

Dear Contestants,

Thank you for choosing Arizona Regional Entertainer of the Year as your preliminary of choice. We are excited to have you as a contestant.

#### THE HISTORY:

National Entertainer of the Year pageantry has come a long way since its inception in 1985. It was created by George Stinson and Ed Lewis, owners of the successful Connection Complex in Louisville, Kentucky, who drew inspiration from the Female Impersonator of the Year pageant held in Houston, Texas. The late Naomi Sims (Newman Braud), the winner of the first-ever contest, is honored as Entertainer of the Year Emeritus. Today, National Entertainer of the Year is one of the Top 4 most prestigious pageant titles in the country and has two divisions: Entertainer of the Year F.I. and Mr. Entertainer of the Year. Both are held yearly.

The Arizona Entertainer of the Year Pageant has been in existence for over a decade and has been won by some of the most well-known male performers and female impersonators in the state. After a 5-year hiatus, the pageant is making a comeback and is set to continue its legacy of discovering the next Arizona Entertainer of the Year.

#### WHAT WERE LOOKING FOR IN A TITLE HOLDER:

Becoming a title holder in a pageant system means more than just winning a crown and sash. It means becoming an ambassador for the pageant system and embodying the values of integrity and professionalism. Throughout your reign, you will have many opportunities to attend major events and perform at venues throughout the state of Arizona. It is important to always conduct yourself in a professional manner and to be a positive role model for others.

As an ambassador, we also expect you to be involved in the community and to take on a leadership role. This means being an active participant in community service projects and being a voice for causes that are important to you. By doing so, you can make a positive impact on the community and inspire others to do the same.

Remember, being a title holder is not just about the fame and glory. It is about using your platform to make a difference in the world around you. So, embrace your role as an ambassador and make the most of this incredible opportunity to create positive change.

We encourage you to review this contestant packet and if you are interested in competing, please fill out the application and return it to Castro5381@gmail.com by Saturday, March 2, 2024, at 5:00 pm. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask, our reigning title holders are also here to help you succeed.

# PRELIMINARY CONTESTANT APPLICATION PRELIM TITLE (SELECT ONE) MISS: \_\_\_\_ MISTER \_\_\_\_

# **CONTESTANT CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Name: (as it appears on ID Card)	
First:	Last:
Chosen Name:	
Pronouns:	
Stage Name:	
Social Media Name:	
Facebook:	Instagram
Twitter:	Other:
Phone: Em	nail:
Dresser/Stagehand:	Number of Dancers:
Regional Entertainer of the Year at location to be determined by the Na uphold the title of Arizona Regiona	tertainer of the Year, I agree to not only represent Arizona the National Entertainer of the Year Pageant on (date and ational Entertainer of the Year Organization). I agree to al Entertainer of the Year to the best of my ability and adhere be signed should I become the title holder.
	d in order to make you a official participate for Entertainer of be paid via Zelle, Square or cash. No other payment methods
\$75 participation fee prior to Janua	ry 1, 2024, \$100.00 fee January 1 – May 31, 2024
\$150.00 participation fee June 1, 20	024, up until 12:30 PM MST June 23, 2024
Legal Signature:	Date:

#### MR. ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR CATEGORIES

#### **PRESENTATION**

Each contestant is given a maximum 3 minutes during the presentation category. This time should be used to create a first impression with the judges. Each contestant should provide their own music. Props are allowed but no time for set up or clean-up will be given. Contestants will also need to give a brief statement introducing themselves to the judging panel.

POINTS: 40 per judge (F.I. Division), 30 per judge (Mr. Division) Judged On: Stage Presence, Communication Ability and Overall Look

#### **CREATIVE EVENING WEAR**

No Prop Set-up time allowed (Props are still encouraged but not necessary). Evening Wear may be of any color or style, and should display creativity, imagination, and individuality on the part of the contestant. In the Evening wear category, we are looking for a total evening wear look from head to toe and the proper display of that look. This should not be a costume. No outfit commentary cards will be read during this portion of the contest, and it is free form modeling.

POINTS: 50 per judge (F.I. Division), 40 per judge (Mr. Division)

Judged On: Fit, Modeling, Poise, Hair and Makeup, Creativity and General Appearance.

#### ON STAGE Q&A

Each contestant will be asked a question on stage. This question will be composed from the personal biography that each contestant submits. Approximately three (3) minutes is allow per contestant to answer the question.

POINTS: 10 per judge (F.I. Division & Mr. Division)

Judged On: Confidence, Delivery, Poise, Grammar, and Overall Answer/Content

#### **TALENT:**

Talent may be any type of entertainment that is legal and does not pose any danger to either the contestant or anyone else. Talent presentations are limited to seven (7) minutes in length. Prop set up and break time is limited to five (5) minutes total. There is no restrictions on the number of persons who may be involved in the talent presentation.

