



**“Showgirls of Las Vegas”
Thursday, October 19, 2017
Texas Station, Dallas Ballroom**



Hello,

The Queen of Sin City Pageant in conjunction with Las Vegas PRIDE and CRUSH proudly presents the **Queen of Sin City Pageant 2017**, held in fabulous Las Vegas, Nevada! This is the inaugural year of this new female impersonation pageant and will be held on Thursday, October 19, 2017 at the beautiful Texas Station Gambling Hall & Hotel in the Dallas Ballroom.

The Queen of Sin City is more than a beauty pageant! Our pageant system was designed to empower the LGBTQ community and help unify our diverse ethnic cultures, break barriers of gender identity, and highlight the top female impersonation entertainers from across the country. We will provide them a competitive platform to showcase their creative talent and female illusion. Las Vegas is known for being one of the entertainment meccas of the world and there is no better place to hold this competition.

This pageant will help kick off pride weekend in Las Vegas. All individuals who are female impersonators are qualified to run; it does not matter if you identify as a male (butch queen), are on hormone treatment, have had body modification and or feminization surgery.

The Queen of Sin City is a leader, role model, and activist for the LGBTQ community. She will ultimately be the face of this pageant system and help bring attention to important causes and issues that affect our community. When people see our Queen of Sin City, this individual should naturally generate a positive reaction for herself and for the pageant. Being crowned the most entertaining illusionist for that year she should represent herself to the highest of standards in appearance, confidence, public demeanor, and professional mannerisms. Are you prepared to be our very first Queen of Sin City?

Enclosed you will find the guidelines for this year's pageant, contestant application, consent form, contestant bio sheet, and other important information to help you plan accordingly. When turning in these forms please include a high resolution JPEG headshot of yourself for official pageant promotion and marketing.

There is a non-refundable entrance fee of \$150.00 to enter this competition. Both the contestant fee and all entry forms must be turned in completed to secure a spot in this year's competition. ***Entry fees are due no later than Thursday, August 31, 2017.*** In addition to the being responsible for the categories below each contestant will be required to stay at our pageant hotel, Texas Station for the 2 nights of competition, Wednesday 10/18/2017 (Registration, Interview with Judges, and Contestant Meeting) and Thursday 10/19/2017 (Pageant Day).

Special PRIDE Booking for the Queen of Sin City 2017

This pageant is helping to kick off PRIDE Week in Las Vegas, we are hopeful that all of our contestants stay through the weekend to celebrate PRIDE with us. The individual who is crowned Queen of Sin City Thursday night will be offered a PRIDE Booking of \$500.00 for 2 appearances that weekend. We will provide the winner with a 2 night stay at one of the Las Vegas PRIDE Host Hotels for Friday and Saturday. The winner will be given \$250.00 to participate in the Friday Night PRIDE Parade in the Queen of Sin City unit entry and another \$250.00 to perform 1 number on the mainstage on Saturday Nights PRIDE Festival, held at Sunset Reginal Park.

Tables and Tickets

It is very comforting to have your family, friends, and co-workers there that night to support and cheer you on, we encourage each of our contestants to sell tickets. Tables and individual tickets are on a first come, first serve basis. Unpaid tickets and tables will not be put on hold. All tickets are non-refundable and the pageant is not responsible for lost, misplaced, or stolen tickets.

- VIP and Premium Table Seating (includes appetizers provided by Texas Station)
 - \$500.00 for a VIP table (10 people/table)
 - \$50.00 for individual VIP table tickets.
 - \$400.00 for a premium table (10 people/table)
 - \$40.00 each for individual premium table tickets
- General Admission Seats
 - \$20.00 each for open seating in the general seating area. All general seats are unreserved.

Backstage Dressers

Each contestant will be given two (2) dresser badges. These will need to be worn by your 2 dressers of your choice, they are the only people who are allowed to assist you in whatever you may need back stage; i.e. make-up, hair, costumes, etc. You will not be able to switch dresser wrist bands with another person. Dresser badges will be distributed at the contestant meeting; if you lose them you will not be given a replacement.

Judging Criteria and Scoring

There will be five (5) judged categories during the course of this pageant. We will have seven (7) judges representing various backgrounds to ensure a fair competition. The categories will be scoring from 1-20, with 20 being the highest maximum point from each judge. The highest and lowest score you receive will be dropped and the five (5) scores left will be calculated as your score for the category. There is a possible total of 100 points per category and an overall possible score of 500 points for the pageant.

