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Miss NY Chinese Beauty Pageant



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Dear Friends,

Greetings and welcome to the Miss New York Chinese Beauty Pageant. I am honored to extend my most heartfelt greetings to this outstanding group of pageant contestants and distinguished guests.

Founded in 2001, Miss New York Chinese Beauty Pageant, Inc. has been directing its every effort to give prominence to the Chinese traditional value, help young female Chinese-Americans to increase their cultural awareness and promote cross-cultural exchange through the beauty contest.

Miss New York Chinese Beauty Pageant, Inc. has become the largest and most influential beauty pageants in the New York Metropolitan area. This annual event draws the focus of the entire east coast of the United States.

Once again I congratulate Miss New York Chinese Beauty Pageant, Inc. for this respectable event and wish continued success.

Sincerely,


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Ms. Kara Fox-LaRose

Kara Fox-LaRose has been working with Mohegan Sun since its inception in 1996. She began her career as a Marketing Administrator and has steadily risen through the ranks, being promoted first in 2000 to Special Events Manager, and then in 2002 receiving her current title of Special Events Director. As the Special Events Director, Fox-LaRose has organized and executed a number of programs and events that are vitally important to Mohegan Sun's reputation of being more than just a casino. She has worked on everything from fireworks and community events to New Year's Eve celebrations; gaming tournaments to Galas; in addition to all of the events that take place off-site such as golf tournaments and the South Beach Food and Wine Festival. Fox-LaRose also

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produces all of the high profile events that take place at Mohegan Sun. She is involved with all of the celebrity athlete events which include the Celebrity Player's Tour and the LPGA Tour. She has also planned events with headlines such as Rosie O'Donnell and Jerry Seinfeld. Other important high profile events that Fox-LaRose has designed include the Grand Opening Ceremonies and Events for Project Horizon, Mohegan Sun's 10th Anniversary Celebration, Dan Akroyd's 50th Birthday Celebration, cash giveaways with Vanna White, Celebrity meet and greets, and personal appearances by members of the New York Yankees and the Boston Red Sox.



Mrs. Cindy Yip Mak 麥素珍女士

Mrs. Cindy Yip Mak, the principle of Star Studio, a designer workshop in fashion industry for both business and entertainment. Graduated from University of San Francisco and completed a higher education in Fashion Institution of Technol-

ogy in New York. Mrs. Mak is sharp and sensitive in creation of style; she has 16 years in experience in meeting with high demand of various famous designers, and exclusive projects for entertainment industry.



Mr. Dylan W. Chan, Esq. 陳迪隆律師

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Mr. Dylan W. Chan, Esq. is a practicing attorney with many years experience in the State of New York. He currently holds degrees in LLM, LLB and MBA and is a CPA candidate. While Mr. Chan practices in a large array of legal areas, he mainly specializes in Real Estate and Business Transactions, Immigration and Contract Law. A member of ABA, NYSBA & NYCLA.



Ms. Cindy Chan 陳素華女士

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Ms. Zhang Hongyan 章紅艷女士

Celebrated Pipa player, Hongyan Zhang, is a professor at China's top music institute, the Central Conservatory of Music, and a visiting scholar at Columbia University. Born in Shengzhou, Zhejiang Province, Ms. Zhang began studying Pipa with her father at age 7. At 10, she was admitted to the highly selective and prestigious music school affiliated with the Central Conservatory of Music, and subsequently became a student of the Conservatory itself. There, she studied Pipa under the guidance of Professors Weixi Sun and Shicheng Lin, and received her BA and MA from the Department of National Music. She has received many prizes, including first prize for the National Youth

Traditional Music competition at the age of 14. She also became the youngest winner of the ART Cup International competition of Chinese Instruments in 1989, and two years later received first prize for a national String Instrument Competition. To recognize her contribution in musical education, Ms. Zhang was awarded China's prestigious Yang Xuelan Musical Education Prize in 1998. In 2003, Ms. Zhang founded Chinese Plucking Orchestra at the Central Conservatory of Music, and became its first Musical Director. Since its inauguration, the orchestra has been very active and has become the standard bearer for plucking instrument performance in China.

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陳豪 Moses Chan

生於香港，籍貫廣東台山，香港男演員，無綫當家小生。

1994年參演第一套電影《晚九朝五》入行，2000年加入無綫電視。有“師奶殺手”的稱號。在2002年獲得無綫的飛躍進步男藝員，一炮而紅。近年，不

斷地打入無綫最佳男主角五強。近期香港無綫電視播出最高收視之電視劇《溏心風暴》擔任男主角，他演繹“得得地”角色深入人心。



李詩韻 Selena Li

大學畢業，於2003年參選香港小姐，並獲得「最上鏡小姐」及「才藝小姐」兩個獎項，其後加入香港無綫電視成為旗下藝員，是無綫電視力捧的花旦之一。

2003年加入無綫電視後，次年拍攝首部電視劇《天涯俠醫》，

並參演多套高收視劇集如《阿旺新傳》、《肥田囍事》、《學警出更》等，其後亦於《布衣神相》及《天機算》中擔任重要角色。



鹿瑜 Lu Yu

台灣國立藝專高才生畢業，曾於中廣公司廣播小說“紅樓夢”中飾演賈寶玉。後於香港國泰電影公司參加35部影片演出。他是紐約泛亞劇社及長江劇團創辦人。於伍迪艾倫影片“好萊塢結局”中飾要角，並以“向南”電

視劇題目艾美獎。他執導的“梁祝雙碟魂”，將京劇與現代舞結合於林肯中心首演。去年在意大利威尼斯戲劇節開鑼戲“烏鴉”一劇代表美國辣媽媽媽實驗劇場飾演要角並任編舞。上月他剛完成冰島影片“神功”，主演神功主角。鹿君於一九八九年主持“全球中國小姐”選美大會。



伊琳 Shirley Ho

2004年度全球華人新秀大賽美東區季軍

2005年度傑青歌唱比賽冠軍

2006年度全能DJ大賽冠軍

June 9, 2007 (6月9日)

Miss Chinese NY Beauty Pageant 2007
Initial Contestant Interviews

2007年紐約華裔小姐選美初選



In a private room of over seventy-five people, the fifty contestants await their turns to present themselves in front of the panel of seven judges.

“我從小就想當一名舞者，後來因為興趣提高，被服裝設計教授選為模特兒。最大的願望，是成為服裝設計師。我想藉此來參加選美，向全世界展示中國的風情。”“我成長於傳統，保守的環境。從滿大到哥大，從小我就是大家眼中標準的好學生。希望通過選美這個平台，展示不一樣的自己。”“我出生於美國，希望參加這項比賽，能進一步瞭解中國傳統，這也是媽媽的期待。”“我從事服裝設計，已近7年。平常喜歡拳擊、騎摩托車，嘗試各種危險的事……”參賽者輪流上台，介紹自己。

今年2007年紐約華裔小姐選美初選共有49位佳麗入圍。平均年齡約22歲，出生地北起哈爾濱，南至海南島，並包含香港、臺灣、美國等地。與去年的阿拉巴馬州相較，今年，更有人遠從佛羅里達州前來參賽。

至於學歷，包含清華大學、交通大學、紐約大學、哥倫比亞大學、FIT等，甚至英國牛津大學。經歷較特別的參賽者，如5號張輝煌，來自哈爾濱，過去曾是中國游泳國家代表隊成員；16號張音、17號陳婷婷，則在去年分別曾參加過北美美國電視選美，以及紐約華裔小姐選美。對於二度參賽，即將進入FIT主修流行管理的張音表示，由於去年自己有暑修，無法全心準備比賽。比賽結束時，她便決定今年要再回來。相隔一年，她覺得自己更成熟、更有自信，相信這也是今年成功的開始。

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Energy brims as the first round of interviews open an intense nine-week series of events and activities for the 2007 Miss Chinese NY Beauty Pageant. These interviews determine who will proceed to the finals, and it is from this group of finalists that not only is the queen selected but also her court. The interviews are set in the East Restaurant on Kissena Blvd in Flushing. Immediately inside, the restaurant bubbles with the weekend dim sum crowd—loud, disorderly, and full of many hungry Chinese. In a separate wing of the restaurant, other Chinese are gathered with an equal, although different appetite: a title and crown for Miss Chinese NY—this is the food of dreams. “Every girl hopes to be a princess,” says a contestant, “the princess that all the little girls look up to.” This is something she has dreamt of ever since she was a child and watched TVB’s Miss Hong Kong and Miss Chinese International Beauty Pageants. In a private room of over seventy-five people, the fifty contestants await their turns to present themselves in front of the panel of seven judges. Others, including family members and friends, organizers and various members of the press, sit to the rear of the room, also eager for the event to commence and for their future hopefuls to capture the coveted 2007 title of Miss Chinese NY. On this day, only twelve to fifteen of the fifty will be selected to continue on to the training and final rounds.

The participants enter the room with a great deal of excited, though anxious anticipation. This feeling is electric. The participants remain seated, patiently looking forward to the activities ahead of them. The day’s coordinator is the sophisticated Shirley Hon, the supervisor and emcee for this year’s 2007 Miss Chinese NY Beauty Pageant. She announces, “Welcome to the Miss Chinese NY Beauty Pageant,” and the activities of the day formally commence. The panel of judges is introduced, which includes Board President, Jason Kong; Executive Director, Eric Yuen; Miss Chinese NY’s nine-week Event Supervisor, Shirley Hon; the elegant and glamorous Judy Mae Chao, Miss Chinese NY’s image consultant; the beautiful 2003 Miss Chinese NY runner-up, Lin Sue; the pageant’s talented make-up assistant, Evelyn Ho; Eternal Wedding Studio, Lerry Lo, and TVB (USA) Inc., Michelle Lee.