POINTS: 100 per judge (F.I. Division & Mr. Division)

Judged On: Creativity, Overall look, Cleanliness, Props/Extras (if present), Entertainment Value

#### **CREATIVE SWIMWEAR (MR DIVISION ONLY)**

Swimwear is particular to the Mr. category only and can be of any style or color. Swimwear should display creativity, imagination, and individuality on the part of the contestant. We are looking for a total look from head to toe. Creative swimwear can take many forms. This category is not based on beauty, but more on the ability of the contestant to show their creativity.

POINTS: 20 per judge (Mr. Division)

Judged On: Fit, Stage Qualities, Creativity, Overall look.

#### **SCORING:**

#### POINTS POSSIBLE PER JUDGE

Category	F.I.	Mr.
Presentation	40	30
Creative Evening Wear	50	40
On-Stage Q&A	10	10
Talent	100	100
Creative Swimwear	-	20
Total	200	200

<sup>\*</sup>No scores will be dropped. Seven (7) judges will be present for a total possible score of 1400 points. The answering of questions by the persons involved will break ties.

# Possibilities for Admin. Deductions/Disqualification

- Arriving outside of the allocated time for Registration
- Arriving later than (1) hour prior to the start of the pageant
- A contestant not being stage ready once their name has been called for each individual category.
- A contestant that causes any injury to themselves or anyone else.
- A contestant that uses live animals, fire, weapons of any nature, streamers, liquids, or anything deemed inappropriate or dangerous during the pageant.
- A contestant that abuses alcohol or illegal substances before or during the pageant.
- Any contestant that takes personal property that does not belong to them.
- Any contestant that is known to use (whether physical or verbally) racist, homophobic, sexist, transphobic actions will be immediately disqualified following review of their actions.
- Any contestant that is known to discriminate on the basis of religion or sexual orientation.
- Any contestant that causes damage to the venue will be immediately disqualified and charged legally to the extent of the law.
- Any contestant/judge interaction is discouraged and should be conducted after crowning.

The Entertainer of the Year contest does not discriminate against any entertainer with silicone or hormones, nor a competitor ability to compete in an Entertainer of the Year segment after they may have completed sexual reassignment surgery.

The Arizona Regional Entertainer of the Year director reserves the right to make a decision concerning any matter not covered in these rules or regulations.

For questions, please email **EdwardMichael@yourbigbreakinc.org** 

# PRIZE PACKAGE

## WINNER PRIZE PACKAGE

- \$500.00 cash prize (\$250.00 upon winning, \$250.00 at step down)
- Entry fee to National Entertainer of the Year F.I
- Arizona Regional Entertainer of the Year Crown for F.I. Medallion for Mr.
- Arizona Regional Entertainer of the Year Sash
- Arizona Regional Entertainer of the Year Winner Award
- Hotel accommodations at National Entertainer of the Year
- Roundtrip Airfare to National Entertainer of the Year
- Jewelry Set from MadeforAQueen.com for F.I. Division
- Promotional Photoshoot from Scotty Kirby Photography

### 1<sup>ST</sup> ALTERNATE PRIZE PACKAGE

- \$250.00 cash prize (\$125.00 upon winning, \$125.00 at nationals)
- Entry fee to National Entertainer of the Year
- Arizona Regional Entertainer of the Year 1st Alternate Award
- Hotel accommodations at National Entertainer of the Year
- Roundtrip Airfare to National Entertainer of the Year

CATEGORY AWARD WILL BE GIVEN TO EACH INDIVIDUAL WINNER IN EACH CATEGORY.

PRIZE PACKAGE ARE THE SAME FOR BOTH DIVISIONS AND 1<sup>ST</sup> ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES. ALL PRIZE PACKAGES ARE CONTIGENT ON WINNER AND 1<sup>ST</sup> ALTERNATE SIGNING A CONTRACT WITH YOUR BIG BREAK INC PRODUCES OF ARIZONA REGIONAL ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR.

# **TALENT WORKSHEET**

CONTESTANT NAME:
CONTESTANT NUMBER:
PROP SET UP: YES NO
LENGETH OF TALENT:
BACKUP DANCERS: YES NO HOW MANY?
There will be a \$10 fee per dancer.
WILL YOU BE USING VIDEO: YES NO
Resolution: 16:9 resolution Screen Size is 60 x 540
LIGHTING CUES: Lighting cues are basic, we are in a bar setting we will do our best to accommodate all request but nothing in guaranteed.