- *In the event of a tie, the high and low scores will be factored back in as a tie breaker. In the rare event that the tie breaker still results in a tie the contestant who scored the highest points from the head judge will win the final tie breaker. This applies to the individual categories as well as the overall pageant placing.*

Queen of Sin City Pageant – Competition Categories

1. **Interview** - Your judges for the pageant will meet with each contestant for five (5) minutes at a set location and time TBA prior to the competition where you will undergo a panel style personal interview. This interview will allow judges to quickly get to know the contestants and their ability to be a spokesperson and advocate for the LGBTQ community. Judging criteria will include: Speaking Ability, Confidence, Point of View, and Overall Appearance. ****We will be providing an interpreter for those contestants who feel more comfortable answering in Spanish.***

2. **Creative Theme Costume** – Your creative costume presentation will be the very first category on competition night, you are limited to three (3) minutes and this year’s theme is “Showgirls of Las Vegas”. Every and anything that comes to mind when you think of what a Las Vegas Showgirl is to you; rhinestones, feathers, and flair. Creativity is crucial so explore all of your wildest fantasies; the sky really is the limit. Have fun with the theme but it is to your advantage to construct your costumes well. Judging criteria will include: Creativity, Use of Theme, Originality, and Presentation. **See below for additional rules, restrictions, and deadlines.*
3. **Evening Gown** - For this category you will model a FLOOR LENGTH GOWN of any color, style, or material. Judging criteria will include: Gown Presentation, Hair and Make Up, Stage Presence, and Originality. *House Music will be provided for this category.*
4. **Talent** - Your talent presentation is limited to five (5) minutes, which ever talent you choose to perform your job is to entertain the judges and audience. You may include other performers in your presentation; however they also will be factored into your overall scores. Judging criteria will include: Entertainment Value, Costume, Originality, and Overall Execution. **See below for additional rules, restrictions, and deadlines.*

After the talent category scores will be totaled to determine who will move on to the final question and answer category. If there are 8 or more contestants the top five (5) will move on and if there are 7 or less contestants the top three (3) will advance. Those who are fortunate to proceed will be announced in no particular order and will also carry with them the scores they have accumulated thus far in the competition.

5. **Question and Answer** –The top contestants will one at a time pick a random question that was submitted by one of the 7 judges. The question will be related to current events or issues that affect the LGBTQ community. The emcee will repeat the question twice before handing the microphone to you for your response. This category is specifically judging your ability to communicate your thoughts and speaking capability, we ask that you please wear a gown of your choice for this category however your gown will not be a contributing factor in your Q&A score. Contestant will have 60 seconds to answer your question. Judging criteria will include: Confidence, Answer Content, Speaking Ability, and Poise. **We will be providing an interpreter for those contestants who feel more comfortable answering in Spanish.*

Additional Pageant Rules:

- **Two (2) weeks prior to the pageant you must turn in your music for your talent and creative theme costume to the pageant committee.** You can choose to burn your music on a CD or email us an MP3 file of your talent music. In keeping with the best interest of the contestants and in the rare event of a duplication of performing the same song (excluding a customized mix) the contestant with the earliest postmark will be allowed to perform/use the song. The other contestant must choose another selection. Please turn in music early to avoid this if you are planning on performing only one song.
- Use of Fire, Water, Confetti, Live Animals, Weapons, and Drug or Drug related paraphernalia. (This includes the smoking of cigarettes or any similarities since we are being presented by

CRUSH, a tobacco free organization here in Nevada.) is strictly prohibited in any categories. All large or over sized props need to be approved by the producers first. Please be considerate of all contestants when competing! All left over residue and debris is your responsibility; the stage should be cleaned up following your presentation. Five (5) points will be deducted to your overall score should our head judge feel you failed to abide by any of these conditions.

- You are allowed to use back up dancers or prop people for your talent and creative theme costume divisions. There is a limit of five (5) dancers and two (2) prop people to assist you in your presentations. You will need to purchase a \$20.00 general admission ticket for each of these people, after you do so you will also be given a special wrist band. Your dancer and prop wristbands will be distributed during the pageant rehearsal. These special dancer wrist bands will only be available during the pageant meeting. If they do not wear the wrist bands at the time of the pageant they will not be allowed to the backstage area. Dancers will only be allowed to enter the backstage area 15 minutes prior to them going on stage and performing. No Exceptions!

Contestants will be required to be on time for a contestant meeting and interview on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 5:00pm and a contestant rehearsal on Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 10:00am and for a final contestant check in at 5:00pm. A five (5) point deduction from your overall score will be applied for each time you are tardy, a possible total deduction of fifteen (15) points. Again, remember every point counts!