Each contestant is then asked to introduce herself, and though most are feeling timid and shy, it is clear that the material of winners is amongst us. Intelligent, talented, articulate and beautiful, the contestants are an exemplary and diverse bunch. Selecting only a few from this pool would be a challenge. Contestants were born and currently reside in so many different parts of the world: Guangzhou, Shanghai, Qingdao, Harbin, as well as Hong Kong, Taiwan, the U.S. and even Jamaica! From the U.S., women have traveled from Michigan, Florida, and various parts of the East Coast and Mid-West. And then, there are the native New Yorkers. Some had already moved here to the city of lights; some are this city’s native

March 22, 2007 (3月22日)

Miss Chinese NY Beauty Pageant 2007
Press Conference

2007年紐約華裔小姐選美報名記者會



3月22日，06年紐約華裔小姐冠軍王麗寧出席記者會現場。今年1月份，她參加香港無線電視在廣東佛山所舉辦的“國際中華小姐選美比賽”，由20多位來自全球各地的華裔佳麗中脫穎而出，最後進入五強。參賽成績，僅次於2004年冠軍陳法拉。

選美會表示，與往年相同，居住於全美任何地區的佳麗都可以報名參加。報名資格包括：年齡在17歲至25歲的華裔女性，持有合法居留美國證件，身高5呎2吋以上，從未結婚、生育，教育程度在中學以上，無犯罪紀錄，不受任何合約約束。

泳裝、機智問答及才藝表演。一如往年，佳麗們的才藝十分多樣。古箏、鋼琴、小提琴、蛇舞、彩帶舞，乃至書法，以及自創的結合傳統風格的扇子舞，與以新紙拼貼方式呈現的水墨畫等。



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born. Most share a deep love and loyalty to New York. There is everything here—food, fashion, Broadway, and SOOO MANY CHINESE. Many miss and have fond memories of their native homes in China or Taiwan, but their future is clearly in New York. This is home.

Inside an adjoining room, the panel of seven judges sit carefully evaluating the abilities of each contestant. First, each contestant introduces herself and models in a bikini before the judges and a video camera. Before entering, many wonder: what are the judges looking for? There are so many interesting women, each as different from the others; how will they select the final round of contestants? The judges ask their own set of questions, including: "Why did you join the Miss NY Chinese Beauty Pageant, and why now?" Many explain they want the experience. One contestant notes: "I wanted to push myself to the limit; see how far I could go." Another offers, "Everyone knows there is an expiration date; if I don't try to do it now, I'll never have the chance again." Almost everyone says they want to have a good time and meet friends. Meeting and making friends is fortunately what most will take away from this event, even those who are not selected to continue on.

The talent component follows the general introductions. For the confident, this is another opportunity to distinguish themselves, another opportunity to shine. For the anxious, this is yet another chance, a chance to redeem oneself. The talent of this pool of contestants ranges from dancing to singing to playing musical instruments. Dance routines are choreographed to American rock and roll, hip-hop, house music, as well as contemporary renditions of classical Chinese songs or the deep beat of folk drums. There are gracefully posed Chinese fan dancing routines with bright red fans, traditional ribbon dances with streaks of red and gold ribbon, highly energized funk, and graceful ballet. One contestant in blue costume belly dances to Arabian music, another practices a yoga-esque form of body-work. Like the contestants themselves, the songs sang reflect both Chinese and American origins and influences. Several contestants skillfully play musical instruments. Talents extend also to the writing and recitation of poetry by esteemed Chinese poets or those

that are self-composed, Chinese calligraphy, and a classical Chinese mural constructed from torn strips of black construction paper.

Upon leaving the judges chambers each time, yet another set of questions seem to echo the first: Did they choose me? Am I a finalist? So who will be the queen of 2007's Miss NY Chinese Beauty Pageant and who will be in her court? It is a question the judges must answer. In the mean time, each contestant leaves the event having had a new learning experience and gaining a new set of friends. Each—finalist or not—is a winner, and each is still her own princess.



Reporter of New York Times, Brook Hauser is in an interview room.

June 27, 2007 (6月27日)

Miss Chinese NY Beauty Pageant 2007 Finalists Press Conference

2007年紐約華裔小姐選美準華姐見記者

各佳麗出生地包括廣州、福州、青島、上海、北京、哈爾濱、開封、昆明，包含中國各主要城市。其中，7號對號，香港出生，成長於台灣，可說是今年唯一的台灣代表。至於才藝：舞蹈、鋼琴、小提琴、歌唱、演戲，許多佳麗甚至身兼多種才華，充分體現內、外皆美的活動特色。

今年獎項除有冠亞季軍外，另加設有最上鏡小姐，友誼小姐，最佳才藝小姐，最佳服裝獎，選美會聯合多媒體媒體dwnnews.com舉辦網路票選，由北美地區網友選出「網上最受歡迎佳麗」。同時，

Thirteen of the most beautiful and talented have been selected as finalists for the 2007 Miss NY Chinese Beauty Pageant, including Anni Liang, Crystal Kong, Cisy Liang, Yancy Yu, MinMing Jiang, Stacy Wang, Louise Lau, Yin Zhang, Elaine Lu, Judy Yu, Lanna Xu, Allison Chen, Yola Yu. Each arrived early today for the press conference that will announce them as finalists. Every major Chinese-language daily newspaper in New York City will cover this event, so this press conference will set the stage for how the entire community will see and judge not only these thirteen young women, but a generation of Chinese women in America. This is a first taste of adulthood—to represent one's community while being true to oneself.

In the last few weeks, as these young women trained intensively for this pageant, what has become abundantly clear is that dreams, even fairy tale dreams, are about hard work. The training, eight-hour days for five days a week, is more than a mere test. Hours practicing public speaking, self-introductions, presentation-styles will ultimately reveal who one truly is. The endurance acquired from the endless posing, smiling, and cat-walks can test the fortitude of a world-class athlete. That it is the lovely Judy Mae Chao who is training them is some consolation. It may be her physical beauty that makes her a successful model, but it is her inner beauty and strength that brings each of them courage and continued inspiration. These contestants openly confess: "We love Judy. She has a beautiful personality." The feeling is somewhat mutual. Judy notes: "This is an important time for them. They're all beautiful and becoming women, and I'm trying to teach them how to be confident

今年新設「現場最受歡迎佳麗」，由部份現場觀眾投票給當晚表現最佳成績的佳麗而獲獎，使現場觀眾更投入競選氣氛。今年決賽於8月4日晚上1時正在金神大賭場舉行，選美會從香港邀請兩位影視紅星親臨現場作為特別嘉賓，分別是近期香港無線電視播出最高收視之電視劇《溏心風暴》男主角陳豪，他演繹「得得地」深入

and true to themselves." To be true to oneself is a sacred rite of passage, so this pageant is in some ways, the story of how these thirteen young Chinese women will come of age.

Although the press conference is scheduled for four p.m. on a Tuesday afternoon, an entire pageant community must assemble by 11 a.m. in order to prepare the lovely contestants for the day's event. Pageant organizers, trainers, cosmeticians, stylists, lighting and audio experts, and of course, all the young women who have made it to this stage of the process must carefully choreograph a separate private performance on the third level of East Restaurant and Buffet on Main Street in Flushing, Queens.

Before make up can be applied or the hair styled, the women must first dress in their matching gowns so that nothing will be smeared or undone. Then, the young women have their make-up applied, three at a time, by Evelyn Ho, the pageant Make-Up Consultant, and her assistants. This is one of the more time-consuming parts of the preparation process that cumulatively takes over four hours. Evelyn is the owner and Artistic Director of La Peau Day Spa. She has contributed her expertise to this pageant since 1993. First, foundation must be applied. From there, a world of color comes to life. With cases holding hundreds of brushes Evelyn and her assistants choose rouge from palettes of colors. Various pencils, liners, rouges, eye shadows, toners, lip-sticks and glosses are selected. Mascara must be applied but only after the lashes have been put on, and they must be curled before hand. Sponges must help blend or Kleenex used to define more clearly. This is clearly the work of artists.

This first set of artists complete their tasks, only so a second set of artists can begin. In a flurry of activity that is right on schedule, the hair styling staff, led by Steve Kong, begin with the task of setting the perfect hair-do. This set of artists hold carrying cases of clips, combs, brushes, curlers, irons, blow dryers, among the other needed materials. Because time is of the essence (hair is so capricious!), there are five dressers who assist Steve. Six contestants are seated at a time. An octopus of wires connects the irons and blow dryers to the power cord as



13 Finalists in Press Conference

民心，決賽當晚陳豪將與13位佳麗比演技比才藝。另一位嘉賓是香港無線電視紅花旦李綺紅，李綺紅於2003年參選香港小姐，並獲得「最上鏡小姐」及「才藝小姐」兩個獎項，其後加入香港無線電視成為旗下藝員擔演過多部收視高劇集，包括最近播出《天機算》、《阿旺新傳》、《肥田喜事》、《學警出更》等高收視劇集。李綺紅將擔任大會司儀與本地名DJ伊琳共同主持決賽夜，紅星配13位佳麗之傾力演出，當晚節目一定非常精彩。

the stylists re-work the styles.

The thirteen finalists wait patiently as they are made-up, styled, or waiting to be made-up or styled. As they wait seated around a table, they chat with one another. Tracy looks forward to the monologues they will be working on. The pageant has been so much fun for her. Yin concentrates on music from her ipod, focusing like an Olympian on the performance soon to come. Crystal smiles and smiles; she has never smiled so much. Elaine admits, "This experience is better than boys." Everyone laughs. They have all become the closest of friends.

The time for the press conference has come and all reassemble downstairs on the second floor. The women practice their entrance and introductions one more time before they prepare for the real thing. They don their numbered sashes and wait in the back room for the sponsors and other guests to be seated. The finalists have last minute jitters as they wait for the media to get organized. There are so many cameramen jockeying for position! The afternoon's host is once again the articulate and eloquent Shirley Hon, who greets sponsors and guests alike in both English and Chinese.

