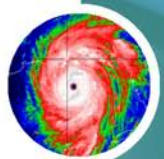




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# MISS NORTH CAROLINA USA 2006 PAGEANTS

This year's MISS NORTH CAROLINA USA & TEEN USA Pageants will take place Friday and Saturday, October 28-29 in High Point, North Carolina. 62 Miss and 95 Teen contestants will compete for the crown at the High Point Theatre.

Preliminary competition for all contestants will begin Friday night at 8:30 p.m. Teen division finals start at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday. At 8:30 p.m. Saturday evening, the Miss division finals will begin.

Nikkie Groat, MISS NORTH CAROLINA TEEN USA 2005, and Chelsea Cooley, MISS NORTH CAROLINA USA 2005 and the reigning MISS USA, will crown their successors Saturday night. Other past titleholders are also scheduled to grace the stage.

Tickets for all three pageant events are available through the High Point Theatre. They can be reached at (336) 887-3001 or visited online at <http://www.highpointtheatre.com/buytickets.htm>.

Come cheer on your favorite contestant and share in the excitement of MISS NORTH CAROLINA USA & TEEN USA!



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# HURRICANES FORCE DELAY IN LOUISIANA



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While we had great faith that the MISS LOUISIANA USA & TEEN USA Pageants would take place on November 4-5, the additional devastation caused by Hurricane Rita has changed our plans. RPM Productions has been notified by its host hotel and theater that this year's events must be postponed. Please mark your calendar for our new dates of competition: **Saturday, January 21, 2006** and **Sunday, January 22, 2006**.

Heymann Performing Arts Center



The Hilton Lafayette has been contracted by the government to house evacuees and relief workers indefinitely. It took effort and compassion from the wonderful people at the brand new Hilton Garden Inn to secure us a new home. Our new address is 2350 W. Congress St., Lafayette, LA 70506. Parents, family and friends are invited to reserve rooms by calling 1-877-STAYHGI (782-3444) after November 20. To secure a reduced rate, please mention your affiliation with the pageants. Additional discounted rooms will be available at the Hotel Acadiana, 1801 W. Pinhook Rd., Lafayette, LA 70508, (337) 233-8120.

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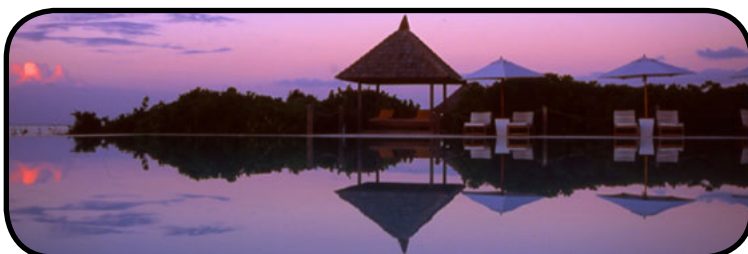
The Heymann Performing Arts Center will continue to serve as the pageant's theater. Ticket orders already submitted to the Heymann will be filled in the order in which they were received. Tickets already purchased through Ticketmaster will be honored with no changes necessary. If you have not yet reserved your seats, please complete an updated ticket order form available at <http://www.misslouisianausa.com/LATicketOrderForm.pdf>. You may also place your order through Ticketmaster by calling your local charge-by-phone number or visiting <http://www.ticketmaster.com>. Tickets purchased through Ticketmaster will incur additional charges.

The hurricanes may have caused us to postpone, but they could never force us to cancel. The resilience of our many contestants who grabbed gowns and packed paperwork while leaving their homes both impresses and inspires us. We hope the new schedule allows our girls plenty of time to recover and prepare.



# TURKS & CAICOS FOR A CAUSE

MISS USA, Chelsea Cooley, will return to her home state of North Carolina on Tuesday, October 18 for a major air-carrier's press conference. At the event, Chelsea will announce the beginning of direct flights between Charlotte and the islands of Turks and Caicos. Travelers purchasing a special weekend getaway package will get the chance to meet Ms. Cooley. Part of the proceeds from the January 19-23, 2006 trip will benefit one of MISS USA's official charities, the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.



