

America's BEARDED Queen



Dear Contestants

Welcome to the exciting world of Bearded Pageantry and the 2022 America's Bearded Queen Pageant and welcome to the Bearded Pageantry Inc family! We are excited to be the largest and fastest growing preliminary bearded drag pageantry system in the world and glad you have chosen to be a part of our family!

This year, the pageant will, again, be held in the world-famous Rose Room inside of S4 (Station 4) in Dallas, Texas on Wednesday & Thursday the 9th & 10th of November, 2022. Please remember that only one will walk away with the title "America's Bearded Queen" but ALL of you are winners for participating.

If you have any questions that you cannot find answered here, please email your questions to beardedpageantryinc@gmail.com, visit www.beardedpageantryinc.com or call the Bearded Pageantry Inc office at 214-815-7695.

Good Luck, Be Safe and Have Fun!

David Bridgman
Bearded Pageantry Inc



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- RULES AND REGULATIONS -

1. Contestants must be 18 years of age by registration of the National Pageant and must be able to show proof of age. You must be able to travel freely throughout the United States of America. If you do not have a Government issued ID or a Passport you will not be allowed to enter.
2. You must maintain facial hair at all official functions and events, where your title is recognized or you are representing your title, during your reign.
3. Judging for America's Bearded Queen Pageant will be on a cumulative scoring system including the Top 5 Question & Answer. Any ties will be broken by the contestant with the highest talent score.
4. Contestants will be judged in the following categories:
 - Creative Presentation
 - Personal Interview
 - Creative Fashion
 - Talent
 - Top 5 - On Stage Question & Answer (National Level Only)
5. Talent presentation will be limited to seven (7) minutes. Prop setup and knock down time will be limited to five (5) minutes total. Talent presentation will be timed at rehearsals. Presentations over seven (7) minutes will have administrative points deducted.
6. Any type of talent presentation is acceptable, except those that may cause injury to the audience or any other person. No excessive body or facial glitter, fire of any kind, water or liquids or confetti (including confetti cannons) may be used in your talent presentation. No live animals of any kind may be used in any talent presentation.
7. The use of or dispensing of illegal drugs **or underage drinking** will not be tolerated while participating in the America's Bearded Queen Pageant. Immediate disqualification **will** result for those that break this rule.
8. Any contestant, contestant's dancer(s), helper(s), etc. who is caught in the act of stealing or tampering with other contestants' possessions **will be immediately disqualified** and removed from the location of the pageant.
9. Bearded Pageantry Inc and America's Bearded Queen Pageant does not discriminate against contestants using silicone and/or hormones. America's Bearded Queen Pageant is open to all genders.
10. Bearded Pageantry Inc reserves the right to make any decision concerning any matter not covered by these rules and regulations.
11. America's Bearded Queen will be required to sign a contract with Bearded Pageantry Inc before **any** prize money is paid. Failure to sign the contract will mean forfeiture of the title. You can find a copy of this contract at the end of this handbook. Please review it so that you are familiar with it.
12. Any contestant in the top 5 not staying on stage for the entire crowning and picture taking will forfeit their placement and prize money.
13. Within 7 days of winning the pageant, America's Bearded Queen must have and maintain a social media page, email address and cell phone for the entire length of your reign.

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- ACCOMMODATIONS -

There is **NO host hotel for this year's pageant**. You are welcome to stay anywhere of your choosing but please make sure you are aware of the distance between the host bar and where you choose to stay so you are not late to any required meeting or check in.

- ADMISSIONS -

Contestants do not have to pay admission to the Rose Room on EITHER night of competition. All dressing room assistants, dressers, dancers, prop personnel, managers, lovers, etc. must pay admission to the event. **Station 4 (S4) and the Rose Room is an 18 and over club.** All persons entering the venue **must have** a valid Government or State issued ID. If you are under 21 you will be given a separate mark identifying you as under 21 years of age.

- Wednesday night admission will be \$15.00
- Thursday night admission will be \$25.00
- **Two Night Pass will be \$30.00 (available at contestant registration only)**

CREDIT CARDS WILL BE ACCEPTED

**The Rose Room inside Station 4 (S4)
3912 Cedar Springs Road, Dallas, TX 75219
Station 4 (S4) and the Rose Room is an 18 and over club.**



CASH PRIZES – America's Bearded Queen 2022

2 nd Alternate	\$250.00
1 st Alternate	\$750.00
Winner	\$2,500.00**

***America's Bearded Queen will receive ½ upon winning the crown and the balance of the prize money after having completed the obligations of the reign, which include being present at and performing all of the nights of the 2023 America's Bearded Queen Pageant*

Fierce Jewels, the official jeweler for America's Bearded Queen has designed a beautiful custom crown and jewelry set to be presented to America's Bearded Queen.