When the finalists make their entrance, there is wild applause. One after another, they each gracefully approach the mic and give professional self-introductions. In them, some speak of their past experiences—the loss of family or friends due to immigration, the loss of self-confidence from not speaking or understanding

English upon arrival, or the loss of home and everything familiar. Some speak of overcoming obstacles, persevering in the face of hardship, finding a place to belong—a place called home. All speak of their past memories, their future dreams, and the important role of beauty, of performance, and of art in healing pain and creating destiny.



13 Finalists and this year's sponsors.

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Miss Chinese NY Beauty Pageant 2007
Kite Festival at Rockaway Beach

2007年紐約華裔小姐選美國際風箏節

13位2007年紐約華裔小姐選美決賽入圍佳麗，參加了紐約國際風箏節，及紀念香港回歸活動。長近百尺，一串由華人兒童手繪的小風箏，畫滿了海外華人對香港的期待，在佳麗們的手中，緩緩飄向藍天。

鑼鼓聲響起，跳躍的金獅開道，主辦單位特意為佳麗們準備了一條，長近150尺的巨龍造型風箏。排成一線，大伙將這條巨龍，輕輕地捧起。鑼鼓聲更響了，一陣風吹來，巨龍順勢飛向雲端。緊接著，大家拉開一長串現場兒童彩繪的風箏，大風吹起，又是一陣驚呼。遙望遠空，佳麗們鼓掌讚美，臉上滿是躍躍欲試的神情。

當然，選美會人員並沒有忘記這點。拿出事先準備的彩色小風箏，佳麗們兩兩成組，一人捧風箏，一人拉線，現學現賣，現場就數量起這頭額外的“才藝”。有人拉著風箏狂奔，有人被線纏了一身，也有人老神在在，早就放盡了手中所有的線。遊戲結束，合照留念時，拿著風箏，表情盡是不舍。

接下來的活動，才是重頭戲。“去海灘！”一聲令下，一行人迫不及待地快步走向海灘。行經之處，自然又是一陣陣驚呼，引得許多正在享受日光浴的男士們，紛紛抬頭，“圍切”一番。

今天活動的主題是“青春風采”，但與放風箏相較，大伙似乎直到此刻才開始隨風起舞。在沙灘上，佳麗們展現健美的一面。排球、飛盤、刺激的遊戲，或躲、或接，不斷有人尖叫笑罵，誰說美女只能露6顆牙齒微笑？雖然穿著清涼的背心、短褲，但從一旁圍觀男士們的臉上，隱約可看出疑惑：沙灘排球？怎麼少了比基尼？

在沙灘上，一行人留下倩影。合照完畢，該踏上回程了。記得出發前，隨行的美姿顧問曾提醒大家“美麗，不完全是你的外在，更重要的是你的心情。”回顧這一天，看來大家必然又更美靚了幾分。然而，巴士駛近法拉盛，還是有人突然驚覺“晒了一天，回家怎麼辦？”



The hundred-foot Chinese dragon kite is extended across the green and the pageant finalists line up along the dragon's paper torso

There is no more glorious day than today, with its deep blue and cloudless sky and steady winds, for the American Kitefliers Association and Sing Tao Daily to coordinate the annual 2007 International Kite Festival in New York in celebration and commemoration of the tenth anniversary of Hong Kong's return to China as a Special Administrative Region. Despite political leanings, state affiliations, or citizenship status, June 30 is a day for Chinese around the world to remember what it means to be Chinese. It is a joyous event, a time for festive activities. For the thirteen young women finalists of the Miss NY Chinese Beauty Pageant, this event provides an opportunity to be a part of and contribute to a larger community. They help children create kites in the kite-making workshop, fly kites of their own, even help launch the symbolic hundred foot dragon kite, and enjoy the beautiful view of kites—hundreds over the course of the day—that are scattered across the sky, rainbow kites of every size and shape are across the sky, promising peace and prosperity. The Miss NY Chinese Beauty Pageant, one of the festival's sponsors, shares space with many of the festival's other sponsors.

Dressed in their matching pink outfits and previously made-up and styled at La Peau Day Spa in Flushing, the young Miss NY Chinese finalists are an exciting sight for the other festival attendees, most of whom are Chinese. The boys look on with curiosity; the girls, with wonder and awe. For the pageant finalists, these girls remind them of themselves, however, there is not much time to reminisce; there is much to do. Rounds of exhausting promotional photos with each of the sponsors are required before any real recreation can be enjoyed. The sponsors are tickled that they are standing among such beautiful women, one of which will soon hold the 2007 title of Miss NY Chinese. Sponsors and on-lookers alike, mostly men, cannot help but speculate who will be the winner. “Who could it be?” some wonder aloud. “They are all so beautiful! Other spectators, mostly women, dodge such questions for more practical matters—a photo; after all, they think, “Does it matter? They are all so beautiful.” A couple of spectators order their spouses: “Will you just take it!” as they lunge into line with the thirteen finalists. In their photos, their heads will, no doubt, stick up from behind the contestants in a smeared (albeit smiley) blur. But who cares? How many people get to be in photos with some of the most beautiful Chinese women on the East Coast?

A second round of photos takes place on the great lawn. The hundred-foot Chinese dragon kite is extended across the green and the pageant finalists line up along the dragon's paper torso with the Sing Tao representatives and other festival organizers for more photos. The fire engine-red dragon-kite, which is donned with long white paper horns and painted with blue cloud-like motifs is finally launched. A second kite, also over a hundred-feet long, is taken out and set up. Attached to the main frame is a tail consisting of close to eighty or so smaller kites that have been made throughout the week by students at a local Chinese community center. Its launching is a success. On the same stretch of grass, the women are each given their own rainbow-striped kites. Running amok, they launch them with various degrees of success. Yin's kite soars way above before any one else can even get theirs aloft. Organizers from the American Kitefliers Association attempt to instruct, “Don't run. No, no. You don't need to run. Let the air lift—” right before the kite comes crashing down, smacking the ground nose first, and slowly keeling over. “Don't run across—,” they suggest again before one kite crosses the main line of the hundred-foot long kite. Then, there is a tentative: “Can you cut your line?”

It is a beautiful day but being directly under the sun for so long takes its toll, and it is time to abandon the day's kite-flying endeavors anyway. Nevertheless, the women must continue with their duties, so after a short respite, the finalists move to the kite workshop, where admiring children look to them for assistance. Louise gently holds down the plastic kite for Candy, a six year old, to draw on; Lanna draws stars with her new three-foot friend; and Anni scribbles her name on the kite's edge and a little girl runs ecstatically to show her



of the beaches where another migrant community gathers, the endangered piping plover, which nests here each year. But alas! It is not Chinese and there is no relation. On the beach, the finalists line up and pose for the scores of photographers that have followed them throughout the day. Others, people from all along the beach have come to see the attraction. Finally, these pageant contestants present their own photo activity. "Let's all jump!" one of them suggests. Laughing, they all take each other's hands. "Okay, ready? One-two-three!" The click from all the cameras is audible. In the photos, there is a sense of trust, a sisterhood that can't be explained in words. They do this several times until they are exhausted. Then, they lean on each other for support and laugh and laugh. Such happiness resonates like a song.

Soon, it is time to return to Flushing, so like the Piping Plover, these thirteen songbirds must leave this beach now to return once again next year.

mom. When the finalists must leave the workshop and head out for yet another series of photos, they leave behind a tent of smiling little faces. The pageant finalists are unaware of the effect they have on the children there, but to any one else watching, it is abundantly clear that their having been there mattered.

The final round of photographs are on Rockaway Beach, a unit of National Gateway Park where the Jacob Riis Park is situated. This is one

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Miss Chinese NY Beauty Pageant 2007 Visiting Senior Citizen Center & Sponsors 2007年紐約華裔小姐選美拜訪人瑞中心及贊助商

2007年紐約華裔小姐競選選美會特別安排了一天的時間，讓入圍決賽的13名佳麗拜訪了華策會人瑞中心及部份贊助商。由於各贊助商家接近於相當熱鬧的華人商業地區，佳麗們的一舉一動也引起不小騷動，除了路人的圍觀，更有巡邏的警員停下腳步討論起那位佳麗最受青睞。

拜訪活動曾站來到華埠華策會人瑞中心。

佳麗們一到現場便

受到中心裡的老伯

伯、老婆婆們熱烈的

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麗們也特別準備了

才藝表演活動，分

別由13號佳麗于嘉

殷以長笛演奏《莫

斯科的郊外》，以

及7號佳麗劉以

小提琴演奏《上海

灘》，精彩的樂聲

和高超的技藝讓人

瑞們留下相當深刻

的印象。佳麗們接

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個參訪活動讓人瑞

中心洋溢著不一

At the intersection of Grand and Centre Street in Chinatown, in the basement of a landmark building that served as New York City's Police Headquarters from 1909-1973, over 400 elderly Chinese citizens of New York eagerly gather in the cafeteria of the Open Door Senior Center to see the thirteen finalists of the Miss NY Chinese Beauty Contest this year. The Center, re-opening in this new location in the fall of 2005, offers services that range from cooked meals to mental health services, recreational activities and other social services. The facility includes a large cafeteria, a library, and computer, music, and mah jong rooms. Every day, 800 seniors, most born abroad, receive services from the Center. Because over twenty-five percent of elderly Chinese in New York City live below the poverty line, organizations such as Project Open Door provide much needed social services to a much-neglected sector of the community.

