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The Skyy's the Limit

Jenna Skyy Miss Gay USofA 2014 jskyy@usofa.org

Happy New Year!

It's official - USofA Pageants is in its 30th year and we are just five months away from crowning our 30th Miss Gay USofA. I can't help but wonder where that last 7 months have gone! So that's basically what I've spent December doing considering the past 7 months, ten years, 30 years - then and now. With that and finishing my Master's Degree

2014 has been a good year for me. As I look ahead at the coming months I'm going to give my energy to what's most important. The celebration of the gift it is to be Miss Gay USofA - cherished moments and memories in the making - savoring each and every minute before this gift is extended to number 30. Fortunately, I'll have these memories forever and forever I'll be eternally grateful for this unique and special opportunity.

I've also been appreciative of social media and technology as

of late with this brief break in my travel. Facebook has us reliving moments in the 80's and 90's. Just the other day I watched as an invisible jet entered the stage and Tandi Andrews emerged as Wonder Woman. Priceless! I'm hoping throughout this year, we can see more of these moments -

#usofapageants - so we can all share in the memories!

2014 though wrapped up restfully with some quality time at home with my Rose Room sisters. I was able to see my family for the holidays and a week off from work was certainly needed! And as I welcome



2015, I want to wish you all continued success and happiness and that you reach your dreams or get that much closer to them. Remember only to dream while you sleep, and to chase after your dreams while you're awake. Be true to you, and com-

mand your life and your legacy. This is your moment to live so live it up and make the most of each moment you're given.

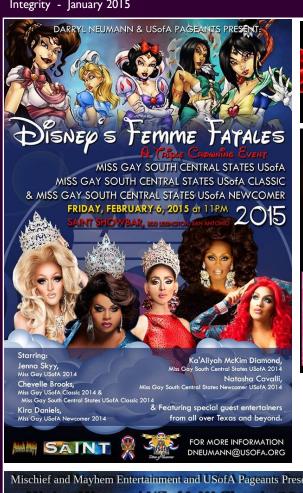
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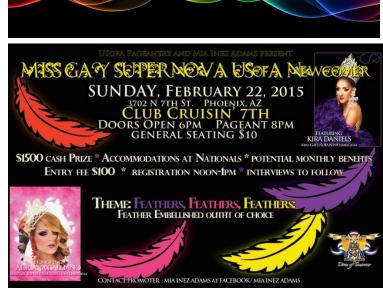
And I'm Jenna Skyy Miss Gay USofA

















Classically Yours

Chevelle Brooks Miss Gay USofA Classic 2014 cbrooks@usofa.org

From the boudoir of Miss Gay USofA Classic,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. I spent my Christmas with one of my BFF's Desiree DeMornay in Tampa, FL. I ate good and got some well needed rest. I hope this Christmas brought you a lot of love and joy from those who love you.

As the New Year approaches we have many pageants coming up. This is the start of "pageant season." On January 24th we have Miss Gay Wisconsin USofA Classic. I'm excited about it because those Wisconsin folks really have a good time. I love it there.

This New Year is going to be amazing - I can feel it already. I want to put out there in the atmosphere some good vibes, positive energy, positive thinking and a new way of life.

This year, to me, is going to be about change and taking charge of my destiny. Whether it be financial, relationships, pageantry or just life in general. I want change for my own sake. I hope you think about your life and put things in perspective and come up with ways of making things in your life better and simpler.

I have been blessed with great friends, an amazing family and a system I love so much. USofA is THE most amazing pageant around. My reign is at the half way point now and I don't want it to end. I encourage you, the promoters, to get on your social media and get flyers out and promote, promote your pageants. The dynamics of pageants has changed drastically. I've noticed this year, being the





National Symbol of Integrity, that some contestants need that extra push. As you get older you sometime wonder about your relevance in the community, especially if you haven't competed in awhile. So take the

time out and give a girl a little boost every now and then to let them know they still got it. Just because this "new way of DRAG" is taking over the CLASSIC girls are THE TRENDSETTERS so let's get on the ball and make Miss Gay USofA Classic a success.