In addition to the prizes listed above, **Seferino Garcia Photography** will be presenting the Winner with a full photo shoot (cost of finished promo not included), sashes will be provided by **Sash in the City**, Esther Styles Cosmetics will also be a sponsor and provide the winner with a gift and there will also be additional sponsors providing their services as part of the prize package.

ALL winners must be prepared to present their ID when receiving their prize money. All prize money will be distributed at a location to be announced following crowning.

- GENERAL INFORMATION -

Remember to print this handbook out and bring it with you to the National Pageant. It has all the information that you will need.

I would like to mention a point I want every contestant to take to heart. We all begin gathering once a year to select a new America's Bearded Queen, Bearded Pageantry Inc and our staff wants your competition to be a pleasant experience but, no damage to the Host Bar will be tolerated. I want everyone to understand that Bearded Pageantry Inc will help the host venue prosecute any person or persons causing any damage. Let's have a good, safe time!

Each contestant is responsible for ensuring that each person in his party has proper identification. **Everyone must have a valid state issued ID for entrance into the Host Bar.** Please do not come asking for special help. Each bar owner is responsible to his state liquor board to follow the law, which includes each person having the proper identification. **Everyone except the Contestants and dancers will be required to be wrist banded AND hand stamped at the door.** Judges will take into consideration the fact that persons on stage will be wearing wristbands and have a hand stamp when being judged.

- MEETINGS AND REHEARSALS -

All contestants are expected to arrive for all meetings and rehearsals approximately ten (10) minutes before the scheduled time. Contestants who arrive for a meeting or rehearsal after the scheduled time will be penalized administrative points.

The contestant registration for the 2022 America's Bearded Queen Pageant will be held on Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 12:00 noon in the Rose Room at Station 4. You must use the back parking lot entrance during the day only. At registration, all contestants will draw a contestant number, receive their contestant ID card, and be given a backstage/dresser pass (this will NOT allow entry into the venue – it will just allow them access to the dressing room). If you have more than one assistant, only one may enter at a time and must use the same backstage/dressers pass for dressing room admission.

- CREATIVE PRESENTATION – 1 – 10 points

Contestants may model, perform or lip sync their Creative Presentations. No props or dancers (additional individuals) will be allowed on stage during your Creative Presentation. If you choose music/video for your Creative Presentation please place your it on a flash drive as an MP3 (music) or .mov (video) format with your name and Creative Presentation clearly marked. You can also email your music (clearly marked) to beardedpageantryinc@gmail.com **Contestants will introduce yourself sometime during this category competition.** You are allowed no more

than 3 minutes (it's not necessary to use the entire 3 minutes) total to present your Creative Presentation including your introduction.

- PERSONAL INTERVIEW – 1 – 10 points

Contestants will meet individually with the panel of judges who will question them on anything from personal issues to their professional life. Nothing religious or political will be allowed in Personal Interview unless a contestant brings it up first. This will be a timed category allowing up to 10 minutes per contestant (**if necessary**).

- ON STAGE QUESTION – 1 – 30 points

This category will be limited to the top five at the National Pageant only. It is not a category at the local, state or regional level. The on stage question will be written by the judges and each of the top 5 will be asked the same question.

- CREATIVE FASHION – 1 – 10 points

Creative Fashion is open to anything from a full-length evening gown, creative evening gowns, traditional “suits” or **anything creative fashion wise**. Judges will be current with fashion and open to all types of creative fashion.

These cards will be handed out at Contestant Registration and filled out by the Contestants. You must fill this out legibly to be read by the MC during your Creative Fashion Category. Nothing else will be read during Creative Fashion.