This year, like every year, the Miss NY Chinese Beauty Pageant visits the Center. The young pageant

finalists must learn how to perform the duties of a beauty queen—to give back to some of society's most vulnerable, the elderly. The pageant finalists are warmly greeted by Po Ling Ng, Director of Project Open Doors, before they each introduce themselves to the crowded audience. The seniors applaud loudly, grateful that these young women have taken so much time out of their very busy schedule to visit them. Two of the group's more talented musicians, Louise Lau and Yola Yu give solo performances. Yola, gifted with the ability



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的青春與活力。

在拜訪完人聯中心後，佳麗們來到金玉珠寶銀行。老闆麥先生相當熱情的贈送紅包給每位佳麗，在與老闆合影留念之後，佳麗們便馬不停蹄的趕往下一站，太陽整形手術中心，在參觀手術中心的同時，負責人楊麗麗也贈送了精美的禮品給佳麗；行程來到這次負責佳麗們化妝的美姿堂，選美美容顧問何麗英在經過幾次的活動之後，與佳麗們已經培養出姊妹般的情誼；接著來到美加美容器材有限公司，王麗華小姐不僅贈送小禮品歡迎佳麗，更提供了點心讓佳麗們可以補充活力稍作休息；拜訪行程來到Steve Kong的髮型設計中心，Steve不僅要負責本次選美佳麗們的髮型造型設計，同時跟隨佳麗們四處行動，隨時維持佳麗最完美的形象。

在結束了華埠的訪問，佳麗們乘坐豪華禮車來到市魯海的佛路跟蹤特攝，同車受到店家Marcus熱烈的歡迎，並贈送佳麗們二百元現金禮券，日後佳麗們可用該店禮券。之後拜訪行程來到法拉盛，望家攝影公司，店家送上佳麗們先前拍攝的藝術照，佳麗們更興奮的在照片上留下自己的簽名，同時獲得花果山糖果一份。緊接著來到法拉盛購物中心拜訪，皇后書院的劉比華先生更貼心的贈送佳麗們每位80元購物中心的餐卷，讓佳麗們可以盡情享用購物中心的美食；活動的最後一站來到豪庭王朝，在與負責人伍榮華合影之後，總算結束了一整天緊湊的行程，從華埠到市魯海再到法拉盛，幾乎走遍紐約地區華人的生活中，儘管行程相當忙碌，但佳麗們無時無刻不展現出完美的儀態和高昂的士氣，在在說明了奪冠的無比決心，在結束參訪的最後，由贊助商豪庭王朝設美味晚宴，並安排了唱卡拉OK的活動，讓這群優雅的佳麗們能暫時卸下選美的壓力，開懷進餐，好好放鬆心情，為接下來的訓練及活動作準備。

to play the flute and the Gu Zheng, the Chinese harp—as a 17 year old in high school!--pipes “Shanghai Bund” on her flute. The seniors are charmed by her beauty, talent, and youth. Louise plays “Moscow’s Surbarban” on the violin. Louise, who has played the piano since she was four years old and violin since she was five, graduated last year summa cum laude with double major degrees in violin performance and music education from Temple University in Philadelphia. The seniors are dazzled by such brilliance. Two aging grand-mothers who have been quietly huddled together in the corner, throw up their thumbs in approval. “Number 1,” their arthritic digits enthusiastically express, “number 1!” They shout in ovation, “Liang niu! Liang niu!” Pretty girl! Pretty girl! Sending the pageant finalists to the Hummer limousine that waited outside the Center, Po Ling Ng wishes the women luck and happiness, “Gong Xi Ni-men!” The women smile and say good-bye before they head off to their other obligations. It is to be a long day of sponsor visits and photos.

First, the finalists visit Golden Jade Jewelry on Canal Street, the donors of the pageant crowns. As Mr. S. W. Sang takes pictures in front of a framed photo of him with Hillary Clinton, there is much chattering in the shop: “So many pretty girls--what happiness!” At Lapeau spa Concerto on Lafayette Street, the finalists stand in front of a wall full of skin and body products. The scent of the spa’s creams, fragrances, and skin cleansing formulas give the spa an ambience of romance. Further down Lafayette Street, the contestants visit MD Beauty and Surgical Center and Sinog. In both medical offices, there are portraits of former Miss NY Chinese finalists, as well as some of its winners, including Fala Chen. Beauty Beauty USA, the wholesale distributor of Farah and Elena products, is the last sponsor to be visited in Manhattan. Photos are taken with the Wang family. The last stop in Manhattan is obvious: pageant hairdresser, Steve Kong’s HeadQuarterz NYC hair salon, which received one of New York Magazine’s Best of New York Awards. While there, Steve assists the women with their hair. There is much more to do today.

After this, the pageant contestants take a short break as they ride across the Brooklyn Bridge and head to Marcus Yu’s Focus Point Optique on 86th Street and 23rd Avenue. The contemporary décor matched the name-brand labels of the frames by Calvin Klein, Adidas, Roberto Cavalli, and Dior. The next stop is Flushing, where the women make a cursory stop at the Queens Art Center and take more photos at the food court of Flushing Mall. In a space upstairs, the pageant finalists have been practicing diligently for the last several weeks. The finalists stop at Eternal Wedding on Main Street, where they are greeted by Sami Mok, the manager and main make-up artist. On the tables in front of the thirteen contestants is an 8x10 inch professional photo of each taken by Tony Zhou at Eternal Wedding several weeks ago when they each had three different shots taken: formal, casual, and sporty. This last stop completes the sponsor visits for the day. Each sponsor had welcomed the pageant finalists and presented each with a host of gifts: creams, gels, beauty products, packages of cookies and candy, discount coupons, and traditional red packets.

From here, the limo drives the pageant contestants and crew to dinner at East Manor on Kissena, where the initial interviews of the 50 entrants took place on June 9th. Here, the reward for a hard day’s work is a small banquet of soup, seafood, duck, Chinese vegetables, and fresh melons for dessert. The day has been a learning experience for everyone. And while all report a degree of fatigue, the only significant complaints are sore feet, cheeks that hurt from smiling so much, and in Shirley’s case, overall exhaustion from the many weeks of direction she has given the young women so far.

For these lucky finalists, the perks outweigh everything else. “It was so much fun!” some of the women report. “I’ve never been in a Hummer limo; it was great!” Many agree. With soft lighting on the ceiling and plush seating lining both sides of the vehicle, the twenty-two-passenger Super Stretch Luxury Hummer SUV Limo was indeed a treat! “And we got such great gifts!” Looking into a traditional Chinese red packet that a sponsor gave her, one contestant announced surprised, “It’s money—cash!” As the food is served, the finalists are encouraged to sing karaoke. EJ, a pageant assistant, breaks the ice with a popular love song and is followed by Yancy and Yin, who sing Aimee’s “Broken Love.” It’s not too long after that that Cisy, Judy, MinMing, Stacy, Crystal and Ting Ting croon “Fairy Tale” together. The evening would not have been complete until Shirley sings, which she does. She is magnificent; her deep and sensual voice is the material of super stars.

“This is so unforgettable,” Cisy states. Yancy explains, “We really love each other. I’m never going to forget this in my life. See?” she says pointing to the group standing at the karaoke machine. Indeed, as Stacy points out, “This is the best part of the day.”

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Miss Chinese NY Beauty Pageant 2007 Music Video Trailer

2007年紐約華裔小姐選美拍攝MV



The thirteen finalists travel to Mohegan Sun Casino and Resort for a three-day, two-night stay in order to film a mock movie video-trailer that borrows from the plot of several Hollywood blockbusters, such as “Casino Royale,” “Charlie Angels,” and others. For this project, each pageant finalist must temporarily let go of her image as the graceful and innocent Cinderella, and instead, take on the character of a suspense and action flick. For these next few days, they will each take on the persona of either the popular and virtuous crime-fighting heroines of prime time TV or the evil and villainous spies of Hollywood film. The pageant finalists are all eager for this opportunity to be cast in a video and get experience acting in a real live movie. Both groups of women—both beautiful and highly intelligent—will be cast in a 4-minute movie trailer titled, “The Firebirds.”



The shots to be filmed at the pool attract a number of Mohegan Sun employees, including the regal Bruce "Two Dogs" Bozsum, the Chairman of the Mohegan Tribal Council.

導演王銘如表示，這是他連續第六年為紐約華裔小姐量身拍攝，有別於前幾年的主題MTV，今年他想要以電影預告片的方式來呈現，更加入了許多肢體打鬥、槍戰、爆炸等大場面，光聽完導演的概念解說，佳麗們就已經躍躍欲試，期待自己能像霹靂嬌娃般的大顯身手。

拍攝場景來到遠在康州的Mohegan Sun金神大賭場，導演正詳細的解說拳腳如何套招、槍枝如何使用，真將將近一百度的高溫，佳麗們在烈日下打得熱血沸騰卻打得香汗淋漓；接著只見佳麗們換上艷麗的晚裝，在酒吧裡大聲談笑，卻是為了謀殺的任務在作準備，一回又見佳麗們在槍林彈雨下的舞池閃躲奔跑，使出矯健的身手來穿梭，用神準的槍法來回擊；接著佳麗們換上清涼的泳裝，可不是佳麗們前得半日閒來到泳池嬉戲，而是導演將打鬥的場景搬到了水中，低溫的冷水雖然讓佳麗們頻打冷顫，但導演一聲令下佳麗們的身手在水中依然俐落。

從清晨六點鐘起床化妝拍到深夜闔眼休息，從豔陽下的草原打到低溫的泳池中，三天的拍攝活動是如此忙碌且辛苦，但這樣特別的拍攝經驗卻也讓佳麗們大呼過癮，更有佳麗考慮選美完要去報考特務，過足間諜癮；導演表示佳麗們如此敬業且專業的配合演出，讓他十分滿意且激賞，也和佳麗們一樣相當期待最後的影片結果出爐。



MV Shooting in Mohegan Sun.

a 10,000 square foot indoor pool.

The women walk into the hotel lobby where a reflecting pool gurgles with the sound of underground springs. Stacy borrows a coin and after making a wish, tosses it over her shoulder. It lands on the surface with a "plop" and sinks slowly to the bottom to join the others littering the bottom. "What did you wish?" someone asks Stacy. She responds, "If I tell, will it come true?" Undoubtedly, everyone has a wish today: "Let me get a good role in the MV," "Allow me to perform well in the talent contest next week," "Please grant me my wish: I want to be a beauty queen." For now, the only wishes to be granted are those related to the MV. Indeed for some, their wish is granted: Yancy shares, "Acting was my dream from when I was little, so now I'm following my dream."