I love you all and please have a safe prosperous and positive New Year.

Classically Yours,

Chevelle "Boom Boom" Brooks Miss Gay USofA Classic xoxo





2015 USofA Week Judges

Jack Neilsen - Chicago, IL Byron Ottman - San Francisco, CA Kofi - Houston, TX Kevin Reed - Billings, MT Latoya Bacall - Lexington, KY Kara Young-Ross - Las Vegas, NV Chelsea Pearl - Lexington, KY



2015 Miss Gay USofA Classic May 17 & 18, 2015 2015 Miss Gay USofA May 19 - 22, 2015

January Events

- 11 Miss Gay Maryland USofA
- 24 Miss Gay Wisconsin USofA Classic
- 25 Miss Gay Arizona USofA Newcomer
- 25 Mister Ohio Valley USofA MI
- 30 Mister Louisiana USofA MI
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Make sure you get your preliminary pageant/contest listed here. E-mail your event information to integrity@usofa.org

Promoters Spotlight

LES STEELE

Promoter of the Miss Gay Southernmost USofA and Miss Gay Southernmost USofA Classic Pageants

This month we have chosen Les Steele, of the Southernmost USofA brand. This is his first year promoting. He lives in Key West, FL along with his partner Greg. Welcome to the USofA Family Les!



What is your background with female impersonation and what inspired you to become a promoter?

After I graduated high school in 1986, I walked down my Momma's hallway with a purple suitcase. "You're not going to Florida" was her words. "No Ma'am" I said "but you told me when I was 18 and graduated I could move out." That night I moved 50 miles from home into a family of drag queens who helped me continue the process of growing up.

One night I asked my (then) partner, Ted Brightwell, a/k/a Viki Williams if I could do a show while he was out for a national pageant. From that there were 16 years of fun laughs, good times, being in the spotlight and enjoying the party scene. Then I got sick, well sick of being sick and tired so I dropped out of the party scene. Then I called Bobby Pauley and asked about meeting him at Miss Gay USofA but I always got scared and never followed through until last year. Knowing ShaeShae LaReese by name and reputation I arranged to meet her in my hometown of Key West, FL. After seeing what I had missed for so long I called Bobby again and told him I thought I could, at this time, become a promoter. It has been a blast ever since.

You began advertising very early and have had a great response though social media. What other steps have you taken to help promote your event?

Before becoming a promoter I came to Dallas for nationals to see it in action and ask questions. Both Amy DeMilo and ShaeShae helped me greatly. I realized that it would take more time than two

months to put together the type of affair I wanted to promoter. Beth Moyes has been at my side as well as lot's of help from Bobby and Facebook. But Key West and the Florida Keys also offered some other advertising funding sources. The Tourist Development Council (TDC) of the Florida Keys offers advertising grants thought it's hotel bed tax. I was

lucky enough to be awarded \$10,000 in advertising dollars, a rarity for a first time event. I have also tried to let various contestants know that I am here to support and back my local winners all the way through Miss Gay **USofA Classic** and Miss Gay USofA. I have also been able to utilize



the promotional arm of the Gay Business Guild as well as the TDC outreach to spread my posters and promotional cards throughout the US and Europe.

What do you love most about promoting and what are you most looking forward to?

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Promoters must have sponsorship to succeed. The extra revenue, the enthusiasm, the buzz all build to make for a successful and fun event. Key West backs people who help people and this town loves all art forms. All this makes the "sell" easier. I have also found out that offering various tiers of sponsorship allows everyone a chance to be a part of this event.

What challenges have you overcome?

The challenges I have faced are different than other places. As a tourist town, Key West has pretty steep tourist prices, So, while my entry fee is a little above the norm my contestants receive \$250 beck towards accommodations. I have also arranged for a sunset cruise aboard The Fury for the contestants, judges and sponsors.