Creative Fashion
Description Card

PLEASE PRINT

Contestant # _____
Contestant Name _____
Designer of Creative Fashion _____
Make Up Artist _____
Hair Stylist _____
Designer of Accessories _____
Sponsors _____

TALENT – 1 – 40 points

Talent may be any type of entertainment presentation as long as it does not create any danger or injury to either the contestant or anyone else. No animals or reptiles may be used in your talent presentation. You may not use fire of any kind, confetti or confetti cannons, water, liquids or excessive glitter or facial glitter in your talent presentation. Talent presentation is limited to

seven (7) minutes in length. Prop setup and tear down time is limited to seven (7) minutes. There is no restriction on the number of people or props that are allowed in your Talent presentation.

Music or Videos for talent, along with your crowning number, can be submitted in advance. Submit to beardedpageantryinc@gmail.com anytime before the pageant begins. All files must be saved using the following naming convention:

Contestant_Name_Talent Contestant_Name_Crowning

If you plan on using video, **format as MP4 or MOV using the naming convention above.** Other formats will not play and cannot be accepted. Optimal screen dimension: 16x9 wide screen. If you are using a simple graphic on the LED screen please format the size as 3148 X 1102 pixels.

MP3 (**music only**) files may be emailed directly while video files (MP4 or MOV) will need to be shared with beardedpageantryinc@gmail.com through Google Drive. Contestants are advised to make a backup copy of music/videos on a flash drive and to bring it as a safety precaution to rehearsal and the pageant. **Again, if you submit your music or video in advance it must be submitted before the pageant begins.** If you find that you need to change your talent, substitutions may be made, when necessary, by submitting music/video on flash drive prior to your scheduled rehearsal. That will be the only time you may make changes to your talent music/video.

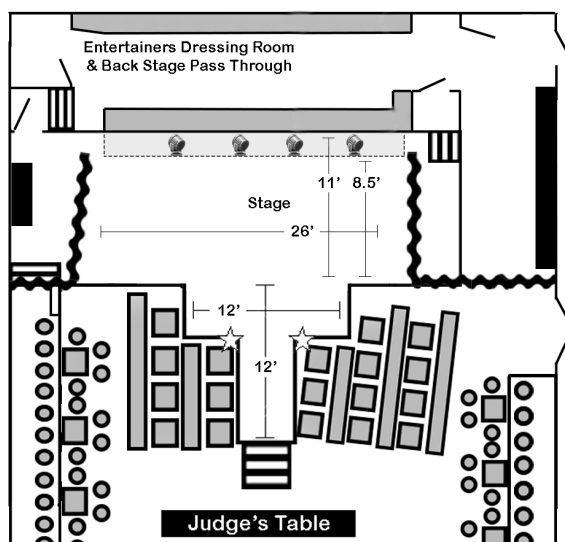
TALENT REHEARSAL

Each contestant MUST attend Talent rehearsal. We have allowed a limited time in the schedule for individual contestant sound checks, blocking, and any curtain, fan or lighting cues. A technical form will be available at rehearsal for you to complete for the Stage Manager. Be sure you are well organized for this rehearsal as time is limited. We will also be timing the length of your talent presentation during rehearsal.

DANCERS/PROPS

Back-up dancers will share the dressing area with contestants and will be allowed entry 2 numbers prior to yours unless the Dressing Room Coordinator allows them in the dressing room earlier. You should be prepared at the contestant meeting to confirm with the stage manager the exact number of back-up dancers and prop personnel you will require.

If you will be using any props for your talent presentation, you must bring those props to the venue at the rehearsal time. There will be a space designated for prop storage during the day. You may not bring any props in at any other time and you must remove all props from the club at the end of each night following your talent competition.



STAGE DIMENSIONS

Competition for the America's Bearded Queen Pageant will be held in the Rose Room at S4 (left). The competition area is 11' deep (8.5' accounting for stationary motion lights along back) and 26' wide. The ceiling height is 12' high. The runway is 12' long and 4' wide at the end. At the base, the runway is 12' wide.

The fans are built into the stage and marked in the diagram with stars. Any props used must be free standing and may not damage the wood floor. There are stationary motion lights on the stage along the back wall. Account for 2.5' clearance when staging as these lights and the LED screen should not be touched. When making costume changes or setting props, keep clear of the lights as they are very hot.

For rehearsals at the Rose Room inside Station 4 (S4) you MUST use the back entrance (back parking lot) as the front doors will not be open until later each evening. After entering the back door (patio) go up the stairs and in the side entrance to the Rose Room (glass doors). THIS IS THE ONLY TIME YOU WILL BE ALLOWED ENTRANCE USING THE BACK ENTRANCE. YOU MUST ENTER THROUGH THE FRONT ENTRANCE ALL OTHER TIMES including check in times for contestants each night of competition!

- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION -

To obtain additional information regarding the America's Bearded Queen Pageant please email the national office at beardedpageantryinc@gmail.com or by contacting David B. at 214-815-7695.

- APPLICATIONS -

Beginning THIS YEAR to enter the America's Bearded Queen Pageant you must compete in a preliminary and qualify to enter through your chosen preliminary. Your Contestant Application, included in this handbook, can be submitted at the Contestant Registration on November 9, 2022 at 12 noon in the Rose Room.

You must bring your valid government or state issued ID with you to your Contestant Registration so a Bearded Pageantry Inc staff member can take a picture of your ID.

- DRESSING ROOM COORDINATOR -

Bearded Pageantry Inc will be providing a contestant Dressing Room Coordinator to assist you both nights during the America's Bearded Queen Pageant. Their job is to help ensure that you have a positive and enjoyable time during your pageant experience. If you have any questions, problems, or ideas, please direct them to the Dressing Room Coordinator and he will make sure Bearded Pageantry Inc receives them.

OFFICIAL JEWELER - OFFICIAL CROWN DESIGNER

Designers – John Griffin and Jacob Lane

www.fiercedragjewels.com





Official Application

PLEASE PRINT or TYPE

IN BLACK OR BLUE INK

Stage Name _____

Legal Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Age _____ Date Of Birth _____

E-Mail Address _____

Name of Backstage Assistant

Sponsors _____

Talent _____

Artist and Title of Talent Number

_____ Live _____ Dance _____ Lip Sync _____ Props _____ # of Dancers

By my signature below, I hereby agree to release and hold harmless Bearded Pageantry Inc, the official America's Bearded Queen Pageant hereinafter referred to as the "pageant", their agents, servants and employees from any liabilities and/or responsibility whatsoever from, associated with or arising out of my participation in the "pageant" and/or the title America's Bearded Queen, including but not limited to personal injury and/or damage to personal property regardless of whether the loss, injury and/or damage occurred before, during or after the "pageant" or any related activity.

I also hereby release myself from rights to any video taping (sound and/or video), photography (still camera or motion picture) of the "pageant". I understand that I have no rights to any of the recordings that I appear in or on. I hereby agree that my name and photographs (still or motion picture) taken of me during the "pageant" may be used for publication, promotional purposes or in any advertising publicity. By my signature below, I affirm and attest that I have read the Rules and Regulations of the "pageant" and agree to abide by the same.

Sign Legal Name

Date

- SCORING -

Scoring for the America's Bearded Queen Pageant will be done on a **cumulative** scoring system. Each judge will give each contestant a score based on their performance in each category without regard to the other contestants. With this scoring system, more than one contestant may be given the same score. Scores are assigned as follows:

Creative Presentation 1 to 10 Points

Personal Interview 1 to 10 Points

Creative Fashion 1 to 10 Points

Talent 1 to 40 Points

Maximum possible points 70 Points

X 5 judges (high & low score of the 7 judges will be dropped)

Total Possible Points 350 Points

On Stage Q & A (top 5 only) 1 – 30 Points (not cumulative)

500 Points (high and low score of the 7 judges will be dropped)

There will be seven Judges for the 2022 America's Bearded Queen Pageant. In case of a tie the tie will be broken by the contestant's talent score. The Judges Comment sheets, Talent music and Master Score Sheet will be available to each contestant following the crowning of the 2022 America's Bearded Queen. The finalists will receive their judges comment sheets and a copy of the master score sheet when leaving the stage at crowning. The top 5 are expected to remain on stage for photos following crowning and the top 3 will receive their prize money at a location announced at the Contestant Registration following crowning of the 2022 America's Bearded Queen.