Over 70 plus scenes that will be taken today will take the entire day to film and run until 1 am in the morning, so sustenance is a must. Who knows when they will be able to eat next? Soon, these pageant contestants turned secret agents ready themselves for their first scene. The pageant crew is eternally ready: Evelyn, the pageant Make-Up Consultant and her assistants perform their magic; Steve Kong and his crew perform theirs.

On the first day, there are two scenes: one is set outdoors; the other, in the exclusive nightclub Ultra 88. In that the outdoor scenes borrow heavily from Charlie's Angels, they involve a great deal of physical activity. Between the oppressive heat and humid weather and the workout they are getting, the make-up is sure to melt off and the hair fall into a wild mane. But never mind; this is a job for professionals. Through out this first set of scenes, drivers along the roadway slow as they pass. It is so tempting to rubberneck, particularly when there are such beautiful women to be seen. Drivers honk, whoop loudly, and wave frantically to catch the attention of such gorgeous angels. And they do not disappoint. All in all, these angels have completed their task of flipping their hair and looking fabulous, stopping traffic with a smile, and kicking butt with a vengeance.

The following day, the scenes include Elemis Spa, the Pennyroyal Penthouse Suite, and the indoor pool. In the early morning hours, Anni and Lanna enjoy a pampered scene in Elemis Spa; scenes shot in Mohegan Sun's Pennyroyal Penthouse Suite run in the afternoon. Up to the thirty-sixth floor, the windows blanketing the walls of the Pennyroyal Suite gives the guest a view of the Thames River and the rolling hills of Eastern Connecticut. Scenes are shot throughout the suite. In the master bath, boudoir, and bedroom, a variety of scenes are shot. In the bathroom, Elaine basks in the comfort of a bubble bath before shooting an antagonist dead; in the boudoir, Louise and Cisy angrily kick the body of a fallen criminal; in the master bedroom, Minming and Lanna perform a romantic scene straight out of "Saving Face" and Yin is in a heated scene with H.P. In the

Directed and produced by Kim Wang and his crew from Digital Art Video, the video is to be a composite of images that demonstrate the martial arts abilities, espionage techniques, and capacity for surveillance of the script's characters. These women are indeed headed to a high stakes poker game of sorts for the video short is to be viewed by the audience of judges and spectators at the Miss NY Chinese Beauty Pageant Final on August 4th.

The nearly 300,000 square feet of gaming space at Mohegan Sun will serve as the backdrop for a plot filled with intrigue, deception, conspiracy, and much, much more. It is to be action-packed, taking these women to the far reaches of Mohegan Sun's two-hundred-and-forty-acre property, 1200 room luxury hotel tower, 20,000 square foot world-class spa by Elemis, and



MV Shooting in Mohegan Sun.



MV Shooting in Mohegan Sun.

guest bedroom, Cisy acts out a scene in which she awakens from a nightmare. In the guest bath, Allison and Stacy engage in a physical struggle that includes several kung fu moves.

The last set of scenes is set at the 10,000 square foot indoor pool. The shots to be filmed at the pool attract a number of Mohegan Sun employees, including the regal Bruce "Two Dogs" Bozsum, the Chairman of the Mohegan Tribal Council. Photos are taken with the tribal Chair. The thirteen pageant finalists shoot several scenes at the pool. The water is cold at first, but the women wade in one by one. First, there is a very convincing group fighting scene, and then, there are individual shots of each. Even when it is closing in on midnight, the women are as glamorous as ever. The pool adds an extra element of sex appeal to the shots taken so far.

On the final day, scenes are shot in Tuscany Restaurant and Leffingswell Martini Bar. Located in the Casino of the Sky, the Tuscany Restaurant is set behind Taughannick Falls, an indoor waterfall that flows down to Chahameed's Island. Set behind the 55-foot waterfall, Tuscany is the ideal location for the workings of malevolent evil-doers. Here, the plot thickens: The evil conspirators conspire in the den of criminals planning the demise of the "good."

The last set of scenes are housed in the center of "Wombi Rock," a three story crystal mountain made of onyx and alabaster, at Leffingswell Martini Bar. Directly above is the world's largest, fully functional planetarium dome. Such a place is made for dreamers. With her hair teased upward into bouffant hairdo and dressed in an sleek evening gown, Alison is an image from "Dreamgirls." In another scene, Lanna, MinMing and Stacy descend elegantly from the pinnacle above to face the paparazzi. When the final scene is shot, there is applause. The production crew, the pageant crew, and the thirteen young women have had an exhausting several days. It is time to go home. Shirley, the pageant supervisor, has tirelessly coordinated all the activities of the visit, and the pageant finalists thank her for everything she has done to make their dreams come true. To be an evil conspirator or a valiant heroine was one's objective; and as we took the long journey back to Flushing, all had peaceful dreams as they slept soundly with the knowledge that the job was well done.



Finalists, Make-Up Consultant Evelyn Ho, and Hair Consultant Steven Kong.

July 20, 2007 (7月20日)

Miss Chinese NY Beauty Pageant 2007 Talent Competition

2007年紐約華裔小姐選美才藝比賽



Board Director William Yip, Jason Kong, and Eric Yuen with 13 Finalists in Talent Competition.

With flashing lights ablaze around the room and surround sound audio drumming a fast-paced beat, today's contestants enter stage with long, elegant white gowns and line up across the stage. The Miss NY Chinese Beauty Pageant 2007 Talent Competition opens with the entrance of thirteen glamorous pageant finalists. As they introduce themselves, the young women confidently command the runway as they walk from the stage into the audience. The emcees hosting the event are the stunning Shirley Hon and popular John Kwok, both celebrity singers and actors in their own right. Their quick

wit and easy banter allows for a seemingly effortless transition from one segment of the event to another. The evening of entertainment includes the talent segment, group skits, questions and answer session, and a special solo singing performance by Lee Jay with the "Miss Q" dancers Cher, Reen, Angel, and Jessie.

By 8 pm, it is a full house, and the event is ready to begin. With an audience that has packed East Manor Restaurant, one can expect the talent competitors to be nervous and internally jittery. But if there is any open expression of anxiety at all, it is from the audience of over 600 pageant sponsors, friends, and family who are watching the women perform their talents. They are all dazzlingly spectacular. From a concert violinist playing a solo to the dance of an Eastern pearl climbing out of her shell, their personal performances were unique as much as they were impressive. Of these thirteen talented contestants, however, only eight can advance to the next round.

Each contestant has a mere four minutes to perform her talent, a talent that for some, has taken an entire lifetime to acquire. There is an eclectic selection of performances and dance routines; the largely upbeat and quick-tempo give the pageant a lively sense of urgency. In a blue bra top and belt decorated with glass beads,

高雅的紫色，映襯著潔白，快閃交錯的燈光，火紅與鮮綠，造就了會場繽紛的氣氛。2007年紐約華裔小姐選美才藝比賽，7月20日晚間於法拉盛豪廷王朝餐廳舉行。

活動現場，席開50餘桌。眾人期盼中，樂聲響起，13位決賽入圍佳麗，身穿整齊一致的白色長禮服，自信地走在伸展台上，展現連續數周的集訓成果。自我介紹完畢，熱情的中東音樂，伴隨著乾冰，比賽由1號梁慧妍的肚皮舞拉开序幕。瀟灑的中空裝，熱力四射的笑容，在翻轉的指尖流動，也走進了每位觀眾的心中。

前衛的电子舞曲，白衣黑褲，2號江雅雅舞動金色彩帶，演出結合古今中西，自創的彩帶隱形舞。燈光一變，舞臺中浮出一顆紅色彩蚌。3號梁斯，穿著紅白相間的緊身舞服，跳起她最拿手的《珍珠姑娘》。充滿彈性的舞姿，引起一陣讚嘆。這段獨舞，曾在3年前得到新澤西華人才藝比賽一專獎的肯定。

緊接著，4號俞孟西躍然躍至舞臺中央，展現從容優雅的孔雀舞。抒情的琴聲響起，5號江曼明，擁有鋼琴10級的實力，觀眾的情緒，也隨著琴鍵起伏。一身青蛇裝，6號王瑩繡長中國舞、芭龍及拉丁舞，她在悠揚的絲竹聲中，盤旋、下腰，展現蛇舞多變的舞姿。

7號劉麗，大學主修小提琴，她演奏自己改編的中國組曲，包含《梁祝》、《上海灘》等名曲。與小提琴清越的音色相比，8號張音，演唱民歌《好日子》，嗓音無處不甜美、高昂。一身勁裝，9號盧曼子，只靠一張椅子，忽前忽後，舞姿充滿現代感。

氣氛轉至拉丁打擊樂，10號余清清，穿著紅色肚兜、黑短裙，單扇與雙扇輪替，表演兼具傳統特色的自創勇士舞。時喜時悲，11號徐丹穗則展現自己的戲劇天分，牽引觀眾走進另一個時空。

雷鼓聲中，12號陳婷婷，穿著一身堂裝亮相。手持耀眼的金色紙扇，彈腿、馬步，自信揮灑充滿功夫特色的太極舞。最後，13號于嘉殷演奏動靜分明的《巫族舞曲》，古箏弦音，飄渺在會場每個角落。

才藝表演結束，為增加比賽趣味，主辦單位安排佳麗分組，自編、自導、自演幽默小品。並由此選出最佳表演獎。趙本山、林黛玉、乾隆皇帝，生動的角色、趣味的對白，消彌許多比賽的緊張氣氛。最後，最佳表演獎由“夢回大清”一組獲得。組員包含11、12、13及4號。