# **CREATIVE EVENING WEAR**

DESCRIPTION:		
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GOWN DESIGNER:	 	
JEWELRY DESIGNER:		
HAIR & MAKE UP BY:		
SPONSORS:		

## ARIZONA REGIONAL ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR RELEASE FORM

In exchange for participation in the a	activity of Arizona Regional Entertainer of the Year
organized by Your Big Break Inc and	d/or use of the property, facilities, and services of Your Big
Break Inc, I	(Contestant Legal Name) agree for myself
and (if applicable) for members of m	ny team, to the following:

- 1. AGREEMENT TO FOLLOW DIRECTIONS. I agree to observe and obey all posted rules and warnings, and further agree to follow any oral instructions or directions given by Edward Michael, or the employees, representatives, or agents of Your Big Break Inc and Your Big Break Inc.
- 2. ASSUMPTION OF THE RISKS AND RELEASE. I recognize that there are certain inherent risks associated with the above-described activity and I assume full responsibility for personal injury to myself and (if applicable) members of my team, and further release and discharge Your Big Break Inc for injury, loss, or damage arising out of my or members of my team use or presence upon the facilities of Your Big Break Inc whether caused by the fault of myself, my team members, Your Big Break Inc or other third parties.
- 3. INDEMNIFICATION. I agree to indemnify and defend Your Big Break Inc against all claims, causes of action, damages, judgments, costs, or expenses, including attorney fees and other litigation cost, which may in any way arise from me or my team members use of or presence upon the facilities of Your Big Break Inc.
- 4. FEES. I agree to pay for all damages to the facilities of Kobalt Bar caused by any negligent, reckless, or willful actions by me or members of my team.
- 5. APPLICABLE LAW. Any legal or equitable claim that may arise from participation in the above shall be resolved under Arizona Law.
- 6. NO DURESS. I agree and acknowledge that I am under no pressure or duress to sign this agreement and that I have been given a reasonable opportunity to review it before signing. I further agree and acknowledge that I am free to have my own legal counsel review this agreement if I so desire. I further agree and acknowledge that Your Big Break Inc has offered to refund any fees I have paid as participation if I choose not to sign this agreement.
- 7. ARM'S LENGTH AGREEMENT. This agreement and each of its terms and the product of an arm's length negotiation between the Parties. In the event any ambiguity is found to exist in the interpretation of this agreement or any of its provisions, the Parties, and each of them explicitly reject the application of any legal or equitable rule of interpretation which would lead to a construction either "for" or "against" a particular party based upon their status as the drafter of a specific term, language, or provision giving rise to such ambiguity.
- 8. ENFORCEABILITY. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this agreement, whether standing alone or as applied to a particular occurrence or circumstance, shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this

- agreement or of any other applications of such provision, as the case may be. Such invalid or unenforceable provision shall be deemed not to be a part of this agreement.
- 9. DISPUTE RESOLUTION: The parties will attempt to resolve any dispute arising out of or relating to this agreement through friendly negotiations amount the parties. If the matter is not resolved by negotiation, the parties will resolve the dispute using the below Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) procedure:

Any controversies or disputing arising out of or relating to this agreement will be submitted to mediation in accordance with any statutory rules of mediation. If mediation is not successful, in resolving the entire dispute or in unavailable, any outstanding issues will be submitted to final and binding arbitration under the rules of the American Arbitration Association. The arbitrator's award will be find, and judgement may be entered upon it by any court having proper jurisdiction.

EMERGENCY CONTACT:
In case of an emergency, please contact the following:
Name:
Relationship:
Phone:
HAVE READ THIS DOCUMENT AND UNDERSTAND IT. I FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING THIS RELEASE, I VOLUNTARILY SURRENDER CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS.
DATE:

PATRICIPANTS NAME

#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

12:00 PM Registration Begins

We will collect any remaining contestant's application, if needed. We encourage all application and contestant participation fees to be paid prior to registration.

12:30 AM Registration Ends

No contestant will be allowed to compete once registration has ended.

Immediately following registration ending we will have an orientation from the promoter, and the national Entertainer of the Year representatives.

12:45 PM – Contestant Draw Number

1:00 PM – Talent Rehearsals will begin in contestant order, your talent presentation will be played, you will be given the same amount of time for prop set up and break down time (5 minutes).

4:00 PM – Roll call of all contestants (administrative points will be deducted if you are late)

5:00 PM – Pageant begins.

#### **VENUE INFORMATION:**

The pageant will be located at the following:

Kobalt Bar 3110 N Central Ave Phoenix, Arizona 85012

Stage Size: 12x12 square shape

Video Screen: 16:9 resolution is needed for any video being used.

Dressing Area: Dressing area is small but comfortable to fit the contestant and one dresser.

All participants going into the venue must be 21+ with valid ID