



Mr. & Miss Capital Pride

Greetings!

On behalf of Cocker Productions and Capital Pride 2008, thank you for your interest in the Mr. & Miss. Capital Pride pageants. This packet contains the information you will need and will help in your preparations for each competition:

1. Official application and contestant information sheets
2. Official Rules and Regulations
3. Scheduled dates & times for Mr. & Miss Capital Pride 2008 contests
4. Contestant bio information and special instruction sheets
5. Explanation of Categories

Please bring your completed application & registration fee of \$25.00 (made payable to Cocker Productions) on Monday June 9th, 2008 at 7:00 pm at the contestant meeting.

The contestant orientation meeting will be held at Whitman-Walker Clinic at 1407 S. Street, NW Washington, DC at 7:00 pm. Any contestant who arrives late will be deducted 10 points for every 5 minutes that they are late for the orientation meeting on June 9th, 2008.

If you have any questions or need clarification on the pageant and categories, please do not hesitate to contact Cocker Productions, LLC via email RobertYork@cockerproductions.com or call Robert at (202) 431-2424.

We wish you all the best in your quest to capture the title of Mr. or Miss Capital Pride 2008!

Sasha

Sasha Renee
Miss Capital Pride 2007

Xavier

Xavier Bottoms
Mr. Capital Pride 2007



RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Contestants must be 21 years of age or older. (Proof of age is required).
2. Any person, male or female, who has previously won the title of Mr. or Miss Capital Pride shall not be eligible to compete.
3. Contestants will be judged in the following categories: ***Pride Attire, Talent, Formal Wear/Evening Gown & On-stage Interview.***
4. Talent competition is limited to a maximum of 5 minutes. Contestants who exceed the time limit will be given a score of zero. Each contestant is given an additional 1 minute for set up and 1 minute for break down of props. The additional time may not be added to the performance time.
5. Any contestant, or person affiliated with a contestant, who misappropriates the property of another contestant, violates any law regarding the abuse of alcohol or drugs, or is caught in the act of stealing will be disqualified and removed from the location of the contest. Unsportsmanlike conduct by a contestant or contestant's entourage (dresser, dancer) before, during or after the pageant will not be tolerated and is subject to immediate dismissal from the venue and pageant.

By signature of this application and submission of application, contestants and the contestants entourage (dresser, dancers) will take responsibility for any and all damage done to Town Danceboutique, should it occur before, during or after the Mr. and Miss Capital Pride pageant.

6. *Each contestant will receive 100 administrative points upon arrival. Any contestant who arrives late will be deducted 10 points for every 5 minutes of tardiness.*
7. At no time during the contests shall a contestant or their helper(s) receive a gratuity of **any** kind during their time on stage.
8. Each contestant will be allowed **ONLY one (1)** dresser at any given time. Contestants must remain in the assigned area at all times. Administrative points will be deducted from contestants who do not remain in the designated area.
9. Each contestant that has back-up dancers or prop support staff shall be allowed to have them get ready 2 numbers prior to the talent performance. The contestant coordinator will strictly enforce this rule.
10. The winners of Mr. & Miss Capital Pride 2008 will receive: (Provided by Cocker Productions, LLC)

Mr. Capital Pride 2008:

*Cash prize of \$500, an official crown & flowers
(Cash prize awarded as follows-\$250 upon winning, \$250 at the end of his reign)*

Miss Capital Pride 2008:

*Cash Prize of \$500, an official crown & flowers
(Cash prize awarded as follows-\$250 upon winning, \$250 at the end of her reign)*

Cash Prizes are subject to change without notice. The minimum cash prize for each winner shall be a minimum of \$500 as stated above in the official prize package.

10. The winners of Mr. & Miss Capital Pride 2008 will appear at selected official Capital Pride Events during the week of Capital Pride and participate in the Capital Pride parade on Saturday, June 14th and on the Capital Pride main stage on June 15th, 2008. All appearances will be scheduled and approved by Cocker Productions, LLC.
11. Winners will represent themselves in a professional manner while holding the titles of Mr. & Miss Capital Pride 2008. All final decisions are made by Cocker Productions, LLC.
12. Cocker Productions, LLC reserves the right to set a maximum number of contests per contest on a first come first serve basis due to time limitations on the night of the contest.



ITINERARY FOR MR & MISS CAPITAL PRIDE 2008

Mr. & Miss Capital Pride 2008
Wednesday, June 11th
Town Danceboutique
2009 8th St., NW
Washington, DC 20009

- 6:00 p.m. Doors open for all contestants
- 6:30 p.m. Roll call
- 7:30 p.m. Mr. and Miss Capital Pride 2008 Begins
Welcome & Introductions
Pride Attire (Mr. & Miss.)
Talent (Mr. & Miss.)
Formal Wear & On-stage interview
Evening gown & On-stage interview
Coronation (Mr.& Miss.)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & WAIVER

I do hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand the rules and regulations as they pertain to the Mr.& Miss Capital Pride 2008 contests and agree to abide by the same.