緊張的一刻來到，主持人宣布8位第一輪入圍名單：1號、2號、3號、4號、6號、7號、9號、13號。然而，比賽還未結束。8位佳麗接著從主持人手中抽出題



1. Anni Liang



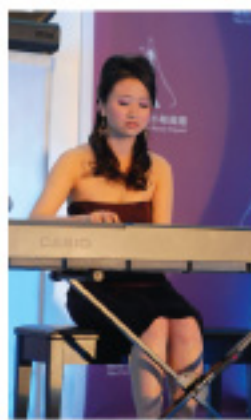
2. Crystal Kang



3. Cisy Liang



4. Yancy Yu



5. MinMing Jiang



6. Stacy Wang



7. Louise Lau



8. Yin Zhang



9. Eliane Lu



10. Judy Yu



11. Lanna Xu



12. Allison Chen

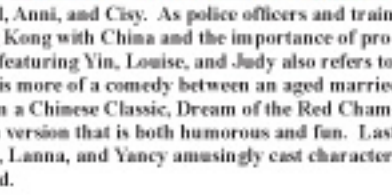
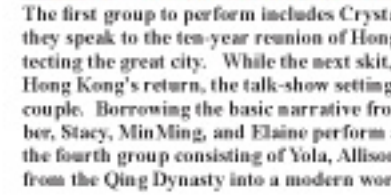


13. Yola Yu



Group 1

Group 2



The first group to perform includes Crystal, Anni, and Cisy. As police officers and trainer, they speak to the ten-year reunion of Hong Kong with China and the importance of protecting the great city. While the next skit, featuring Yin, Louise, and Judy also refers to Hong Kong's return, the talk-show setting is more of a comedy between an aged married couple. Borrowing the basic narrative from a Chinese Classic, Dream of the Red Chamber, Stacy, MinMing, and Eliane perform a version that is both humorous and fun. Lastly, the fourth group consisting of Yola, Allison, Lanna, and Yancy amusingly cast characters from the Qing Dynasty into a modern world.

目，以抽中的一件東西來形容自己。種子、假髮、海葵、仙人掌、臭豆腐、環保袋，千奇百怪的題目，考驗佳麗們的機智。抽中仙人掌的6號王瑩，描述自己“距離能產生美感。”抽中臭豆腐的7號劉麗，則形容自己“乍看醜醜的，但親近之後，會讓人上癮。”

最後，為增加懸疑氣氛，主持人請評審逐一上臺，將手中白球交給自己中意的佳麗。佳麗們爭先有領先，惹得許多觀眾在台下不禁吶喊。投票結束，5位入圍者揭曉：1號梁慧妍、3號梁潔、6號王瑩、7號劉麗、13號于嘉欣。5人將於選美決賽晚會一決勝負，選出今年的最佳才藝小姐。

今年選美決賽訂於8月4日晚間1時，在金斯大賭場舉行。獎項將除前3名外，尚有最上鏡小姐、友誼小姐、最佳才藝小姐、最佳服裝獎。多維媒體與主辦單位合作，舉辦網絡票選活動。由北美地區網友選出網上最受歡迎佳麗。今年更增設決賽現場最受歡迎獎。



A special solo singing performance by Lee Jay with the "Miss Q" dancers Cher, Reen, Angel, and Jessie.

Anni Liang, contestant #1, shimmies an Arabian belly dance to "Shek Shik Shook." Contestant #2, Crystal Kong, lights up the stage with a blend of traditional Chinese ribbon dance and fashionably contemporary American hip hop. For a change of pace, Cisy Liang, contestant #3, commemorates Hong Kong's return to China by dancing as the "Eastern Pearl." Honoring Chinese diversity and tradition, contestant #4, Yancy Yu performs a tribal "peacock" dance, the Dai Zu. Deviating from the dance routines before her, MinMing Jiang, contestant #5 plays sections from Yiruma's "Spring Waltz" and Beethoven's "Pathétique" on the piano. Though seated, she is no less moving than the others; she exudes passion and romance as her fingers climb up and down the keyboard. Stacy Wang, contestant #6, combines Eastern and Western influence when she presents the Chinese snake dance as ballet "on pointe."

The second instrument of the evening is the violin, eloquently played by Louise Lau, contestant #7. Her selection of "Butterfly Lovers," "Shanghai Bund," and "Descendants of the Dragon" represent the Chinese triumvirate of China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan. Yin Zhang, contestant #8, is the only contestant who gives a vocal performance, singing "Hao Yun Lai," "Good Luck Is Coming," a message that promises good fortune for all. An electrifying modern dance performance by Elaine Lu, contestant #9, combines jazz, ballet, hip hop, and Latin dance. Judy Yu, contestant #10, also executes a combination of Latin dance styles, including cha-cha, salsa, and traditional Chinese fan dance. Dressed in both contemporary Western and traditional Chinese attire, she is the portrait of the modern Chinese woman. In a gown fitted for a real princess, Lanna Xu, contestant #11, recites the classic Chinese poem, "Broken Heart." Her moving, heart-wrenching rendition is completely true to the tragedy of Chinese drama, both past and present.

With a golden fan, contestant #12, Allison Chen (a.k.a. "Ting Ting") demonstrates an original dance routine using tai chi fan in a gripping and graceful manner. The last contestant, #13, Yola Yu, plays the dance song "Dance of the Yao" on her gu zheng, a Chinese zither. With picks on both hands, she produces an elegant and refined melody.

While the judges tally their totals, the contestants perform self-scripted skits. Divided into four separate groups, the contestants have a chance to prove their acting abilities. The first group to perform includes Crystal, Anni, and Cisy. As police officers and trainer, they speak to the ten-year reunion of Hong Kong with China and the importance of protecting the great city. While the next skit, featuring Yin, Louise, and Judy also refers to Hong Kong's return, the talk-show setting is more of a comedy between an aged married couple. Borrowing the basic narrative from a Chinese Classic, Dream of the Red Chamber, Stacy, MinMing, and Elaine perform a version that is both humorous and fun. Lastly, the fourth group consisting of Yola, Allison, Lanna, and Yancy amusingly cast characters from the Qing Dynasty into a modern world.

When the skits are complete, the judges announce the top eight of thirteen contestants from which only five will later be chosen. The judges are a formidable group of five experts and specialists of their fields: William Yip, Chair of the Miss NY Beauty Pageant; Evelyn Ho, President of La Peau Day Spa; Jennifer Zeng, President of Jennifer's Dance Center; Sirena Wang, the reigning Miss NY Chinese Queen; and Bihua Liu, President of Queens Art Education Center. The top eight contestants are Louise, Stacy, Elaine, Yancy, Yin, Yola, Cisy and Anni. So that the judges can further select five final winners, the next segment of the event comprises a series of mystery questions that the contestants must face. The judges choose, based on the talent and poise and speaking ability of the contestants, the final five talent finalists to perform at the Miss NY Chinese 2007 Final Event on August 4th. Choosing only five talented young women is an unenviable duty, but a decision is finally made. The top five are Cisy, Louise, Stacy, Anni, and Yola.

Of the entire event, the pageant's image consultant, the experienced and of course beautiful Judy Mae Chao says: "These young women have come so far in the last six weeks. I'm really proud of them."



Finalists in evening gown.



Talent Competition Finalists.

July 24, 2007 (7月24日)

Miss Chinese NY Beauty Pageant 2007 Finalists Interview With Judges

2007年紐約華裔小姐選美評審會見決賽佳麗



Judges interviewed all 13 Finalists and 2007 Miss Photogenic was elected by medias.



Board of Directors, Committees, and the Finalists were present with their elaborate evening gown for judges' interview.



1 梁慧妍

Anni Liang

Age: 19

Height: 5' 3" Weight: 100 lb

Bust: 32 Waist: 23 Hips: 33

Place of birth: GuangZhuo, China

Education: Manatee Community College



Hello everyone! My name is Anni Liang. I was born in Guangzhou, China on April 10, 1988. When I was 3 years old, I moved to the beautiful sunshine state, Florida. I work as a Producer's Assistant at Take One Media, mainly filming weddings, which has led me onto my career path. Eventually, I will pursue my passion in providing for weddings by opening a one-stop wedding shop! My business will offer photography, videography, and hair and make-up services, as well as offering an array of bridal gowns. Through my adventures working behind the camera, I have had the opportunity to work in front of it. My local television station, METV gave me this chance by allowing me to host the new show "Real Time." As host I discussed present issues effecting teens in high school and did interviews of local personalities. Once I got a taste of the spotlight, I couldn't help it but reach for more. That's why I started modeling. I wanted a career that would allow me to travel around the world where I can learn about different cultures and their traditions. One of my most recent photo shoots was this past winter when I had to model in a bathing suit on the beach. I was shooting for about 4 hours in the freezing cold but I still managed to have fun and joke around with the photographers. I've had wonderful experiences volunteering for the Special Olympics and I am proud to say that I am an active member of the Red Cross. When I have time to myself, I enjoy belly dancing just to relax and have fun. I think the most important lesson you should learn in life is to never take things for granted. If you find joy in everything, you will always be happy.

My name is Crystal Kong. I am eighteen years old and I was born in Fujian, China. Our family moved to Hong Kong when I was six and then we immigrated to United State two years later. I am fluent in Fujinese, Mandarin, Cantonese, and English. I believe my unique cultural background and language skills will greatly enable my future success, especially given ongoing world globalization. I am planning to major in International Business when I start my second year of college at SUNY Stony Brook this fall. In my studies, I want to understand the global economy, possess understanding and sensitivity in regards to other cultures, and operate effectively in a diverse environment. I believe college education is fundamental step for me as I move toward my goals and dreams. Ever since I was little, I dreamt of becoming an actress. This is not because of fame or popularity, but because I like the thought of

becoming different people and living different lifestyles for other people to see. With each new role you must create a new persona and when acting, you must live this new identity. You have the chance to become many different characters. And most importantly, I can bring excitement, hope, joy, and consciousness to people. I entered the pageant because I wanted to gain a new experience, meet new friends, and challenge myself to perform better and achieve higher standards. This pageant will give me the opportunity to improve my self-confidence and overcome stage fright. This is a significant stepping-stone in moving closer to my dream. Life is full of mysteries and opportunities and it takes time and hard work for us to make sense of the unknown. I am up for the challenge and I want to live in the moment and enjoy everything for what it is.



