

*****PATRONS*****

Mean "Jean"
Club Tootsies
Club Soakies
Jimmy & Sue Bradley
Jerry C.
Rozz Smith/Lesa Ford
Carl Shelton
Mocha Collins
"Charlie"
Mr. Carrington
Desiree Luv Everett
Blankenship Distributors
Westport Floral
Ashley Kelley
Kansas City Costume Company
All-Star Awards
K. C. Exposures

I WANT TO LIVE WITH MYSELF AND SO,
I WANT TO BE FIT FOR MYSELF TO KNOW.
I WANT TO BE ABLE AS DAYS GO BY,
ALWAYS TO LOOK MYSELF STRAIGHT IN THE EYE.
I DON'T WANT TO STAND IN THE SETTING SUN,
AND MYSELF FOR THE THINGS I'VE DONE.
I WANT TO GO OUT WITH MY HEAD ERRECT,
I WANT TO DESERVE ALL MENS' RESPECT.
FOR HERE IN THIS STRUGGLE FOR FAME & WEALTH
I WANT TO BE ABLE TO LOVE MYSELF!

Thanks for all the support and hard work that everyone has done to make this night a success. Words can not express the gratitude expressed toward Mr. and Miss Black Mid-America. Your good deeds will not go un-rewarded.

Again I say thank-you!

Fisha Taylor
Taylortown Productions

TAYLORTOWN PRODUCTIONS

IN CONJUNCTION WITH:

SOAKIES LOUNGE

&

CLUB TOOTSIES

PRESENTS:

Mr. & Miss

Black Mid-America

AN OFFICIAL PRELIMINARY TO
MR. & MISS BLACK AMERICA

Thursday, November 20, 2003

Registration - 12 Noon

Club Soakies

1308 Main Street

Pageant - 9:00 p.m.

Club Tootsies

1822 Main Street

TaylorTown Productions

Welcomes:

Miss Tiffany Brooks
Miss Black America



Mr. William Versace
Mr. Black America

SOAKIES

Happy Hour 4 p.m. - 9 p.m. (Monday - Friday)

Monday - \$1.25 Drinks

\$4.50 Pitchers

\$1 off Wells & Premium \$1 off Cans & Bottles

In House Dart Tournament 7:30 p.m.

\$3 MARGARITA MADNESS 7-11 P.M.

Tuesday - "Boyz Night Out"

D. J. Allegations 10 p.m. - 3 a.m. 2 for 1 Drinks

"Boyz of the Night" w/ Mr. Carrington 11:30 p.m.

Wednesday - Wayback Wednesday "70's & 80's music

Steppers & "Best of" (clothing, hairstyles, etc) Contest

In-House Dart Tournament 7:30 p.m.

Featuring Tracy Carrington D.J. 9 p.m. - close 2 for 1 drinks

Beginning 11/26/03 "Gong Show" Every last Wednesday of the month w/ DELICIOUS CASADINE 1ST PLACE PRIZE ONLY

Thursday - Ladies Night

With D.J. Hike

2 for 1 drinks

Showtime w/ Kimberly Cain & Friends

Friday - "Fill em' up Fridays"

Liquor Bust 10 p.m. - 1 a.m.

Live D.J.

"Under the Spotlight" w/ Mr. Carrington

Sunday - "TAYLORTIME" 10 p.m. - 12 Midnight

DRINK SPECIALS

GIVEAWAYS

FOOD SPECIALS

LIVE D.J.

NO COVER CHARGE

Special Large Prize Giveaway Every Sunday

PROPER IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED!!!