Outside of Miss Gay USofA what do you enjoy the most?

I love my island, the people who love and support me and my close friends. But my one love is my honey Greg and my Dachshunds Buddi and Boo. I am blessed to own a hair salon named Poco Pelo Chic and to be a part of this amazing family called the Miss Gay USofA and Miss Gay USofA Classic Pageants.



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Delightfully Danielle

Danielle H. DeLong Miss Gay USofA At Large 2014 ddelong@usofa.org

As the year ends and a new one begins I sit here thinking about how I'm so excited about 2015. Thus far I have been preparing in every aspect to make sure that this season is one of the best reigns USofA At Large has seen. Taking from old traditions and making new - it's my absolute goal to assure those that are competing are making the best decision

by being a part of this amazing legacy.

In the past month I have had the absolute pleasure in getting to know some of my USofA At Large sisters and it reminds me why this has truly been a dream of mine. The hard work and divine sisterhood is what makes a system. Moving forward I believe that we can continue the growth of USofA At Large not just in numbers but in faith in what we do as a whole. I am encouraging each and every individual in coming and living your dream.

I will keep everyone posted as soon as the preliminaries are set and underway.

Thank you again for being a part of this journey with me.

Happy New Year!!!

Danielle H. DeLong Miss Gay USofA At Large xoxo

The New Year stands before us, like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written. We can help write that story by setting goals - Melody Beattie





Jettin Around with Jeffrey

Jeffrey Kelly Mr. Gay USofA 2014 jkelly@usofa.org

Hey everyone!

December has been so exciting and amazing for me! After winning my first national title I have been non stop traveling and touring all over the country. I had the opportunity to perform and hang out in San Antonio, TX again for the Mr. Gay Texas USofA New-

comer Contest which is a preliminary to Mr. Gay Texas USofA. I was so impressed and welcomed by the audience and all of



the contestants that night! Great job Darryl Neumann on promoting another successful event. Great job to Michael LaMasters (Mr. Gay Texas USofA) on your first preliminary to Mr. Gay Texas USofA!

I also traveled to California for the first all male review show at the club in Bakersfield, CA along with my brother Zayer - Mr. Gay USofA At Large. We also performed with Patrick Mikyles, Jayden Daniels and the newly sashed Mr. Gay Texas USofA Newcomer - Osiris Raven. The crowd and promoters were so welcoming and loved the show so much that we are trying to talk them into promoting for the Mr. Gay USofA and Mr. Gay USofA At Large divisions. I am in the works with a few more new preliminaries but so far we have added Mr. Gay Louisiana USofA and Mr. Gay Louisiana USofA At Large. Be sure to follow me for updates and possi-



ble new preliminaries coming your way! I want to say to my friends and my USofA family Happy New Year and let's start it off with a bang!

I wish you all the best of luck and happiness in 2015.

Jeffrey Kelly Mr. Gay USofA





Here and There with Zayer

Zayer Mr. Gay USofA At Large 2014 zayer@usofa.org

Hello Everyone!

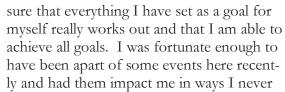
December was definitely one for the books and I'm sure that the future and upcoming months will be no

different. I would first like to say I hope that everyone had an amazing time during the holidays and got to spend time with friends and family and really look back on the year you had with such appreciation for all that you accomplished.

This past month I was able to really take it all in and get settled into this rollercoaster ride that I embarked on as a new national title holder. I have been able to really work closely with past and new promoters as we are getting ready for an amazing year of contests for the gentlemen in the At Large division. I have spoken to several interested promoters, contestants, and clubs and I am eager to see what all will unfold

this year. I have to give a shout out to my brother Mr. Gay USofA - Jeffrey Kelly as he has been my partner in crime since we both won in November and he has really been great to work with and an amazing friend thru it all. Jeffrey, this has already been a remarkable start to what we are striving for this year and I can't thank you enough for the work you are putting in for us and I promise to continue to do the same. The outpouring of love and support from all over for both of us has been very much appreciated and makes the work we are putting in all worth it. Please continue to follow us and stay up to date with and all that pertains to USofA on our Facebook and fan pages.