- SCHEDULE OF EVENTS -

Wednesday – November 9, 2022

12:00 noon	Contestant Registration	Rose Room
1:30 pm	Interview Group 1	Rose Room
1:30 pm	Talent Rehearsal Group 2	Rose Room
2:30 pm	Creative Presentation Rehearsal Group 2	Rose Room
9:00 pm	Doors open to public	
9:00 pm	Contestants Check-In	Rose Room
10:00 pm	Pageant Begins	Rose Room
	Creative Presentation Group 2	
	Creative Fashion Group 1	
	Talent Competition Group 2	

Thursday – November 10, 2022

1:00 pm	Interview Group 2	Rose Room
	Talent Rehearsal Group 1	Rose Room
2:00 pm	Creative Presentation Rehearsal Group 1	Rose Room
9:00 pm	Doors open to public	
9:00 pm	Contestants Check-In	Rose Room
10:00 pm	Pageant Begins	Rose Room
	Creative Presentation Group 1	
	Creative Fashion Group 2	
	Talent Competition Group 1	
	TOP 5 – Question & Answer	
	CROWNING of the 2022 America’s Bearded Queen	

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**SAMPLE TITLEHOLDER AGREEMENT
AMERICA’S BEARDED QUEEN
Bearded Pageantry Inc**

THIS AGREEMENT MADE BETWEEN BEARDED PAGEANTRY INC

(hereinafter referred to as “Promoter”) AND _____

(hereinafter referred to as “Titleholder”), whose personal mailing address is

Telephone number _____, e-mail address _____

hereby covenant and agree as follows:

1. **Titleholders obligations:** Titleholder shall attend and participate in, as a representative of Bearded Pageantry Inc, all State and Regional Preliminary pageants held during the year of Titleholders reign at such time and place as may be set forth by Bearded Pageantry Inc, the “Promoter”. All expenses of the titleholder, as set forth in the Promoters Rules and Regulations, shall be at the expense of the State or Regional Preliminary Promoter. These expenses are, but not limited to, titleholders transportation, lodging and performance fee of \$250.00 per night of entertaining. The State or Regional Preliminary Promoter is required to use the services of titleholder only one night during their pageant (if a multi-night preliminary).
2. **Bookings:** All entertaining and/or appearances of an official nature by titleholder shall be cleared and approved at least ten (10) business days in advance by “Promoter” whose approval shall not unreasonably be withheld. Entertaining and/or appearances of an official nature shall be construed as those, but not limited to those, in which the titleholder is appearing mainly due to their title and therefore is representing America’s Bearded Queen, the “Promoter” and Bearded Pageantry Inc.
3. **Titleholders responsibilities:** Titleholder agrees to hold the title, Bearded Pageantry Inc and the “Promoter”, it’s State and Regional Preliminary Promoters and franchisees in the highest esteem. Titleholder agrees that while appearing, entertaining or representing the title during the year of his/her reign to the following:
 - a. Not to be drunk in a public place;
 - b. Not to commit the acts of a sexual nature in a public place;
 - c. Not to commit acts of a violent nature in a public place;
 - d. Not to use illegal drugs;
 - e. Not to commit the act of stealing;
 - f. Not to participate in malicious gossip;
 - g. To attend and participate in the 2023 America’s Bearded Queen Pageant at such time and place as set forth by Bearded Pageantry Inc;
 - h. Not to be deemed guilty of any other unreasonable act that is considered demeaning to the title by the “Promoter”;

- i. To perform at least two (2) times during a State or Regional Preliminary pageant unless otherwise instructed by that State or Regional Preliminary Promoter;
 - j. Titleholder agrees to provide a satisfactory publicity photograph with crown within thirty (30) days of assuming the title for use by the “Promoter”;
 - k. Not to perform nude;
 - l. Titleholder agrees to keep a valid cellular telephone number in service during the year of his/her reign;
 - m. Titleholder agrees to have a valid email address and Social Media page (with crown photo) within seven (7) days of winning and keep it active and only used in a positive manner during his entire reign;
 - n. Titleholder agrees to inform the “Promoter” before appearing at a pageant or contest in any other pageant system;
 - o. **Titleholder may not enter any pageant during his reign.** And most importantly;
 - p. Titleholder must maintain facial hair at all official functions and events, where your title is recognized or you are representing your title, during your reign!
4. **Promoters Responsibilities:** Promoters responsibilities to the Titleholder shall be:
- a. To permit the titleholder the booking rights as stated in Articles 1 and 2;
 - b. To provide titleholder with all necessary information on a timely basis, as available, concerning all State and Regional Preliminary pageants;
 - c. To pay all monies, awards and prizes as long as the titleholder is not in default under this agreement as follows;
 - d. \$1250.00 and other awards as listed in the Contestant’s Handbook for the pageant upon winning the title, and;
 - e. \$1250.00 upon completion of his reign which includes being present and entertaining at the 2023 America’s Bearded Queen Pageant;
 - f. To provide at least four (4) 2 day passes to the 2023 America’s Bearded Queen Pageant.
5. **Certain Rights Reserved by Titleholder:** As long as the titleholder is not in default under this agreement, he shall have the following rights;
- a. To enjoy the rights and privileges of said title;
 - b. To be allowed bookings, subject to Articles 1, 2 and 6 contained herein, and for such fees as stated for State and Regional Preliminary Pageants. Other private bookings, approved by the “Promoter”, shall be for whatever fee as the Titleholder feels is justified, and;
 - c. Must reside in the United States of America or be available for access to travel within the United States of America during his/her entire reign and immediately notify Promoter of ANY change of address.
6. **Certain Rights Reserved to Promoter:** The following rights are reserved to the Promoter:
- a. To have and retain paramount title to the Title at all times;
 - b. To change the title of America’s Bearded Queen at its own discretion;
 - c. To approve all bookings, subject to Articles 1, 2 and 5 contained herein, of Titleholder;
 - d. To reasonably set forth Rules and Regulations concerning the conduct of holders of the title;