****PROGRAM****

Overture

Presentation of Royalty and Contestants

Tiffany Brooks-Miss Black America

William Versace-Mr. Black America

Jasmine Bonet

Victoria Wulfs

Rozz Smith

Introduction of Judges

Sportswear

Big Beauty / Tracy Carrington,

Desire Luu

Tiffany Monroe

Ashley Kelley

Evening Wear / On Stage Question

Formal Wear / On Stage Question

Tisha Taylor

Portia Valentino

Mr. Carrington

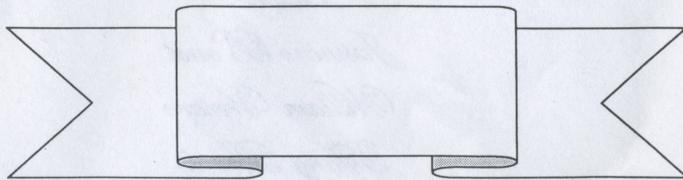
Talent

Jasmine Bonet

William Versace

Tiffany Brooks

Crowning



Craig Lovingood was born and raised in Kansas City, Missouri. He attended school within the K.C. School district and then furthered his studies attending college. Craig majored in both Graphic and Commercial Arts, Cosmetology, Business Administration, Paralegalism and finally Correctional Administration. He later decided to incorporate his learned studies with the fabulous art of female impersonation thus was created Tisha Taylor. She began performing in 1990, and competing for titles in 1992. To her credit, she has captured the titles of Miss Kansas City in 1994, Miss Central Missouri in 1995, Miss Nebraska USA in 1995 as well as placed highly in Miss City of Fountains, Miss Gay Pride, and Miss Edge to name a few. In 1997, Tisha founded Taylortown Productions. She felt that competition was not for her, however, she knew what it took to win and would enlighten those that did not. Tisha has promoted several pageants within the Missouri system and abroad as well as sponsored and taught others along the way. Tisha would like to thank everyone for coming tonight and would like to wish all the contestants good luck. Remember, there is a dream out there with your name on it, and all you have to do is claim it. See you all in Birmingham, Alabama in March!

ABOUT THE EMCEE'S



Mr. Carrington

Owner of Mr. and Miss Black Pride E. O. Y. since 2000, co-owner and promoter of Miss Soakies, Mr. Soakies, Miss Sweetheart and Duke and Duchess, Mr. Carrington has been emceeing shows since 1993, and has been show director at Soakies for 2 years. He started promoting pageants in 1998. He is also owner and founder of Carrington Entertainment, which has been involved with sending contestants to national E.O.Y., Miss Missouri, Miss Cosmopolitan and many other pageants both male and female. Mr. Carrington wishes all the contestants the best of luck. See you at Black America.

Desiree Luv Everett

Desiree has been in the art of female impersonation for over 22 years. She began her career with the greats like Donna Day and Vicki Lawrence in the state of Florida. She moved to Chicago, Illinois at the young age of 21, and worked as emcee and show director of several clubs such as Club Normandy, Cheeks, and The Lucky Horseshoe Saloon. She has traveled throughout the United States giving us her talent and joy of laughter. She now resides here in KCMO where she works at several clubs throughout the city. Desiree would like to wish all the contestants much luck and success in their goals as an entertainer and adds "may all your rhinestones turn to diamonds."



ABOUT THE JUDGES:

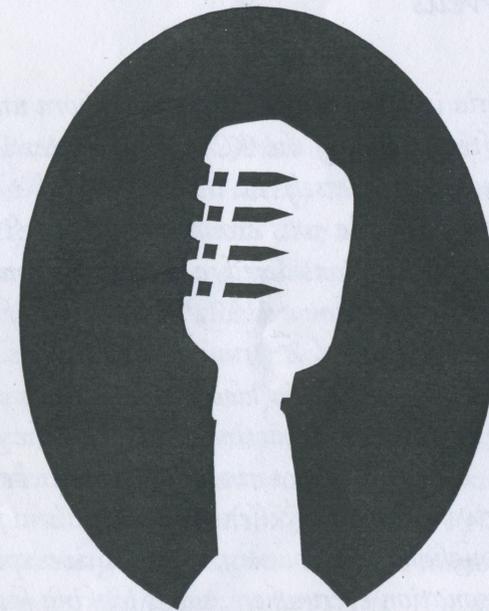


Clayton Chase

Clayton is a native Missourian who has recently returned to Kansas City from Davis, California where he attended Med School at the University of California at Davis. Currently on hiatus from residency rotation, due to familial obligations, Clayton has rejoined County Court Services, Inc. as shareholder, corporate officer, and agency controller. Clayton is a Microsoft Certified Partner and a QuickBooks pro-advisor who combined his talents and resources in 2000 to start Chase Consulting, LLC in two states Missouri and California. Chase Consulting provides I.T., network, and database solutions to small and mid-sized businesses in both states as well as general accounting/finance services to its clients. Clayton would like to thank Mr. Joseph Duggin his partner in life and business for his long time support, and the promoter of this pageant for the honor of judging this event. Finally, Clayton wishes all the contestants the best of luck tonight and with all of their future endeavors.

Portia Valentino

Portia is a native Missourian who makes her home in St. Louis, Missouri. The family restaurant administrator carries an associates degree in hotel restaurant management. A seasoned competitor, Portia has competed in America, US of A, Continental, and Entertainer of the Year Pageantry Systems. Portia has also had the honor of judging many state and local pageants. To top it off, she is the proud promoter of several pageants throughout the country as well as the president of Lady P and Luv 2 Do It Productions. Portia would like to thank the promoter for being here and wishes all the contestants good luck.





