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Welcome to the 16th annual Best in Drag Show. Our six contestants are ready to give you quite the show at the most fabulous fundraiser of all time!

The Best in Drag Show raises money for Aid for AIDS, a program of Alliance for Housing and Healing. Thanks to our sponsors, ticket buyers, and donors, we are able to provide housing, food, and supportive services for our clients struggling with poverty and HIV/AIDS throughout Los Angeles County. Your generosity provides the basic necessities of life – food and shelter - to our neighbors in need. Because of you, more than 1,500 clients a year have a place to sleep tonight and food on the table.

What sprung out of a living room in West Hollywood in the 1980s to a sold-out event at the Orpheum Theatre this year, the Best in Drag Show has a longstanding commitment of love and service and a dedication to continue the battle on AIDS. We thank all of our volunteers who devote their time and effort every year to make this show a success. We thank the support of our attendees who come every year and have made Best in Drag Show a continued success. And lastly, we thank YOU for being here tonight and cheering our contestants on. Now let's get on with the show!

THE 16TH ANNUAL



Directed by **Jeffrey Drew** Hosted by **Kay Sedia**

Opening Musical Number

Introduction of Celebrity Judges

Swimwear Competition

Color Commentary

Talent Competition

Evening Gown Competition

Interviews with **Dee W. Ieye**

Reigning Miss Best in Show **Anita Tony**

Final Totals

Crowning of Miss Best in Drag Show 2018



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THE CONTESTANTS

MISS CALIFORNIA
ELLA VIRA
ANDREW GARSIDE

MISS COLORADO
UNTA UNTA
JASON DEPUY

MISS LOUISIANA
COOCO CHANEL
PHILIP WATROUS

MISS NEW YORK
KITTY LITTER
JOHN GREEN

MISS TEXAS
REBA AREBA
DANNY CASILLAS

MISS WASHINGTON
DAMZEL INDISTRESS
DAVID FLORES

CAST AND CREW

Andrew Garside – Ella Vira – Miss California

Nine years ago I attended my first BIDS. Watching the performers and knowing the impact AHH has on the community, I knew I'd be on that stage someday. I am beyond honored to represent not only all the little goth people out there, but anyone who wants to make a difference. I would like to thank Johnny Sakalis, Luis Camacho, Kiel Palsgaard, Melanie Florio, Jacob Muehlhausen, Pavy Olivarez, Josh Peace, Robert Patterson-Maestretti, Family, Friends, and my partner Albie Serna Jr. Once again thank you for the privilege and honor of allowing me to join the ranks of gorgeous and talented people. So enjoy the show, it's sure to rock the grave.



Jason Depuy - Unta Unta - Miss Colorado

Jason has been involved with BIDS for the past 5 years, usually as a dog, but most memorably as your 2015 runner up Miss California, Maria Lopez! BIDS usually falls on my birthday Oct. 8, so my birthday wish is for you to donate to this fabulous charity and add me on Instagram under @EsTitties! Also if you know any World of Wonder People, or RuPaul himself, let's get this queen's career started already! Shout out to my parents who are supportive AF, and all my friends who've helped Miss Unta come to life!



Philip Watrous – Cooco Chanel - Miss Louisiana

Growing up a strict Jehovahs Witness, I was held captive by shame and guilt. Cooco Chanel represents that captivity. Her breaking free represents the freedom I experienced this year by breaking from the bondage I experienced. I've finally started living my life, my way! I want to thank my BIDS team, Erik Hyman, Max Mutchnik, John Donahue, Pete Gray, Claudia Estrada, Jeremy Austin, Bryce Mckinney, Simon Shery-Wood, Devin Walker, L.J. Kappas, Kenny Hash, Jonathon Ashford, Emma Elliot, Rafael Killyan and Teo Elizondo for making all of this possible.



John Green - Kitty Litter – Miss New York

It's going to be a hot time on this cold town tonight. And I am so grateful I get to be a part of Best in Drag Show, serving looks and raising money to support housing for people living with HIV/AIDS. I couldn't have done this without my litter of kitties; Fredrick Faith (Designer/Director), Brandon Rizzuto (Cinematographer), Gwyneth Bulawsky (Hair/Makeup/Stage Mom), Eric Scott (Choreographer), Venus (Latex Fetish Couture), Bubbles and Frown (Head Gear), Tinna Flores (Bullwhip and Fire), Eugene Huffman (Graphic Design) and my Sleaze Boys Jason, Dalton, Andrew, and Jake. Meow!