On the day of the pageant you will be provided a contestant table, and two (2) chairs. Additional lights and clothes racks are your responsibility. You are allowed to start bringing in any costumes at 12 noon; however we will not be responsible for any loss, theft, or damage to them at any point. We kindly ask that you be professional and help keep your area clean. You are responsible for any items you bring to the pageant, at the end of the night all items must be taken back home with you or properly disposed of; please consult pageant or hotel staff where to dispose of unwanted items.

Your contestant application, bio, photo, and entrance fee needs to be turned in before being confirmed as an official contestant in the Queen of Sin City Pageant 2017. It is very important that we have your most current contact information and for you to keep us posted of any changes. Should you want to sell tickets to your family and friends please contact the producers for more info.

As your producers and promoters we are committed to doing our very best to put on a professional and entertaining pageant. We will try to be flexible and accommodate your request but we can't guarantee anything. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us and we will address them accordingly and quickly. Once again, thank you for your interest in this year's Queen of Sin City Pageant. We are here to help you have the most memorable pageant experience and we are looking forward to working closely with you. Good Luck!

Creatively Yours,

Queen of Sin City Producers and Promoters

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QUEEN OF SIN CITY 2017 TENTATIVE TIMELINES

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

- *****5:00pm** - Contestant Meeting and Number Pull
- **7:00pm** – Individual Contestant Interviews Begin
 - Interviews will go in the order of the contestant lineup based of the number pull.
 - Contestant Meeting will not last longer than one hour, you will have time to freshen up for the interview.
 - Contestants will be given a return time for your interview at the meeting.
 - You may do your interview in or out of drag, you decide which you prefer. Judges will not be deducting points because you decided to interview out of drag. Please come dressed appropriately for the judges interview.

Thursday, October 19, 2017

- *****10:00am** - Contestant Check In and Category Walk Through/Staging
- **11:00am** - Contestant Talent Rehearsal
 - Each contestant will have 10 minutes on stage.
 - Order will be determined by contestant number pull.
- **12:00pm** - Contestant Load In and Set Up Begin
- *****5:00pm** – Final Contestant Check In
- **6:00pm** - Ballroom Doors Open to Public
- **7:00pm** - Pageant Starts
- **10:00pm** - Pageant Ends

***Indicates that tardiness will result in a five (5) point deduction from your overall score.

Queen of Sin City Pageant 2017 Prizes & Awards

Queen of Sin City 2017

- Official Signature Crown
- Official Sash
- \$2,500.00 Total Cash Prize
 - \$1,500.00 Night of Pageant Cash Prize
 - **2017 Las Vegas PRIDE \$500.00 Booking**
(*Booking Fee will be forfeited should you not be able to stay for PRIDE.)
 - Hotel accommodations will be provided for you on Friday and Saturday night at one of the Las Vegas PRIDES host hotels on the strip.
 - Friday, October 20, 2017 - Las Vegas Gay PRIDE Night Parade
 - *\$250.00 Appearance Booking Fee and Queen of Sin City Car
 - Saturday, October 21, 2017 - Featured Performer at the Mainstage of Las Vegas PRIDE
 - *\$250.00 Official Pride Festival Performance
 - *500.00 Night of Step Down 2018
(Cash prize will be forfeited should you fail to return for your step down.)
- Floral Bouquet
- Gift Basket
- Hotel Accommodations for two nights at your 2018 step down.
(Hotel prize will be forfeited should you fail to return for your step down.)
- \$1,000 worth of Giorgio Armani skincare products
- Scott Kirby Photoshoot
- Additional Prizes TBD

Queen of Sin City 2107 First Runner Up

- \$1,000.00 Cash Prize
- Special “Wild Card” spot for the Queen of Sin City Pageant 2018, Entrance Fee Waived should you choose to return to run again.
- Floral Bouquet
- Gift Basket
- Additional Prizes TBD

Queen of Sin City 2107 Second Runner Up

- \$250.00 Cash Prize
- Floral Bouquet
- Gift Basket
- Additional Prizes TBD

Additional Awards & Prizes

(Prizes are subject to change at the digression of the producers.)

- Audience Choice Award (Voted by audience ballots) - Prize Basket
- Miss Congeniality Award - Prize Basket
- Interview Award - TBD
- Creative Theme Costume (Showgirls of Las Vegas) Award - TBD
- Evening Gown Award - TBD
- Talent Division Award - TBD
- Question & Answer Award – TBD