I've been busy planning some gigs for the year coming and really working behind the scenes on making



thought possible. I was able to be a part of Mr. Gay Texas USofA Newcomer as a judge and performer and had the pleasure of working with Darryl Neumann who I consider one of the best promoters in the area. Darryl is always putting in

the extras where need be and dedicated to his work as a promoter like no other. There was a great turn out and an all star line up of entertainment. I finally got to meet and have dinner with the ever so gorgeous Sasha Colby and let me tell you WOW she is everything inside and out!

Many didn't know but they soon found out after all the promoting we did for the incredible event that took place in Bakersfield, CA as soon became heard all over and known as the #himvasion. It took 5 months to create and wait for and was put on by Gunmetal Productions which is ran by 2 awe-

some individuals that words could not even describe, Elijah and Freddie (Majesty Moore) California's very own. These 2 were looking for the best of the best in male entertainment and messaged 4 of us from Texas and 1 from Florida which were myself, Jeffrey Kelly, Patrick Mikyles, and Jayden Daniels. Thrilled by the opportunity to have been selected and showcase our work we all agreed and were ready to go. The royal treatment was definitely given, from the limo car service to our hotel, our rooms set up with everything we each liked, the pre party, and of course the big event! We were the 1st ever male review show in Bakersfield and boy oh boy did the venue get packed and the crowd lived. The compliments and messages since

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meant the world to us and we will definitely be back. We have been approached as well by some other venues and can't wait to see what the plans of 2 people has really got in store for us as the #himvasion plans on being in a city near you! This experience really put male entertainment on the map in California where it wasn't before and really allowed us to put our names and work out there for all of us in the cast in a way that they had never experienced before. I am truly grateful for the opportunity and couldn't believe it was taking place. I remember as I started to get ready for the show in my hotel I stared in the mirror and just teared up thinking the day is finally here and I was selected, I never thought I'd compete and look at me now, I never in my wildest imagination saw anything like this happening to me". Thank you again Elijah and Freddie and if you haven't worked with them yet you need to! I'm excited to work with them on something else new to California that you all aren't ready for

An event took place that I was more than happy to be apart of, it was the 1 year anniversary party of the Recovery Room in McAllen TX. I have always enjoyed performing at this venue and the incredible Kathryn York and Daniel Duran are the owners of this club. This establishment is one that I worked at the most during my Texas At Large reign and they have always been so welcoming and a huge support system in all that I did. I was asked to be a part of the celebration as special guest and of course I took the opportunity to be back. Their hard work, love and passion for what they do always shows. The event was a success and the crowd feedback really supported that. If you are ever in Texas and interested in exploring South Texas the Recovery Room is the place to visit. They really know how to have a good time. I was asked to work another night while I was there and I'm glad I did. While in the back getting ready for the show and speaking to the goddess herself, Kathryn York, we began to discuss how much she really enjoyed me and how much I lived for her cause I always have she is the Valley in my eyes.

As I prepped to hit the stage to close the show Kathryn turned to me and said "are you ready to make it official" I looked at her and said what? She said I would be honored if you took my last name and became my son, with the most excitement inside and trying to hide it I said I would love to carry your name! It was surreal to me because one of the queens I have loved so much really thought highly of me and asked me to carry her name, I went on to do my last number they gave the formal announcement and I heard to close the show we bring to you Zayer York!