Danny Casillas - Reba Areba - Miss Texas

Reba Areba is the Number One Country-Western Singer in all of Mexico and select areas of Northern Central America. I'm performing tonight in hopes of contributing to the well being of those who are living with AIDS. A huge THANK YOU to; My family, Ted and Eduardo, Glen Alen, John Coulter, Robin Chartier, Carol Rodriguez at Carol's Bridal, Dan Ring, Dudley Beene, Brett Freedman, Dennis Hensley, Jeb Havens, Mike Pingel, Billy Brooks, Ray Garcia, Mr. Dan, Kurt Kohler, Hunky Duke Shoman, Fellow contestants, everyone at BIDS and Oscar Quintero.



David Flores - Damzel Indistress - Miss Washington

I'm truly honored and blessed to be a part of this Show!!! Thank you to my family for always supporting me and encouraging me to keep being creative. To all the people who helped me along the way: Claudia Rodriguez, Cristian Clemente, Joshua Talavera, Mike Polli, Russell Barslou, Stephen Molinaro, and all of my Knights of the Round Table. To all the Dukes and Duchesses from Wells Fargo that came to support, thank you for joining me on this magical night!!! Lastly to my boyfriend Danny D. Cavalli who's had to put up with all my crazy these last few months, thank you so much Baba I Love You!!!



CAST AND CREW



Jeffrey Drew – Director and Producer

Lotta Slot's got me involved with this clambake by winning "Battle For The Tiara" 14 years ago. Who knew by putting on a dress, I could be a better man. So grateful to Alliance for Housing and Healing. So grateful to ALL the volunteers in the house, back of the house and on stage tonight. Just inspiring.

John Paschal – Check Puppy/Photographer

John, a California native, has been involved with BIDS from its inception as "Battle for the Tiara" and is always honored to be asked back as Check Puppy. John's service work with HIV/AIDS started in 1987 when he would go and visit forgotten AIDS patients in hospitals to show that someone cared. An accomplished photographer, John launched JPI Studios in 1997 in West Hollywood. He currently resides in Palm Springs and is co-owner of Eight4Nine Restaurant & Lounge. John sits on the steps of the stage dressed as "CHECK PUPPY" so get up and take him a check. No really GET UP and take him a check!!



Jeff Montero - Stage Manager

My first experience with BIDS was in 2011 when a close friend, Marty May, had an extra ticket and invited me to join him. I had no idea what was in store but what I experienced that night was nothing short of magical and I've been coming back ever since. I'm grateful for the opportunity to be a part of BIDS and everything that it does to give back to the community. Thank you - Marty, Todd & Jeffrey for the opportunity to be a part of something so beautiful.



Oscar Quintero – Kay Sedia - Hostess

Kay is an international superstar, model, and actress (mostly in her mind)! She's one of the stars of the underground cult hit Chico's Angels that has played in Los Angeles for over 13 years, www.chicagoangels.com. She is one of the top-selling Tupperware queens in the nation, as seen on The Real Housewives of OC (yes, she is available for your next party). She is happy to lend her talents and sexiness to this wonderful event. Find her on the interwebs at www.kaysedia.com



Todd Gajdusek – Production Supervisor

Todd Gajdusek is thrilled to be back for another year at Best in Drag. As a professional Voice Actor, he enjoys lending his voice to this amazing production. Thanks to Jeffrey & Patrick for the privilege. Love to Murray.



Kevin Farrell – Dee W. Ivey - Color Commentator

Dee was a contestant in BIDS 2004 and has been involved ever since, either as a dog or color commentator with Kay Sedia. She's best known for her successful Tupperware Business. Being named top seller in the Nation year after year. Her book, CONFESSIONS OF A DRAG QUEEN TUPPERWARE LADY is available on Amazon.com. Dee is honored to be a part of BIDS again and wants to thank you all for your continued support. Together – we can make a difference.



Jimmy Cuomo – Set Designer

I'm so happy to be returning to the Best in Drag Show. I have been designing this search for true beauty for more than 13 years and over all that time we haven't crowned one looker... tonight will be no different! Nonetheless, much thanks to Jeffrey, Patrick, Adam, and all at Alliance for Housing and Healing for asking me back. It is always great to be part of something that does so much good and is so much fun. Good luck to the "girls" and to you the audience because you are in for a wild ride.