2 江雅 Crystal Kong

Age: 18

Height: 5' 3" Weight: 115 lb

Bust: 33 Waist: 26 Hips: 36

Place of birth: Fozhou, China

Education: SUNY Stony Brook



3 梁斯

Cisy Liang

Age: 20

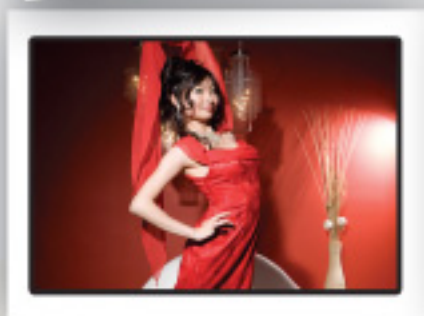
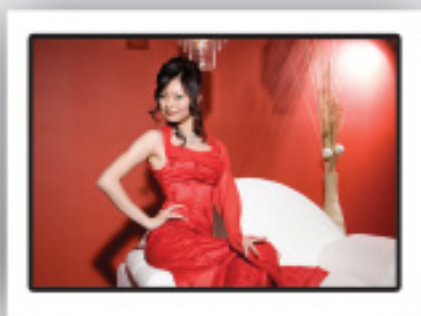
Height: 5' 3" Weight: 110 lb

Bust: 32 Waist: 25 Hips: 35

Place of birth: GuangZhuo, China

Education: LaGuardia Community College

Hello, everyone. My name is Si Liang, and my English name is Cisy. I am 20 years old. I was born in Guangzhou, China. I have been to the U.S. for almost 3 years. I am a student at LaGuardia Community College. My hobbies are dancing, playing piano, and taking photos. I studied Chinese dance for 12 years in Guangzhou and have attended many dance performances and competitions everywhere. In 1998, I won the gold medal at the Chinese "Tao Li Bei" Dance Competition by performing a Chinese solo dance, "Pear Doll". In 1999 and 2002, I won two first prizes at the Chinese Dance Competition for the dance of "Shan Li Xin Qu" and "Xiang Wang." In 2003, I won first prize in a modeling fashion show, "Chun Yan Fashion Design," in my high school's Talent Show in Guangzhou. In 2004, I won first prize at the Chinese Talent Competition for performing "Pear Doll" in New Jersey, U.S.A. In 2006, I was awarded the Most Talented for a Chinese solo dance "Moonlight" in New York. In 2007, I attended a performance of the Asian Culture Festival in Korean Village in Flushing, NY. Youth would not be so colorful without dreams, and I am a girl chasing my dreams. One of my dreams is to stand passionately and confidently on stage in the Miss NY Chinese Pageant and show everyone the best of my self. Upon entering the Miss NY Chinese pageant, it felt great to see so many excellent girls who I could learn from. I am sure this will be one of the most unforgettable experiences in my life.



Hello, everyone! My name is Yancy Yu, contestant number four. I am 24 years old and from Atlantic city, New Jersey. I am currently a student at Katharine Gibbs in New York and my major is Fashion Design and Merchandising. I was born in QingDao, a beautiful seaside city of China. It is a popular travel destination for Chinese and foreign tourists, and it is also famous for TsingTao beer, one of the best beers in the world. I am just an ordinary girl, who always has an optimistic view of the future. I am very straightforward person and take everything seriously. I have many different interests, especially learning languages. In the past few years, I have spent time learning Cantonese. When I realized that I should better use my language abilities, I made myself a goal, which was to speak six foreign languages fluently before I turn thirty. Besides speaking Chinese and English, I am currently learning Japanese and look forward to learning Korean, French, and Spanish. I am really looking forward to that. When I was a

child, I was the kind of girl who would audaciously step outside my comfort zone. I started to dance when I was six, and have been dancing and acting on the stage ever since. I think of this as my career. Seven years ago, however, I immigrated to United States with my parents and didn't think I'd have the opportunity to perform again. That was the first time I felt the pain of really having to give up some thing. But now, the Miss NY Chinese Beauty Pageant has given me this precious opportunity to step on the stage again. Although I had performing experience from when I was little, this is still my first time joining a beauty pageant. This is a big challenge and a great opportunity for me to learn and improve myself. I am a lucky girl to have had years of eastern and western educational experience. I will take advantage of both cultural traits to better develop my skills and myself. I believe I will have a wonderful time during this pageant and that it will be an invaluable and beautiful experience in my life, which I will forever remember.



4 俞盈西

Yancy Yu

Age: 24

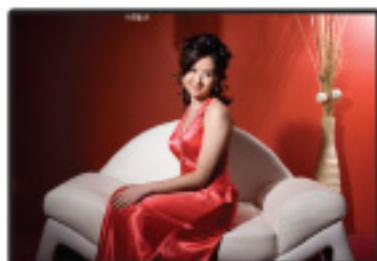
Height: 5' 4" Weight: 110 lb

Bust: 34 Waist: 25 Hips: 35

Place of birth: QingDao, China

Education: Katharine Gibbs in New York





5 姜旻明

MinMing Jiang

Age: 23

Height: 5' 5" Weight: 108 lb

Bust: 34 Waist: 25 Hips: 35

Place of birth: Shanghai, China

Education: University of Michigan

Hi Everyone! My name is MinMing Jiang and I am your contestant #5. I was born in Shanghai and moved to Michigan when I was 6yrs old. I graduated from University of Michigan last year and like every college grad, I am exploring new experiences and opportunities. I am a really genuine, open minded and positive person. I believe that with every experience gained there is always something positive or negative that I can learn from. One of my passions is traveling and I don't mind doing it on my own. Meeting new people and cultures always fascinates me. I also believe that nothing can beat a good laugh, that is why I love going to comedy shows, playing jokes and surprising people. I enjoy reading and love it when it enriches my mind and imagination. I also love playing the piano because I find it very relaxing and a good time to think and dream about my future. My parents are the most important people in my life. I love spending hours talking with them because they are like my best friends and their support has always been unconditional. I am extremely happy and excited that I am lucky enough to participate in this pageant. I believe many great experiences will come out of it and this is one of the most memorable journeys that I will never forget!





6 王 瑩

Stacy Wang

Age: 18

Height: 5' 5" Weight: 108 lb

Bust: 31 Waist: 24 Hips: 35

Place of birth: Harbin, China

Education: Stuyvesant High School

Hi everyone, I'm number 6 Stacy Wang, and I am 18 years old. I was born in Harbin, and I came to the U.S. when I was 11. I graduated from Stuyvesant High School this past June, and I am going to Carnegie Mellon University in the fall. I like to dance, play the piano, swim, play Go, read, and host shows and performances. I started dancing at the age of 7. I'm especially good at Chinese dance, ballet, and International Latin. I have won many first place awards in dance competitions. When I was 10 years old, I choreographed and led several dances for the school performance. Through this experience, I fell in love with hosting. To gain more experience and practice, I competed in many speech and hosting competitions and won many awards. In China, I hosted many major school performances and city performances. In New York, I often host ballet and piano recitals. This year, I was a co-host along with SinoVision anchor Changlin Li for the Flushing Mall New Year's Eve Celebration. In China, I was always top three in my class, and I had a high position in school. However, when I first came to the U.S., I did not understand any English, so my confidence deteriorated. After two years of hard work and catching up, I made it into Stuyvesant High School. In High School, I was chosen as a cheerleader, and dance director. I am also the president of Asian Americans for Social Activism, and the Chairperson of American Red Cross Youth Group in Queens.





7 劉 懿

Louise Lau

Age: 24
 Height: 5' 5" Weight: 110 lb
 Bust: 32 Waist: 24 Hips: 36
 Place of birth: Hong Kong, China
 Education: Temple University

My name is Louise Lau, contestant number 7 from Taiwan. Music has always played a huge role in my life. When I was four years old, I began taking piano lessons from my father, who is a vocalist as well as a piano teacher, and picked up the violin at the age of five. Twelve years ago, the journey of my life took a sharp turn when I immigrated to the United States with my family. A stranger to the English language and the western culture, I felt alienated and insignificant in school. This lack of confidence turned me into a diffident and reserved girl and I was constantly struggling to be myself. Music acted as my guide during this difficult time. After a year of adjustments, I started taking violin and piano lessons again and joined orchestras in my school and community. As the concert mistress of the Delaware Community Youth Chamber Orchestra, my achievements in violin playing as an orchestra leader helped me gain back the confidence I once lost as I learned to ap-



preciate this new land of opportunities. I continued to study music in my post secondary education at Temple University. In 2006, I graduated summa cum laude with double major degrees in violin performance and music education. Currently I teach elementary strings at Boyertown Area School District where I have the most rewarding experience teaching young and talented children and conducting a string orchestra with over one hundred students. As the assistant concert mistress of North Penn Symphony and founder of Thousand Strings Trio, I also enjoy performing at various venues throughout the greater Philadelphia region. Miss Chinese Pageant is an art in itself and this to me is closely related to my role as a music performer. A pageant girl must display her beauty, as I must perform with the beauty of sound. The two arts may appear in different forms, yet the essence of each is identical. After all, art, in the eyes of the beauty pursuer, has no boundaries.



