The Miss North Carolina Pageant for Female Impersonators

the official Norma Kristie Preliminary to Miss Gay America

1982

Welcome

Welcome to the 1982 North Carolina Pageant for Female Impersonators and to Durham's fabulous 42nd Street. This weekend's competition marks the fourth annual state pageant brought to you by Pageant Enterprises of Greenville, N.C. The North Carolina Pageant is an officially franchised state preliminary to Norma Kristie's Miss Gay America Pageant. The winner and first runner-up will represent the state of North Carolina in the upcoming Miss Gay America Pageant. Ten local preliminaries in ten North Carolina cities have contributed contestants to this 1982 contest for the title of Miss North Carolina for Female Impersonators.

The pageant's festivities began on Friday night with a show by the reigning and two former Miss North Carolinas. Melissa Montgomery (1981-82), Erica Van Court (1980-81) and Brandy Alexander (1979-80) christened the 1982 pageant with a once-in-a-lifetime show. On Saturday, 42nd Street hosted the now traditional Mardi Gras costume gala and contest.

On Saturday afternoon at 2:00 official competition in Evening Gown and Sportswear began -- followed early Saturday night by interviews in female attire and then on Sunday with interviews in male attire. And tonight you will witness the most exciting category of competition --talent!

The Miss Gay America Pageant recognized the North Carolina Pageant for Female Impersonators as one of the best state preliminaries in the nation. We hope that you will agree, as you enjoy tonight's show and your stay in Durham.

Miss North Carolina 1981-82
Melissa Montgomery

During her 1981-82 reign, Melissa Montgomery dazzled audiences with her beauty and talent in almost every gay night club in North Carolina and many outside the state. She won sportswear competition and placed eighth in a field of forty-two contestants in the 1981 Miss Gay America Pageant held in Dallas, Texas.

Melissa Montgomery is now recognized as one of the most promising female impersonators in the profession. In early June, Melissa once again demonstrated her potential as a candidate for Miss Gay America by capturing the title of Miss Gay East Coast -- a regional preliminary to Miss Gay America that was held in West Virginia.

Pageant Enterprises would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Melissa Montgomery on a job well done and to wish the best of luck to a gentleman who has captured our hearts both on and off the stage.

Contestants

Asheville

Richelle Stevens

Age: 27

Current Title: *2nd runner-up Miss Asheville for Female Impersonators 1982*

Renee Ross

Age: 32

Current Title: *Princess I De North Carolina*
2nd runner-up Miss Hickory

Charlotte

Liza Blue

Age: 24

Current Title: *Miss Charlotte for Female Impersonators 1982*

Also Sponsored By: *Club Cabaret - Asheville, N.C.*
Treetops Act II - Hickory, N.C.

Latese Chevron

Age: 28

Current Titles: *1st runner-up Miss Charlotte for Female Impersonators 1982*

1st runner-up Miss Gay Winston-Salem

Also Sponsored By: *Jax - Charlotte, N.C.*
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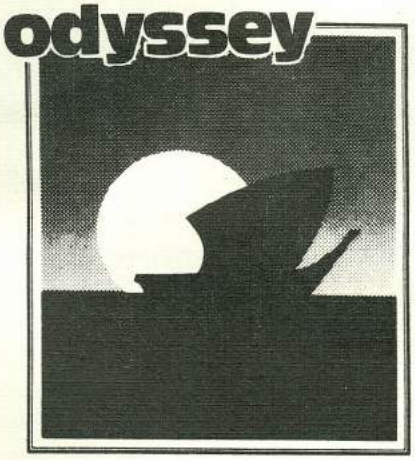

Eastway at The Plaza

Charlotte (704) 568-7498

Durham-Chapel Hill

Diana Lee Bishop
Age: 23
Current Title: *Miss Gay Durham-Chapel Hill 1982*

Nicole Summers
Age: 24
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Fayetteville

Hesley Ross
Age: 24
Current Title: *Miss Fayetteville for Female Impersonators 1982*
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Scarlett Dailey
Age: 19
Current Titles: *1st runner-up Miss Fayetteville for Female Impersonators 1982*
1st runner-up Miss Gay Greenville 1982
1st runner-up Miss Captiol City 1982
Also Sponsored By: *Paddock Club - Greenville, N.C.*

Greensboro

Elite Chanson

Age: 23

Current Titles: *Miss Gay Greensboro 1982*
Miss North Carolina Summer Fun 1982

Also Sponsored By: *Very Special Friends*

Neeley O'Hara

Age: 22

Current Title: *1st runner-up Miss North Carolina Summer Fun 1982*

Also Sponsored By: *Artistic Productions - Greensboro, N.C.*

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Greenville

Katrina Shar

Age: 19

Current Title: *Miss Gay Greenville 1982*

Also Sponsored By: *Special Friends*

Tracy Austin

Age: 34

the Paddock

Hickory

Tracie Stevens

Age: 20

Current Title: *Miss Hickory for Female Impersonators 1982*

Jacksonville

Miki Sinclair

Age: 21

Current Title: *Miss Gay Jacksonville 1982*

Also Sponsored By: *Power Company - Winston-Salem, N.C.*
The Park - Roanoke, Va.