I have come a long a way in the year and a half that I have been entertaining however I have experienced and been a part of the scene now for 8 years. I put my hard work in countless others have and I am living proof that anything you want in life that is within arms reach you just have to believe in yourself and tell yourself that you can. I've only been a national title holder now for almost 2 months and let me tell you it's a lot of work but an incredible job and I would not change it for the world. This coming year has much in store for me and I can't wait to attend all of the events, pageants and contests. I look forward to working with everyone and meeting new people and gentlemen that are one their way to starting and achieving their goals. If you are interested in competing for the USofA At Large divison please reach out to me and let's hit the ground running. I am here for anything and will be of any assistance that I can be. I can be reached at Zaver@usofa.org. We are currently looking at expanding in states that we are currently not in which will give everyone a chance at their dream. I'm pleased and excited to let everyone know that we have a new preliminary board and several more in the works. You can like and follow all the updates on my Facebook page Zayer York - Mr. Gay USofA At Large. We are looking to expand north and will be making some big announcements soon so stay tuned and remember to always be "Here and There with Zayer"!!

Zayer Mr. Gay USofA At Large

Twerkin with "Tic Toc" Kira Daniels Miss Gay USofA Newcomer 2014

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HAPPY NEW YEAR TWERKERS!!

My trip to Minnesota was Amazing! I had a great time catching up with Bad Karma, husband Ben Karma, Brandonna Lareese Dupri, Rob Mallo, Christina Jackson and Violet. First night I was at Century College for their once a month Drag Showcase which was super fun. It was great meeting some of the up and coming girls that are under 21 so interested and intrigued by Drag. Day 2 was a shopping, eating, hangout, movies and game day - loved it! Then day 3 began with an early start at the Eggs N Brunch show at The Gay 90's

@ noon. It was PACKED! Reservations FULL! Brandonna Lareese Dupri you hosted that! Yes ma'am! There were people of all ages from 10 years old to 75 years old and it was AWESOME. I took a break, had me some Taco Bell then back to The Gay 90's to work with the Ladies of La Femme. They were so kind and funny and welcoming! It was a pure pleasure meeting and working with you ladies. Day 4 I head back to Arizona. I met and made some new sisters and friends on this trip and can't wait to go back for Miss Gay Minnesota USofA Newcomer. I will admit I got a little teary eved when Karma and Ben dropped me off at the airport. I'm becoming a softy - LOL.

Hopefully everyone had a beautiful Christmas with family and friends. I was bummed out that I didn't see a lot of Christmas lights this year. I used to love driving around looking at the different ways people would get creative with them. I had a wonderful time with "Sizzel" eating Christmas dinner, opening presents and watching some RedBox movies heeeeey! The New Year was just days ago. Let's hope I can finally keep some New Years resolutions.



So the first question everyone has asked me is "what's your give up gonna be?" I'm like dang, I just won – HA HA. I honestly never thought about it. I was so concentrating on trying to win that I

had no time to think about the ending, but I have

been thinking about it now and remembering what people have been telling me about how to be a National Titleholder and warning me about time limits and just filling my head up with worries that people will forget about me and stress and complications I've realized something - this is My time and I choose to not only be Royalty for a year but for the rest of my life. I choose to make life long friends and family members everywhere I go. I choose to make people happy and feel good about themselves and their crafts. I choose to inspire people through my performances, through my videos,

my Facebook updates and through THIS article. I choose to be "TIMELESS" which is also my theme for Miss Gay USofA Newcomer 2015!!

Prelim number three is at the end of January! It is an open preliminary, Miss Gay Arizona USofA Newcomer honoring Diamond Dallas on January 25th at The Rock. Contact me or Joshua Kline on Facebook!

Kira Daniels Miss Gay USofA Newcomer Xoxo



Evolving with Eazy

Eazy Love Mister USofA MI 2014 misterusofami@hotmail.com

Happy Holidays!

Hope all is well and everyone is enjoying time with families. This year seems to be winding down so fast. I am so excited to see what happens come March in Oklahoma City.

This past month we completed Mister Tennessee USofA MI. KC Khoas captured the title of Mister Tennessee USofA MI. Also traveling to Nationals in March is 1st Alternate Stephen Amastud and 2nd Alternate Sunny St.



All three of these gentlemen proved their worth countless times! I wish them all the luck and love in their future endeavors.