Joshua Skidmore - Anita Tony - Miss Best in Show 2017

Anita is thrilled to return to BIDS stage. Since winning the crown last year Anita has created a popular Broadway-style cabaret. She has been courted by America's Got Talent, made live television appearances promoting BIDS 2018, and has been asked to be a part of BroadwayCon 2019 in NYC. On top of having a wonderful year professionally, Anita recently got engaged! Hugs and kisses to Jose, Ruby, and fans! Proud member of SAG, AEA, and GMCLA. Please follow Anita on FB, IG, Twitter, and YouTube @anitatomy5678 or visit her site at www.anitatomy.com



Joey Alfano - Lighting

Twenty-three years ago, I lost my good friend Jimmy Wiggins to AIDS. Thankfully for BIDS, I get to laugh, cry, honor, and celebrate him!! Since I've been doing this all these years in lighting, I still have had no luck in making these bitches look pretty on stage. I want to thank AHH for the opportunity and to all the new & former contestants for bringing me, laughter, and tears of joy! Which is why I've kept coming back. I would like to thank personally Patrick, Jeffery and John for taking me on this crazy wild love ride. Most importantly, Alexis, because without her, none of us would be here. This has been one of the best experiences of my life which I will never forget. I am so thankful and blessed to have experienced something like this. I bid you all a farewell. Love Joey



CAST AND CREW



Dani Kelly - Back Stage Manager

I have been involved in Best in Drag for over a decade, it is a pleasure, to be with friends and being of service. I want to thank the amazing crew I have with me every year, Richard Domably, Dare Williams, Rich Tobin, Randi Borden, and so many others thru out the years. You all make this show the most amazing. Thank you to Jeffery Drew for having me join them every year. I have so much love for everyone that has been involved with the Best in Drag Show!

Stephen Molinaro - Vava Fanculo - Timer Girl/Graphics

One of the greatest honors of my life has been being a part of this show since 2006. Whether as "Check Puppy" or the first recipient of the Patrick Rush Service award, Graphic Designer for the past 3 years or my greatest accomplishment... Vava Fanculo. I am beyond blessed to be able to be of service through art and love and to give back to an organization I believe in with all my heart. Long live the day when AIDS and HIV are but a distant memory but until then this show will always be there helping others who need assistance.



Anil Patel aka Chanelta - Head Stage Dog

Anil, aka Chanelta, has been involved with Best in Drag Show since 2007. He has been a part of the opening numbers in addition to being the lead wrangler of our "kennel" helping with all things behind the scenes when it comes to rehearsals, fittings, schedules and ticket sales. Anil is very passionate with the work being done at the Alliance for Housing and Healing and Best in Drag Show has a very special place in his heart.

Luis Camacho - Assistant Choreographer

Luis Camacho - A 2017 EAA Vanguard Award Winner Luis is excited to be part of this most treasured event. In addition to being a contestant (2010 Miss New Jersey Juana DeGina), Luis has been a stage dog for over 8 yrs! Luis has also worked with many celebrity clients in his career, lending his choreography talents to various shows and tours.



Clay Sadler - Stage Dog Dresses/Costume Supervisor

Clay is once again working his magic and making the Stage Dogs and the Check Puppy look great (from the neck down). He is also excited to be making looks for both Dee and Ethylina! Don't be shy and say hello!

Stage Dogs:

Anil Patel, Andrew Gouldh, Antonio Martinez, Luis Camacho

The Pinkies:

Alberto Davila, Jimmie Smith, Joey Gyondla, Keith Lamont Mikie Cativo, Paul Wintner, Peter Korth, Rob Hill and Tokeyo

Lobby Dog:

Robert Nichols

Check Puppy:

John Paschal

Writers:

Patrick Rush, Kevin Farrell, Jeff Witzke, Todd Sherry

Miss Question and Answer:

Vava Fanculo
Stephen Molinaro

Set Design:

Jimmy Cuomo

Lighting:

Joey Alfano

Photography:

JPI Studios

Videography:

David Neuendorff

Dog Costumes:

Clay Sadler

Stage Manager:

Jeff Montero

Production Supervisor:

Todd Gajdusek

Back Stage Manager:

Dani Kelly

Stage Crew:

Richard Domabyl, Dare Williams, Rich Tobin, Matt Salisbury, Ed Roque, Reem Aliadeeb, Sooz Edie, Randi Borden and Kelly Mayer

Music:

EDDIE X

Tally Masters/Tally Counter:

Gregory Howell, Pete Gray

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After graduating with honors from the medical school of the University of Iowa, Dr. Mark Honzel went on to complete residencies in Internal Medicine, Anesthesiology and Intensive Care Medicine at Columbia University.

A board-certified physician in both addiction and HIV medicine, Dr. Honzel has spent the last 23 years helping patients with the serious and often interrelated problems of HIV/AIDS, substance abuse and pain management.