Victoria Wells

Victoria is a native of Kansas City, born under the Zodiac sign Leo. After attending the KC Art Institute, Victoria decided to make a name for herself in the wonderful world of female impersonation. Victoria was crowned 1988's Miss Kansas City and off she went. Considered a veteran competitor a few favorites are Miss Oklahoma USA, Entertainer of the Year, Miss Central States USA, and 2nd runner-up to Miss 1990 Atlanta, just to name a few. Victoria also can be seen in a cameo role in Hollywood The Movie. An active member of the gay community for the past 12 years. Victoria is known to be an outspoken individual driven toward excellence. Victoria's night club act has traveled throughout the country. A positive spokes model for female impersonation everywhere, she is looking forward to judging her first Black America prelim and wishes everyone a spectacular evening.

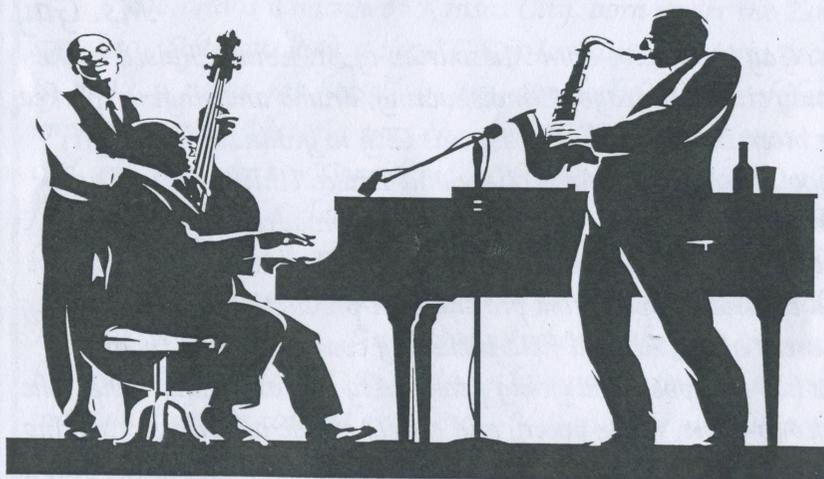


Ms. Gay

Ms. Gay is a native born Missourian of St. Louis. Raised in the windy city of Chicago, Illinois, acting, drama and singing sparked her interest. Returning to Kansas City to graduate from high school, then to Simpson College and Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. She pursued a degree in broadcasting radio and television. She then returned to Kansas City. Her career interest and experience span from pre and post production in broadcasting to areas of the medical field including counseling and therapies. She has an upbeat, outgoing personality and an unique style. She loves to write, recite poetry and collect ethnic art pieces. Cooking and traveling are her great passions. She uses humor as her staple in life and embodies the humanitarian spirit. She wants to contribute to the good of all areas of society and is honored to participate in tonight's pageant.

Curtis Ford

Curtis Ford is a Kansas City native and a graduate of fashion design and production from the Illinois Institute of Art. Curtis has traveled across the country to inspire other to express themselves freely through couture fashion. Having mingled among the stars of Hollywood and entertainment elite. His designs have been seen in sheik boutiques, theatrical productions and media across the nation, most recently as the designer of success couture the high fashion session of Kansas City's newest publication minority success magazine where he serves as fashion editor, Curtis is also the artistic director of Imagen agency an artistic agency representing professionals in the fashion industry. In addition to his couture design work he is preparing a ready to wear collection to debut 2004.



ANTI-TRANSGENDER VIOLENCE DID NOT END WITH GWEN ARAUJO.

Gwen Araujo, a 17 year old transgendered woman, was brutally murdered in Newark, California on October 3rd, 2002. This murder gave national attention to the issue of anti-transgender violence.

Since her passing, there have been 22 other reported cases of anti-transgender violence leading to death. 14 of those cases have been in the United States. Some of these victims are shown below.

Because of this continued threat, we will meet again for the Transgender Day of Remembrance on November 20th, 2003.



Nizah Morris
December 24, 2002



Nikki Nicholas
February 21, 2003



Jessica Mercado
May 9, 2003



Selena Alvarez
July 31, 2003



Bella Evangelista
August 16, 2003



Cassandra Do
August 26, 2003

Photo: Remembering Our Dead, http://www.rememberingourdead.org

5th Annual Transgender Day of Remembrance

November 20, 2003
Spirit of Hope, MCKCK
3801 Wyandotte
KCMO 64111

Where:

When:

7:00
PM



The Transgender Day of Remembrance was started in 1999 as a response to the growing issue of anti-transgender violence leading to death. Last year, the Transgender Day of Remembrance was observed in 90 locations in 8 countries. For additional information, please visit www.rememberingourdead.org. Remembering Our Dead is a project of Gender Education & Advocacy, Inc.

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TransGendered Kansas City, Spirit of Hope MCKCK,
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and Kansas City Crossdressers and Friends