Kitty Hawk

Age: 31

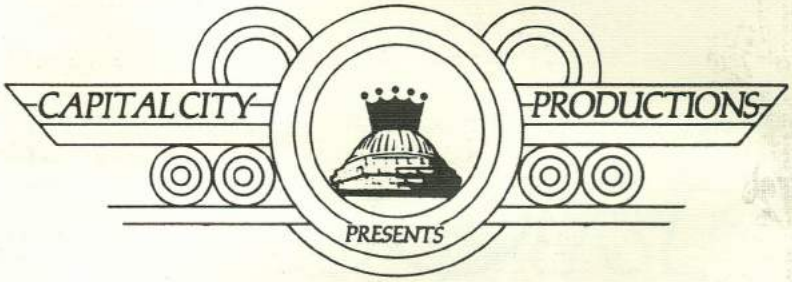
Current Title: *1st runner-up Miss Gay Jacksonville 1982*

Raleigh

Denise Robbins

Age: 23

Current Title: *Miss Capitol City 1982*



Winston-Salem

Stella Starr

Age: 24

Current Title: *Miss Gay Winston-Salem 1982*

1st runner-up Miss Gay Greensboro 1982

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Program

Overture

Opening Production in Sportswear

Presentation of Miss Gay America

Evening Gown Presentation

Presentation of Miss North Carolina
for Female Impersonators

Presentation of Miss Tri-State

Presentation of Miss Gay Missouri

Miss North Carolina for Female Impersonators

Talent Competition

Miss Gay America

Melissa Montgomery
Miss North Carolina for Female Impersonators 1981-82
(final performance)

Crowning

Miss Gay America 1981-82

Jennifer Foxx

Categories of Competition

Female Interview (100 points possible per judge)

General Appearance
Personality
Poise
Answer in Content
Ability to Communicate

Male Interview (110 points possible per judge)

General Appearance
Personality
Ability to Communicate
Answer in Content

Evening Gown (150 points possible per judge)

Suitability for Evening Wear
Hair and Gown (combination and match)
Presentation and Personality
Poise
General Appearance

Sportswear (100 points possible per judge)

Suitability
Styling and fit
Presentation and Poise
General Appearance

Talent (200 points possible per judge)

Costuming
Physical Co-ordination
Originality in Presentation
Showmanship
Expressiveness
Presentation in Relation to the Recording (lip sinc, etc.)

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A Rising Star: North Carolina

Even if you are not an ardent follower of female impersonation, you might want to take notice of a success story that has been unfolding in North Carolina. The success story is North Carolina's; the credit belongs to hundreds of people.

Since 1979, North Carolina has been emerging on the national scene as a rising star in the business of female impersonation. In fact, in each of the last three years of national competition in the Miss Gay America Pageant, Miss North Carolina for Female Impersonators has finished in the top ten. The year "1981" was no exception.

In the most recent Miss Gay America Pageant held in Dallas, Texas, North Carolina experienced its most rewarding year ever. Competing against forty-four contestants from all across the nation, North Carolina walked away with two of the five categories of competition. Melissa Montgomery, the reigning Miss North Carolina for Female Impersonators, won sportswear and finished in the top ten. Brandy Alexander, Miss North Carolina for Female Impersonators 1979 won talent with an unusual Katherine Hepburn number and also finished the competition in the top ten. As if that were not enough for one year, North Carolina itself received recognition from the Miss Gay America Pageant for conducting one of the best state preliminary pageants in the nation. Results like that do not happen accidentally!

Thank You

An event the size of the North Carolina Pageant for Female Impersonators requires the contributions and cooperation of many people in order to make it a success. Even though it would be impossible to thank everyone involved in the space provided here, Pageant Enterprises would like to single out a few of those people who have been unusually thoughtful.

First, and foremost, we would like to thank Mr. Bruce Durbin for the use of this incredible facility in Durham called 42nd Street. We would like to recognize the 42nd Street staff for their stamina and efficiency in maintaining a first class operation under a trying schedule. Pageant Enterprises would also like to thank the Washington Duke Motel and the Durham Downtowner for their gracious hospitality during our three day stay here in Durham.

Pageant Enterprises thanks Mr. Bill Brock for the use of his facility in Greenville, N.C. -- The Paddock Club. His kind generosity enabled us to bring you the opening production and to make our stage a little more pleasing to the eye. Also contributing to our stage set was Creative Florist of Durham. Thank you for the extra effort and the beautiful work.

To the Encore in Greensboro, the Treetops Act II in Hickory and Club Cabaret in Asheville, we say thank you for closing so that your staff could participate in tonight's event.

A very special thanks must go out to the hundreds of people involved in the ten city preliminaries which have preceded tonight's contest. They have done an outstanding job of conducting well organized and non-biased pageants, and in preparing their individual contestants for this weekend's competition. Each club owner who has hosted one of these city pageants deserves a warm round of applause for recognizing the significance of female impersonation and for the financial support they have provided to the contestants. A very special thanks must go out to the pageant promoter for allowing the staff of Pageant Enterprises to observe and participate in the joys of each of their ten contests.

A sincere and heartfelt thank you goes to each of this year's seventeen contestants. We could not let tonight end without saying that your hard work and self-sacrifice was evident in every phase of competition. Pageant Enterprises congratulates you and applauds you for permitting us to have a glimpse of ourselves by looking into your innermost soul in the name of entertainment.

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