- e. To set the dates, times and location of all future America's Bearded Queen Pageants and to make reasonable bookings for Titleholder. Said bookings will be confirmed with Titleholder at least ten (10) days prior to said bookings and said bookings shall be made in a manner as to not cause conflict with Titleholders schedule.
7. **Promoters Remedies:** If Titleholder defaults under this agreement, "Promoter" may treat any one or more of the foregoing occurrences as a breach of this agreement and thereupon at its option may, without notice or demand of any kind (which Titleholder hereby expressly waives), to Titleholder or any other person, have, but not limited to, any or all of the following remedies.
- a. Revoke the title from the Titleholder;
 - b. Demand the return of all prizes, monies and awards given to Titleholder;
 - c. Refuse entry into any franchised America's Bearded Queen Preliminary Pageants;
 - d. Pass the title to the 1st Runner-up or any other person felt to be qualified by Promoter;
 - e. Refuse bookings of an official nature to Titleholder;
 - f. Assess fines for breach of any part of this agreement. Said fines shall not exceed the amount of \$250.00 per offense, but may be at a lower amount as set forth and determined by the "Promoter".
8. **Notices:** All notices to be given by one party to the other under this agreement shall be in writing, mailed or hand delivered as follows:

If to Promoter
Bearded Pageantry Inc
David Bridgman
3508 Flamingo Way
Mesquite, TX 75150

Or to such other person at such other address designated by notice to the Titleholder

If to Titleholder

At the address stated above

Mailed notices shall be sent by United States Postal Service, Certified or Registered mail, postage prepaid. Such notices shall be deemed to have been given upon posting in the United States mail.

9. Miscellaneous:

- a. All rights and remedies of "Promoter" under this agreement shall be cumulative and none shall exclude any other rights and remedies by law.
- b. The word "Promoter" shall be construed to mean Promoters in all cases where there is more than one promoter and necessary grammatical changes required to make the provisions hereof apply to corporations or individuals, or men, or women, shall be assumed as though in each case fully expressed.

10. Release:

Titleholder agrees to release and hold harmless Bearded Pageantry Inc, the "Promoter" and the official America's Bearded Queen Pageant, their agents,

servants, employees and licensees from any liability, and/or responsibility whatsoever, resulting from, associated with or arising out of Titleholders participation in the America's Bearded Queen Pageant System, in any duly franchised State or Regional Preliminary Pageant, and/or the title. Including, but not limited to, personal injury or loss of or damage to any personal property, regardless of whether the loss of or injury to occurs before, during or after the America's Bearded Queen Pageant, duly franchised Preliminary Pageants or any related activity including but not limited to any Bearded Pageantry Inc National Pageants, State or Regional Pageant or local preliminaries and their related activities.

Titleholder also hereby releases himself/herself from any and all rights to any videotaping (sound and/or video), photography, recording, still camera or motion picture of the America's Bearded Queen Pageant or any franchised America's Bearded Queen Preliminary Pageant. Titleholder also understands that he/she has or will have no rights to any of the recordings arising out of said pageants that Titleholder may appear in or on, or the future sales thereof.

Signed and executed on this _____ day of _____, 2022

_____ David Bridgman
Owner Bearded Pageantry Inc (Promoter)

_____ Titleholder
SIGN LEGAL NAME

Witnessed by _____

Witnessed by _____