In addition to his busy office practice in Beverly Hills, Dr. Honzel is co-medical director of the Miracles Detox program at Southern California Hospital in Culver City and co-owner of Klean Treatment Centers, comprising seven West Coast facilities that include the Klean Center in West Hollywood and Haven House in Los Angeles.

Having previously served on the boards of the West Hollywood Drug and Alcohol Recovery Center and Friendly House, Dr. Honzel is proud to now serve on the Alliance for Housing and Healing Board of Directors and Medical Advisory Council, helping to meet our goal of providing essential housing and emergency assistance to low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS in Los Angeles County.

On a personal note, Dr. Honzel has been in recovery since 1993.

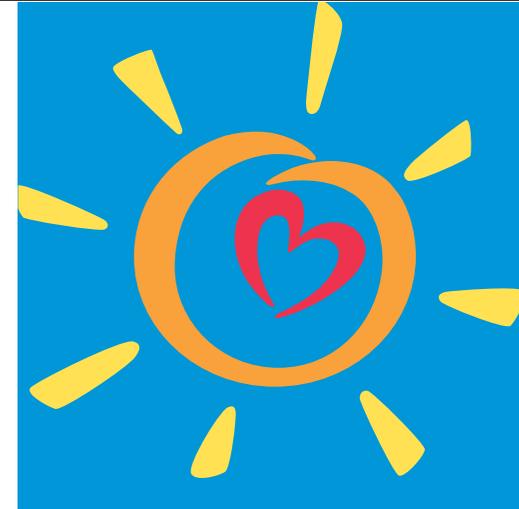
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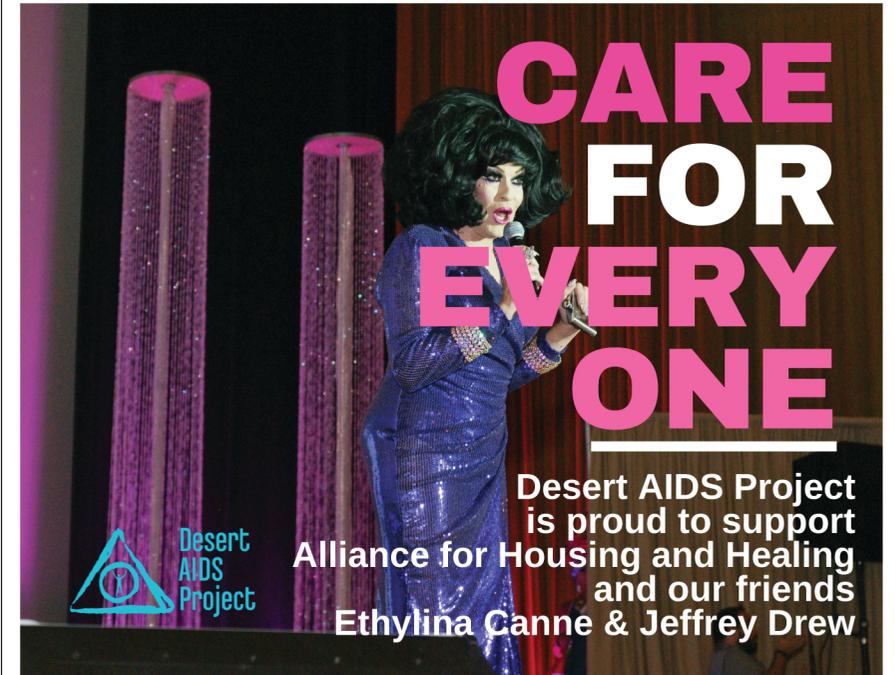
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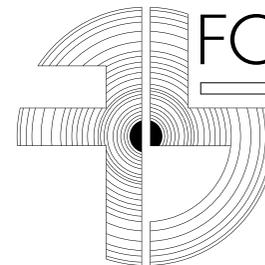


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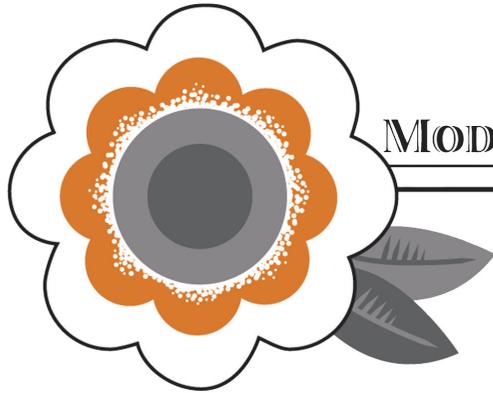
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