# CHELSEA'S GOTTA WANNA NEEDA GETTA HAVA BOJANGLES'



When Chelsea Cooley heads home, she has one unusual thing on her mind: Bojangles' Chicken Supremes. Sometimes MISS USA has to stop at the fast food restaurant between the airport and her house. Her love of their chicken, fries and biscuits even landed a mention in a *Charlotte Observer* piece written about her official homecoming. Now everyone knows just how much she loves the place, including Bojangles' executives. Last month Chelsea shot a commercial for the chain and professed her love of down-home cookin' to the world.

# MISS NORTH CAROLINA TEEN USA TO LEAD CHARLOTTE CROP WALK

The 27th annual Charlotte CROP Walk is scheduled for Sunday, October 16, 2005. Nikkie Groat, MISS NORTH CAROLINA TEEN USA 2005, has been invited to serve as the fundraiser's Grand Marshal. Nikkie will speak during the walk's opening ceremony and serve as the event's media spokeswoman. Ms. Groat has been hard at work recruiting other walkers to raise money that will help stop hunger.

Nearly 2000 communities nationwide sponsor annual CROP Walks. The events aim to relieve poverty, aid in development and provide disaster and refugee assistance worldwide. Their efforts reach more than 80 countries across the globe. From seeds and tools, to wells and water systems, CROP Walks strive to help people identify their development priorities, strengths and needs. In the U.S., these fundraisers provide food banks, pantries and community gardens with nearly \$4 million in aid.

If you would like to join Nikkie for Charlotte's CROP Walk, contact Sandy Crump or Erica Adams at (704) 333-WALK (9255). To learn even more, visit <http://www.CROPwalk.org>.



# FOLLOW THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD TO PAGEANT FASHION

The 2006 contestant t-shirts have been designed! These white baby doll tees will be available for purchase during all three pageant weekends. In keeping with our theme, "A Journey to Oz: Where Dreams Come True," the shirts feature a sassy ruby red slipper. Inspired by a Manolo Blahnik sketch, our design reminds you what you've embarked on: a quest for a national title. With beautiful script, glittering paint and sparkling rhinestones, this year's tees are sure to please!



## MODEL TITLEHOLDERS

MISS SOUTH CAROLINA USA, Sarah Medley, and MISS SOUTH CAROLINA TEEN USA, Lauren Taylor, are striving to make their mark in the modeling industry. With recent trips to New York and Miami, these RPM ladies are taking the East Coast's breath away.

Sarah Medley has been in front of the camera for years. At age 17, Sarah moved to New York City to pursue a full-time modeling career. During her stay in the Big Apple, Ms. Medley was featured in *Modern Bride* and *Italian Vogue*. She has appeared in ads for Gap, Champion, Oscar de la Renta, Calvin Klein, Tommy Hilfiger, Nike and Guess.

At the end of July, Sarah packed her bags and headed for sunny Miami. After a period of adjustment, MISS SOUTH CAROLINA USA is definitely back to work. She just returned from a working trip to New York's fashion week. Since moving to Florida, Sarah has been featured in *Aventura Magazine* and served as an extra for NBC's upcoming *South Beach Series*. Soon

Ms. Medley will take to the runway for Baby Phat as part of Miami's fashion week.



These are all things Lauren Taylor has to look forward to as she begins to build her modeling career. No stranger to the spotlight, Lauren recently ventured to Manhattan to shoot a catalog for *The Magic Book* with famed fashion photographer, Fadil Berisha. MISS SOUTH CAROLINA TEEN USA will be seen worldwide this spring by young women preparing for prom.

While enjoying Gotham, Ms. Taylor also met with Wilhelmina Models. Lauren has been offered a contract with the agency which would require her to pack her bags for New York in January. While not certain if she's ready to relocate, Lauren is undoubtedly excited about the opportunity. Contract or not, however, our Teen may soon grace Fuji Film packaging around the globe.

Be sure to keep your eye out for both of our beauties in a catalog, magazine, television show or advertisement near you!