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**Contestants and Judges
Announced for Miss'd America Pageant at Boardwalk Hall
Saturday, January 21, 2012**

(Atlantic City, NJ – January 5, 2012) – The Greater Atlantic City GLBT Alliance and Schultz-Hill Scholarship Foundation have recently announced the 14 contestants competing in the 2012 Miss'd America Pageant to take place in the Ballroom of Historic Boardwalk Hall on Saturday, January 21 beginning at 8 p.m.

The contestants are:

- Gusty Winds (Daniel Alita) – is a New York City resident who has performed as Gusty for more than 16 years.
- Sabel Scities (Timothy Byars) –currently from Sunnyside, New York, Sabel has traveled across the United States and held the title of Miss Fire Island in 2010.
- Epiphany Get Paid (David Calen) – a New Yorker from California who has worked all over the country and travels to Europe to perform each year.
- Jason CoZmo (Jason Cozmo) – originally from Salt Lake City, Jason was privileged to work with Liza Minnelli in the Off Broadway production of “My Big Gay Italian Wedding.”
- Navaya Shay (Thom Gait) – a Philadelphian who can currently be seen performing shows for Philadelphia’s OutFest and as a Dollstar at Voyeur Night Club.
- Juliza Alezae (Alejandro Giordano) – from Wharton, New Jersey, Juliza is a full time beautician and makeup artist and has competed in many pageants.
- Brenda Dharling (Brandon Glasgow) – currently from New York City, Brenda was a principle dancer for Philadanco and has performed in numerous shows and competitions.
- Bootsie LeFaris (Justin Keller) – this southern belle from South Carolina is a drag queen who has been trained as a dancer and musical theater performer.
- Chantel Reshae (Robert Martin) – born in Ames, Iowa, this entertainer has been the show choreographer for the Parliament House in Orlando, FL for over 10 years.
- Victoria “Porkchop” Parker (Victor Parker) – born in Anderson, SC, Victoria has traveled the country and entertained in over 40 states, including TV appearances and over 100 pageants.

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- Lady Marisa (Anthony Sabato) – is an IT engineer working for a data communications company in her home state of New Jersey when not impersonating celebrities.
- Tasha Salad (Scott David Sims) – this marketing director is a southern fried Kentucky diva who is winning the hearts of audiences everywhere.
- Logan Hardcore (Logan Slaughter) – Logan is a New Yorker who enjoys dancing and does drag full time and enjoys going to different cities to perform.
- Shi-Queeta-Lee (Jerry VanHook) – from Washington, DC, is a veteran actor with credits including the films *Ca\$h Money* and *XXX-2*, as well as television shows such as “The Wire.”

Also announced were judges for the 2012 pageant:

- Mark Segal – Publisher *Philadelphia Gay News*
- Ryan Nickulas – Television personality, *The A-List New York*
- TJ Kelly – Television personality, *The A-List New York*
- Annika Bruggeworth – Equestrian, former Playboy Bunny, owner of Premier Show Horse
- Jeffrey Wilson – Esquire
- Michael Musto – Renowned journalist *Village Voice*
- Hedda Lettuce – Stage and movie personality
- Bianca Del Rio – Celebrity drag personality
- Diane Mitchell – Radio personality “Mike & Diane Morning Show” 95.1WAYV FM

Carson Kressley, host of his own upcoming makeover show on the Oprah Winfrey Network, ABC's “Dancing With The Stars”, Bravo's “Queer Eye For The Straight Guy,” will once again serve as host with featured performer Martha Wash (*It's Raining Men*) and a performance by American Idol's Erika Schiff (*Also starred in “I Married A Mobster on the Investigation Discovery Channel*). Mark Dahl, Manager of LGBT Nightlife for Resorts Atlantic City who has an extensive background in the theater community will serve as writer and director. Miss'd America 2011 Kitty Hiccups (David Hyland) will be on hand for portions of the pageant.

The 2012 pageant promises to be the centerpiece of a weekend of gay friendly events and activities taking place throughout the resort destination. Check these links for more details:
www.caesars.com/getoutinac and www.resortsc.com.

Tickets for the Miss'd America Pageant are available at www.ticketmaster.com, or by phone at 800-736-1420. Ticket prices are \$125, \$100, \$65 and \$35. Certain facility fees apply.

For more information, contact Larry Sieg, at lsieg@acglbt.org or 609-226-5430. You can fan the pageant on Facebook at Facebook/Miss'dAmericaPageant.com.

The Miss'd America Pageant is presented by the Greater Atlantic City GLBT Alliance (www.acglbt.org) and Schultz-Hill Scholarship Foundation (www.schultz-hill.org).

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About the Greater Atlantic City GLBT Alliance

The Greater Atlantic City GLBT Alliance is a private, nonprofit, membership-supported organization dedicated to promoting a better economic, social and political advocacy of GLBT and GLBT supportive business and citizens in the greater Atlantic City region. For more information, visit www.acglbt.org.

About the Schultz-Hill Scholarship Foundation

The Schultz-Hill Foundation has been established to promote and support the arts, history and education in South Jersey. The foundation achieves its vision through close involvement with academia, and performing arts centers. It is this mission and the trustee's personal beliefs that drive us to contribute back to our local communities which have been good to us. The foundation is a 501(c)(3) formed in 2003. For more information, visit www.Schultz-hill.org.

About the Atlantic City Convention & Visitors Authority

The Atlantic City Convention & Visitors Authority serves as the destination's principal marketing arm, stimulating economic growth through convention, business and leisure tourism development. The Authority oversees the management of the Atlantic City Convention Center and Boardwalk Hall. The Authority is the first in New Jersey to achieve Destination Marketing Accreditation by the Destination Marketing Association International. The Authority is among an elite group of 100 accredited convention and visitor bureaus throughout the United States. For complete Atlantic City information, visit www.atlanticcitynj.com. Also follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/AtlanticCityNJ.