8 張 音

Yin Zhang

Age: 21

Height: 5' 5" Weight: 106 lb

Bust: 33 Waist: 25 Hips: 35

Place of birth: Kaifeng, China

Education: FIT

OHHello, my name is Zhang Yin and I am contestant No. 8 from Kaifeng, China. As a 21 year old young lady, I have an open and cheerful personality. I have many interests. I love to travel, make friends, sing, dance, and play piano. I have a lot of self-confidence and determination, which gives me the courage to stand on the stage for this pageant. This wonderful experience will give me the chance to make a lot of new friends. Opportunity is very important for everyone in that it forces you to face either success or failure. Regardless of the outcome, whether I win or lose, this pageant is a great opportunity for all of the contestants. It will be an experience of a lifetime. Therefore, I am so grateful for the opportunity that this beauty pageant has given me, and I truly believe that this opportunity will make me a success in all the aspects of my life. So please support your contestant No 8, Zhang Yin. I am not an angel from heaven, but I am an angel here on earth who will leave a lasting expression for all of you.



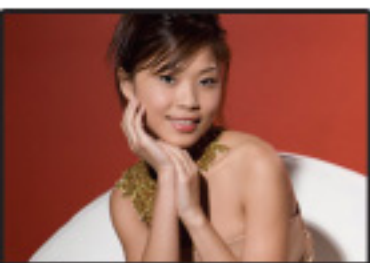
9 盧曼子

Elaine Lu

Age: 19
 Height: 5' 5" Weight: 102 lb
 Bust: 33 Waist: 23 Hips: 33
 Place of birth: Foshan, China
 Education: Cornell University



Hi everyone! I am contestant number 9, Elaine Lu. I am 19 years old and I was born in Foshan, Guangdong Province. I am going to break free of the traditional self-introduction today and discuss with you my idea of beauty. A woman's beauty is the integration of her outer characteristics and inner qualities. I believe that true beauty comes from within. Someone who possesses kindness, respect, class, dignity, confidence, self-esteem, strength, and courage displays the utmost degree of true beauty. Some people believe that beauty is given at birth, but let me tell you this—we create beauty. The Chinese proverb states, "appearance grows from the heart." A woman with just a lovely face is not considered beautiful. That is why I have joined this pageant to further my quest for beauty along with my quest of becoming the best person possible. My parents are both well-known visual artists in China. Born and raised in an artistic atmosphere, I started learning piano at the age of seven, Guzheng at the age of eight, and violin at the age of fifteen. I have always been passionate about dance as well. In kindergarten and elementary school, I was always on the school's dance team doing different styles of Chinese dance. In high school, I was on the dance team as well as the step team. Aside from playing various musical instruments and performing various forms of dance, I also indulge myself in art. Two pieces of my work were awarded in a state high school competition and I was selected as a visual arts finalist in the prestigious Governor's Honors Program. My first year of college at New York University was dedicated to furthering my skills as an artist, during which time I was able to find my true passion more specifically in the art of architecture. I will be finishing my Bachelor of Architecture degree at Cornell University. One work of beauty, such as the Sistine Chapel, can change civilizations. The same theory holds true for people. I can say that my entire life is all about creating art and beauty. Having spent thirteen years of my life in China, I am especially proud of my Chinese heritage. As a Chinese citizen, I hope to bring more beauty and bliss into China. I want to thank the pageant committee for giving me this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. During the past week of training, I have already learned a lot of valuable lessons and made very close friends. By constantly challenging myself through ways such as competing in this pageant, going through various trainings, and meeting different types of people, I hope to better myself as a creator of beauty and a woman. Please support me, everyone! With beauty and brains, I will surely make New York proud. Thank you!





Hi everyone. My name is Judy Yu and I am contestant number 10. I am 20 years old and was originally from Canton, China. I recently completed my second year at Queens College and will be going into my third this coming fall. My intended major is Nutrition. The reason why I want to become a nutritionist is to be able to help people maintain their health. My main focus is to decrease the number of deaths related to diabetes. After obtaining my Bachelor degree, I will pursue a Master degree in this field. Once that is achieved, I will pursue an even higher education to become a technician in nuclear science. A technician in nuclear science operates cameras that detect and map the radioactive drug in a patient's body to create diagnostic images. I am considered, by most of my friends, as a fun, out-going, kind, helpful, sociable and an involved person. In my spare time, I read, dance, sing, go to the movies and of course, go shopping. I am a person who loves group activities, such as going on a road trip, camping with friends or simply having a dinner out. School activities are something I am also quite fond of. At Queens College, I hold a position as secretary in a club called Chinese Student Association. This club is involved in many events. A typical event would be during Chinese New Year, where we would hold a party and invite all the students from campus to attend and celebrate the Chinese tradition with us. Last year, we also invited Queen's Counselor John Liu to come and speak to us about Chinese New Year. I am more than happy and thrilled to be in this contest. I would like to take this opportunity to meet more people and make new friends. Most importantly, though, I want to use this experience to understand myself better and to be able to interact more easily with others. Being accepted into this contest has already made one of my many goals come true. This will be a turning point in my life and I am really looking forward to what this contest will bring.

10 余清清

Judy Yu

Age: 20

Height: 5' 5" Weight: 107 lb

Bust: 33 Waist: 25 Hips: 35

Place of birth: Canton, China

Education: Queens College



Eight years ago, my mom was leaving for the United State of America, and as I said "goodbye" to my mom, I panicked. My heart suddenly screamed, "don't leave me... don't leave me..." I pressed my cheeks against the glass panes. My eyes filled with tears. "One tear, just one," Mom spoke to me softly. I quickly thrust my head back; I had to see Mom. I rubbed my eyes furiously, but she walked through the doors that stood between the U.S. and China, and she was gone. I was all alone. I did not know when I would feel her gentle touch or soft voice calling my name, Dan Xu. Slowly and deeply from within, there were roads of determination that told me I can do it—I can make it without Mom, and I can stand on my own. My heavy heart and confused mind yielded to a new sense of purpose and destiny. I shall emerge from this a stronger person, and I will not just survive but I will thrive! A voice within softly spoke: "You are not alone; you will have many friends." Quickly I retorted, asking myself how, and again the quiet confidence

of the inner voice guided me, showing me the way. How simple, I will not look for a friend, I will become a friend. At this idea, it was a new day, a defining day for me in the mystic city of Yun Nan. I suddenly felt like a new person, I would never be alone again for the circumstance of my pain created an opportunity for me—my special secret would help me survive. Since then, I've always tried to connect with other human beings and bring love and happiness to the people around me. After my reunion with mom in U.S. five years ago, I knew instinctively that while I enjoyed the moment and the gift of her presence, that our past separation had made me a person of strength. Now, I dance, play piano and play volleyball. Among all my activities, I'm madly in love with acting and reading books. I always encourage myself to be ready to take the next challenge. My greatest pain turned into the greatest gift. I shall always carry on this strength and influence those around me. I have truly become a woman who is beautiful both inside and outside.



11 徐丹

Lanna Xu

Age: 20

Height: 5' 7" Weight: 106 lb

Bust: 34 Waist: 25 Hips: 35

Place of birth: Kun Ming, China

Education: Baruch College



12 陳婷婷

Allison Chen

Age: 22

Height: 5' 7" Weight: 112 lb

Bust: 33 Waist: 24 Hips: 36

Place of birth: Beijing, China

Education: University of Maryland, College Park

Hello! My name is Allison Chen, contestant number twelve. People describe me as enthusiastic and always grateful for whatever life hands me. Raised in Beijing, I moved to the States at age fourteen. Although adjusting to the new culture was difficult, I never allowed it to hinder my aspirations and strong will to succeed. During High School, I was a member of the Poem squad, President of the Chinese Club, and a founder of "Culture Feast," which is now an annual event and school's milestone in diversity awareness. Throughout college, I continue to push myself in any challenge that life has to offer. I am near completion of a double major in Accounting and Finance at University of Maryland, College Park. In addition to my studies, I serve as chapter Vice President of Alpha Kappa Delta Phi sorority and a junior accountant intern at Berlin Ramos & Company, a CPA firm. Furthermore, I became heavily involved in breast cancer awareness and contributed to an annual campaign that collectively raised thousands of dollars. In my continued pursuits, I have tried to build more confidence through participating in fashion shows such as D.C. Fashion Week - and have also modeled for numerous photographers. Last summer, I competed in Phoenix TV's Miss Chinese Cosmos Pageant, where I received the Eloquence Award as one of sixteen North American finalists. Throughout my experiences, I have come to appreciate the benefits of travel. By enriching myself in other cultures, I was able to see the world in the eyes of those around me. I was able to truly appreciate the world in its diverse complexity. Although I am not overly aggressive, I am determined to reach what I want to accomplish and have shown this through my accomplishments thus far. I am confident that strong will and perseverance will lead to success. Through it all, I also understand that not every challenge can be conquered alone and that the support I receive from those around me are as vital to my achievements as my own ability. With that, I would greatly appreciate everyone's support. Thank you very much!





13 于嘉殷

Yola Yu

Age: 17
 Height: 5' 7" Weight: 128 lb
 Bust: 35 Waist: 27 Hips: 37
 Place of birth: Beijing, China
 Education: Portledge School

Hi my name is Yola, and I am the baby of this group. As I was considering what to write to accurately describe my personality in 300 or so words, I thought of a myriad of aspects of my life I could tell you about. I participate in all aspects of my high school career; I actively engage myself in both sports teams and bands. While I can steal and score three pointers on the basketball court, I can also entertain an audience with my flute or Gu Zheng. As I enter my last year of high school, I am preparing myself to embark on a whole new journey, and the Miss NY Chinese Beauty Pageant provided an opportunity for me to explore my capabilities and ready myself for challenges to come. I am a high school student, but before that I am a teenager. I am a member of the Academic Cum Laude Society, but I am also an outgoing girl. I can attentively follow directions and rules, but I can also lead my soccer team to the playoffs. Through this competition, I am not trying to conform myself to any standards; instead, I want to show that individuality should triumph over conformity and that everyone is beautiful in their own eccentric ways.