In the month of January we have two won-

derful preliminaries! On January 25th in Evansville, IN the Some Place Else Nightclub, Jody Bockman and Tiff Farley presents the Mister Ohio Valley USofA MI Contest. We will be honoring Mister Ohio Valley USofA MI Jayden Licious as he hands down the crown. The theme is Seven Deadly Sins. For more information please contact myself or Jody Bockman.



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Then on January 30th we will kick off the Mister Louisiana USofA MI Contest. We will be honoring Mister Louisiana USofA MI Oliver Percy and the theme is "A Night with Shakespeare." For more information please contact myself or Hunta Downe. I am so honored to be apart of all these amazing preliminaries and I look forward to seeing everyone at one of them!

May everyone have a blessed New Year!

Eazy Love Mister USofA MI



Breaking it Down with Brandon

Brandon Packer Mister USofA MI Classic 2014 butchy14@hotmail.com



With the New Year upon us I hope each and every one of you had the most amazing Holiday season you could have. I hope it was filled with love, warmth and most of all family both blood and chosen. With every New Year there comes hope and high expectations of making ones life bigger and better. As the New Year comes for me I have realized I have only two more Integrity issues to write before I crown a new Mister USofA MI Classic.



I have enjoyed 2014 immensely and was able to make a dream come true for me winning the crown has been more than I ever dreamt it would be and I am working hard to make my step down the same. I am making some New Year's resolutions to have a healthier life and I hope whatever you decide to make for you we all stand by them because it is so easy to just fall back onto our bad habits.

As I look back on 2014 I am overwhelmed with the memories I have made and the wonderful people I

have met. My friends list on Facebook has doubled and I have been fortunate to have seen a few of you in person. I still have some traveling to do this coming year and I am looking forward to meeting more of you.

I want to wish you all the happiest New Year! May each of you achieve one dream this year!

Much Love,

Brandon Packer Mister USofA MI Classic





The Faux/Real DIVA

Brandi Amara Skyy Miss DIVA USofA 2014 www.brandiamaraskyy.com

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

I hope your year is off to a magical start – lots of midnight kisses, drag, and adult beverages.

Me? Well let's just say after a whirl-wind 10 months of nonstop touring and promoting Miss Diva USofA, I had a quieter more relaxing ringing in of the New Year—like in a spa getting pampered kind of chillaxing. The best part of having a rather lax December, as far as prelims and gigs, is that it's so nice to have a few weeks to decompress and reflect on what an amazing and life changing year it has been.

Every year on my birthday I dedicate an entire post on my site (www.brandiamaraskyy.com) on wishes, wishes for me, you and the world. Last year one of my wishes was to win/become Miss Diva USofA. I made that wish come true.

Now 5 days into being 37, I have a whole new batch of wishes. While I can't win the title again in March (stupid rule), I did make a wish that whoever does win the crown wants it as badly as I did and not just the bling on their head but the EN-TIRE experience! The good times, the bad times, the grand times, the times where you're running through the airport trying not to miss your connecting flight or so sick that your whole body wants to shut down but you just suck it all up and you leave everything you have on the stage. Or the times when you lose something so precious to you and then a hero comes along and finds it. Or the experience of trying to pack your drag bag so that it stays under 50 pounds—not an easy task for a jewelry lover. Or the times that every Tom, Dick,





and Harry (and Martha) thinks they know how your reign should go better than you . . . and those magical times when the words and encouragement of your peers and formers make all the other nonsense nonexist-

> ent. Because ALL of this is part of the job and the reign not just the amazing prize package, the unbelievable stage time, and the romanticized visions of being a world drag traveler. *It is all those things*. But it's a lot more.

> So for any of my Diva's going to Nationals reading this column, THIS is what you're signing up for. THIS is part of the job that you are competing to do.

And it's the most wonderful job in the world. I'd do it all over again (if they'd let me:).

Cheers to making 2015 the year you win at whatever you chose to do!

Love, light + foreverness,

Brandi Amara Skyy