I hereby irrevocably waive all claims to any and all moving or still photographers against any and all parties involved in Mr. & Miss Capital Pride 2008, which may result in my participation in said contests.

Contestant Signature (given name)

Date

Witness Signature



EXPLANATION OF COMPETITION CATEGORIES

Mr. & Miss Capital Pride 2008 / PRIDE ATTIRE:

Pride attire may be presented by the contestant in the form of his/her most imaginative and creative style.

Pride attire is not limited to any one color, but should encompass the full scale of the rainbow. Make your own statement and get as creative as you like.

Miss Capital Pride 2008 / EVENING GOWN:

Evening gown will be the most elegant outfit you wear during the pageant (i.e. full length not a cocktail dress). It should complement your figure and make a statement of your personal style and taste. The dress accessories should be in perfect condition. No strings should be anywhere on the dress unless the style warrants it. There should be no tears in any part of the fabric and the gown should be stain and wrinkle free. It is your responsibility to take care of the gown and keep it in perfect condition during the pageant.

Mr. Capital Pride 2008 / FORMAL WEAR:

Formal wear should be the most distinguished outfit you wear during the contest (i.e. black tie, tails, regular or modern tuxedo, **no black jeans**). It should complement you and make a statement of your personal style and taste. No strings should be anywhere on the formal attire. There should be no tears in any part of the fabric and the garment should be stain and wrinkle free. It is your responsibility to take care of your formal wear and keep it in perfect condition during the pageant.

Mr. & Miss Capital Pride 2008 / ON-STAGE INTERVIEW:

Scoring will be based on personality and poise, the ability to communicate on a microphone in front of an audience, and the content of the answer given in relation to the question asked. This portion will immediately follow your presentation in Evening Gown or Formal wear.

Mr. & Miss Capital Pride 2008 / TALENT*:

Talent is the highest point category in the Mr. & Miss Capital Pride 2008 contests. Contestants will be judged on the quality of lip-sync, live vocal or other entertainment. Judges will be looking for lip sync or live singing ability. This will include but not limited to words to his/her song and proper phrasing within the song. If it is a live performance, is the talent of good quality? If there is choreography, the dancers should know the steps and steps should flow. If a member of your troupe does not know his/her part, points will be deducted from you score. Quality of set design and construction are not judged (**note: allowed height 8 feet**). **All contestants are responsible for their sets.** Judges are instructed to deduct points if a set does not complement or enhance the talent and if the set falls or is broken during the talent phase of competition. All costuming and set design should fit the style and mood of the talent being presented. Is your talent appropriate for competition? Does your talent move, excite or educate the judges panel and the audience. It is important to know that you are being judged by a panel of judges and not by the audience. Keep in mind that subcategories make up the total score in each category of competition.

* NO FIRE, WATER OR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ARE PERMITTED DURING ANY PORTION OF THE CONTESTS.

**Contestants are allowed
1 minute for set-up and break down**



**MR. & MISS CAPITAL PRIDE 2008
APPLICATION**

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE TYPED OR PRINTED LEGIBLY

Contestant Name: Contestant Number*:

Given Name: Stage Name:

Birth date:

Contestant Address:

City: State: Zip:

E-Mail Address:

Contestant Telephone Number(s):

Sponsor(s):

Zodiac Sign:

Employer:

Current Title(s):

Height: Weight: Eyes: Hair:

Are there any physical disabilities, handicaps, or any other information you think we should know in order to better assist you? If so... please explain below.

**Contestant # will be chosen by each contestant at the contestant's meeting on June 9th, 2008*



Contestant Name:

Contestant #

City, State of Residence:

Age:

Zodiac Sign:

Favorite Color?

Favorite Food?

Favorite Movie?

Actor?

Actress?

Pet?

Are you married or single?

If so how long?

My Favorite Hobbies are:

My most embarrassing moment:

My best advice to any performer:

If I could change one thing about the gay community, it would be:

People would use this word to best describe me:

Why:

Describe your ideal partner?

My goals in life are:

My biggest pet peeve is:

What is something you have tried and will never do again?



Contestant Name:

Contestant #

What is something you have always wanted to do but have not had the chance to do yet?

What is the most important issue for the GLBT community in 2008?

What is your greatest accomplishment to date and why?

My best quality is:

What does Pride mean to you?

Name 3 people living or dead who you would like to meet.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Who would you trade places with for a day?



Contestant Name:

Contestant #

PAGEANT: Mr. /Miss Capital Pride 2008

DATE: Wednesday June 11th, 2008

STAGE MANAGER PROP SHEET

PROPS:

PROP DESCRIPTION:

DANCERS :

HOW MANY?

NAMES:

1	5
2	6
3	7
4	8

STAGE HANDS:

1	5
2	6
3	7
4	8



Contestant Name:

Contestant #

PAGEANT: **Mr. /Miss Capital Pride 2008**

DATE: **Wednesday June 11th, 2008**

Creative Pride Attire

What was your inspiration for this part of the competition?

Who designed the outfit?

Who constructed the outfit?

