glam wardrobe proving that I can be just as fabulous as my smaller in shape brothers out there ..I've learned to let go my insecurities and to realize I'm a ball of creativity in talent myself ..my message is to inspire other bigger frMed entertainers that are afraid to perform or enter the pageant world ..love yourself and who you are ..it truly shows on stage



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